

# *Counting of polling stations in Argentina advances 86%*

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**According to Argentina's electoral authorities, more than 34 million people were called to participate in the legislative elections. | Photo: EFE**

Buenos Aires, November 14 (RHC)-- Argentina's Minister of the Interior, Eduardo Enrique de Pedro, reported this Sunday that the process of scrutiny of the polling stations has reached 81 percent, for which he called on political coalitions to remain calm.

In the framework of the day where Argentines seek to renew half of the seats in the Chamber of Deputies and one third of the Senate, the minister highlighted the transparency of the electoral process. "We have

a scrutinized percentage of 81 percent, this is a basis for future elections, this is a basis of reliability and transparency; the democratic system of the country is strengthened", indicated Enrique de Pedro.

The minister highlighted that in several provinces there is parity in the number of votes of candidates, "I ask all political forces to be prudent", he added.

Earlier, Eduardo de Pedro stated that the day went smoothly and praised the transparency of the elections, "we have finished the election day, voting took place all over Argentina, there are still some schools open", he added. "We are at a projected voting percentage of 71 and 72 percent, we are going to confirm it during the evening", the Argentinean minister said.

Likewise, de Pedro thanked the population for going to the voting centers and exercising their constitutional right. "I thank the Argentines who went to vote, I appreciate the functioning of the health system and all the personnel of the Electoral Command, the Judiciary, the Security Forces. And I appreciate the coordination of the Executive with the other jurisdictions", he added.

"It was a very good day, despite the fact that the rains affected the province of Chaco (where floods were generated) and some areas of the Entre Ríos provinces", said Eduardo de Pedro.

The National Electoral Chamber (CNE) informed that 64.5% of the electoral roll had already voted, 16% more than in the last primary elections known as PASO. Earlier, the Minister of the Interior, Eduardo de Pedro stated that the new protocols -thanks to the sanitary conditions- speed up the voting process and favor citizen participation.

For his part, Argentine President Alberto Fernández said this morning that "the most important thing" is that today "the people express themselves with all their strength and conviction" and asked Argentines to vote in the legislative elections, after casting his vote in the Puerto Madero neighborhood of Buenos Aires.

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