

Tense runoff vote looms in Brazil
Second round of campaign kicks off after Bolsonaro dashes Lula’s hope of quick win

REUTERS, Sao Paulo

The second round of Brazil’s presidential election campaign kicked off yesterday after far-right President Jair Bolsonaro outperformed polling and robbed leftist ex-president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of outright victory in the first round of voting.

The unexpectedly strong showing by Bolsonaro on Sunday dashed hopes for a quick resolution to the deeply polarized election in the world’s fourth-largest democracy. It also revitalized the president’s campaign, setting the stage for a highly competitive and tense runoff on October 30.

Local markets cheered the result. Brazil’s real BRL–BRBY strengthened over 2 percent against the dollar after market open, while the Bovespa stock index futures market .INDV22 rose 3.4 percent.



With 99.9 percent of electronic votes counted, Lula had taken 48.4 percent of votes versus 43.2 percent for Bolsonaro, prompting the runoff as neither garnered a majority.

The race has proven tighter than most surveys suggested, giving momentum to Bolsonaro, who had insisted the polls could not be trusted. If he pulls off a comeback, it would break with a wave of victories for leftists across the region in recent years, including Mexico, Colombia, Argentina and Chile.

Capital Economics said in a note that Lula was still the favourite to be elected. But it said Bolsonaro and his allies’ “surprisingly strong performance” will provide severe obstacles to governing Latin America’s biggest country.

Adding to tensions, Bolsonaro has made baseless attacks on the integrity of Brazil’s electronic voting system and suggested he may not concede if he loses.

Lula put an optimistic spin on the result, saying he was looking forward to another month on the campaign trail and the chance to debate Bolsonaro head-to-head.

Inside his campaign, however, there was clear frustration that he had fallen short of the narrow majority forecast in some polls, along with weak results in state races outside of his party’s traditional northeastern stronghold. Support for distant third- and fourth-place finishers also fell short of recent surveys, suggesting some of their backers may have shifted to Bolsonaro when it came time to vote.



Israeli border police members stand guard as Israeli machinery demolish a Palestinian house, in Hebron, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank yesterday. Israeli forces shot dead two Palestinians during an operation yesterday targeting alleged militants near Ramallah, raising the year’s mounting death toll in the occupied West Bank.

PHOTO: REUTERS

ANTI-HIJAB PROTESTS IN IRAN
Khamenei accuses US, Israel
Security forces in Tehran crack down on univ students

AFP, Paris

Iran’s supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei yesterday accused arch-foes the United States and Israel of fomenting the wave of nationwide unrest sparked by outrage over the death of Mahsa Amini.

“I say clearly that these riots and the insecurity were engineered by America and the occupying, false Zionist regime, as well as their paid agents, with the help of some traitorous Iranians abroad,” the supreme leader said.

Amini, 22, was pronounced dead on September 16, days after the notorious morality police detained the Kurdish Iranian for allegedly breaching rules forcing women to wear hijab headscarves and modest clothes.

Anger over Amini’s death has sparked the biggest wave of protests to rock the Islamic republic in almost three years, which saw security forces in Tehran crack down on hundreds of university students overnight.

In his first public comments since Amini’s death, 83-year-old Khamenei stressed that police must “stand up to criminals” and added that “whoever attacks the police leaves the people defenceless against criminals, thugs, thieves”.

Concern grew about a crackdown overnight on students at Tehran’s prestigious Sharif University of Technology where, local media reported, riot police carrying steel pellet guns used tear gas and paintball guns against hundreds of students.

“Woman, life, liberty” the students shouted, as well as “students prefer death to humiliation”, Mehr news agency reported. Iran’s science minister, Mohammad Ali Zolfigol, came to speak to the students in a bid to calm the situation, the report said.

Oslo-based group Iran Human Rights posted videos apparently showing police on motorcycles chasing students running through an underground car park and taking away detainees whose heads were covered in black cloth bags.

In one clip, taken at a Tehran metro station, a crowd can be heard chanting: “Don’t be afraid! Don’t be afraid! We are all together!”



INDONESIA STAMPEDE
32 children among the dead

AFP, Malang

At least 32 children died in Indonesia’s stadium crush, an official said yesterday as police moved to punish those responsible for one of the deadliest disasters in football history. The tragedy on Saturday night in the city of Malang saw a total of 125 people killed and 323 others injured after officers fired tear gas in a packed stadium to quell a pitch invasion, triggering a stampede. Dozens of children caught in the chaos lost their lives, an official said. “From the latest data we received, out of 125 people who died in the accident, 32 of them were children, with the youngest being a toddler age three or four,” said the official.

India unveils high-altitude helicopters

AFP, Jodhpur

India yesterday unveiled its first batch of locally-made attack helicopters, designed primarily for use in high-altitude areas like the Himalayas where its troops clashed with China in 2020. The Light Combat Helicopters are seen as another milestone in Indian efforts to reduce dependence on Russia, its main source of arms, and other suppliers. The choppers made by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) “will be a big boost to the Indian Air Force’s combat prowess”, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said at Jodhpur air base in western India. “It is a momentous occasion, a matter of great pride, and a result of two decades of diligent research and development,” Singh said. Officials said that the aircraft had been tested at altitudes up to 16,000 feet (4,875 metres) above sea level.



HURRICANE IAN’S DESTRUCTION
Death toll climbs to 83 in Florida, Carolinas

REUTERS, Miami

The death toll from Hurricane Ian climbed past 80 as embattled residents in Florida and the Carolinas faced a recovery expected to cost tens of billions of dollars, and some officials faced criticism over their response to the storm. The death toll was expected to keep rising as floodwaters receded yesterday and search teams pushed farther into areas initially cut off from the outside world. Hundreds of people have been rescued as emergency workers sifted through homes inundated with water. At least 83 storm-related deaths have been confirmed since Ian crashed ashore Florida’s Gulf Coast with catastrophic force on Wednesday.

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Pakistan court drops contempt case against Imran



REUTERS, Islamabad

A Pakistani court yesterday accepted an apology tendered by former prime minister Imran Khan and dropped a contempt of court case against him, his defence lawyer said, a ruling that ease the threat to him of disqualification from politics.

The Islamabad High Court had deferred Khan’s indictment over the contempt case after he apologised to the court in person late last month.

A convicted politician is liable to be disqualified from contesting elections and holding a public office for at least five years under Pakistani law.

“Imran Khan extended his apology in honour and respect for the judiciary, and the court today reciprocated by discharging the case against him,” defence lawyer Faisal Chaudhry told Reuters.

The charges were related to a speech by Khan in which he was accused of threatening police and judicial officers after one of his close aides was denied bail in a sedition case.

Khan and his legal team subsequently maintained that his remarks did not amount to a threat.

The cricket star-turned-politician has faced a spate of legal woes since his ouster in a confidence vote in April.

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বাংলাদেশ সরকারের স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তরের অনেকগুলো অর্জনের মধ্যে ঢাকার মহাখালীস্থ জনস্বাস্থ্য ইনস্টিটিউটের National Food Safety Laboratory(NFSL) এর কার্যক্রম বিশেষভাবে সমাদৃত। স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়ের দিক নির্দেশনায় United Nations(UN)-এ অঙ্গ সংগঠন Food & Agricultural Organization(FAO) এর কারিগরি সহায়তা ও নেদারল্যান্ড সরকারের অর্থায়নে NFSL নির্মিত হয়। স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়ের মাননীয় মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ের আনুষ্ঠানিক উদ্বোধনের মাধ্যমে ২০২১খ্রি. সালের ১২ অক্টোবর থেকে ল্যাবরেটরিটি আন্তর্জাতিক মানের পরীক্ষা নিরীক্ষা কার্যক্রম শুরু করে। Bangladesh Accreditation Board(BAB) জনস্বাস্থ্য ইনস্টিটিউটের NFSL-এর সেবা ও পরীক্ষা নিরীক্ষার গুণগত মান যাচাই পূর্বক ২০১৮খ্রি. সালে International Organization of Standardization (ISO17025:2005) সনদ প্রদান করেন এবং ২০২২খ্রি. সালে ISO17025:2007 সনদ প্রদান করা হয়।

NFSL স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত কর্মপরিধি (TOR) অনুযায়ী নির্ধারিত ফি গ্রহণ স্বাপেক্ষে খাদ্য ও খাদ্য দ্রব্য, তেল ও তেল জাতীয় খাবার, দুগ্ধ ও দুগ্ধজাত খাবার, পানি ও পানীয়, মাশরুম, বিশেষ ধরনের চাল, মাছ, মুরগী এবং পশু খাবারের মাইকোটক্সিন, কীটনাশক, ফরমালিন, ভিটামিন, হেভি মেটাল, ড্রাগ রেসিডউ, মাইক্রোনিউট্রিয়েন্ট, ফ্যাটি এসিড প্রোফাইলসহ বিভিন্ন ভৌত, রাসায়নিক ও মাইক্রোবায়োলজিক্যাল পরীক্ষা কার্যক্রম পরিচালনা করে সাফল্য অর্জন করেছে। যা বিভিন্ন সময়ে প্রচার মাধ্যমে প্রচারিত হয়েছে এবং সরকারের বিভিন্ন পর্যায়ে প্রসংশিত হয়েছে।

NFSL সার্ভিল্যান্স কাজে সহায়তা হিসেবে শাক-সবজি, ফল-মূল, তৈরি খাবার, বেকারী দ্রব্য, দুগ্ধ ও দুগ্ধজাতীয় দ্রব্য, পানি ও পানীয় সংগ্রহ পূর্বক জরিপ কর্মকাণ্ডও পরিচালনা করে থাকে। আন্তর্জাতিক মান সম্মত পদ্ধতিতে (ISO, AOAC, EN, BAM, BDS) পরীক্ষা নিরীক্ষার পাশাপাশি বিভিন্ন রকমের প্রফিসিয়েন্সি টেস্ট (PT) ও Inter Laboratory Comparison(ILC) পরীক্ষায় NFSL নিয়মিত অংশগ্রহণ করে থাকে।

বিশেষ দ্রষ্টব্যঃ- জনস্বাস্থ্য ইনস্টিটিউট এর NFSL সরকারি ও আধা-সরকারি, স্বায়ত্বশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানসহ বেসরকারি প্রতিষ্ঠান ও ব্যক্তি পর্যায়ের স্যাম্পল গ্রহণ ও পরীক্ষা নিরীক্ষা করে থাকে।

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