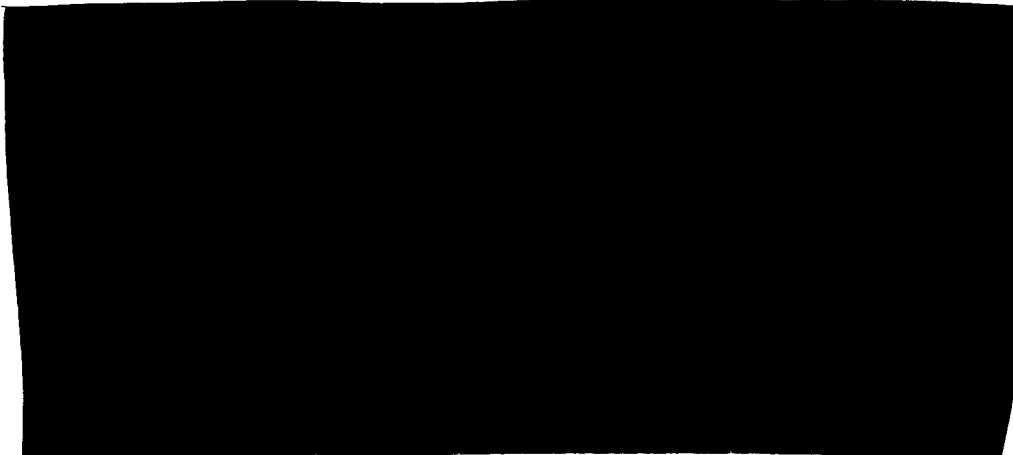


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BOLIVIA: Election Tally

With more than half the votes counted from Sunday's general election, former President Hernan Siles Zuazo leads in the unofficial count with about 35 percent, followed by former presidents Hugo Banzer and Victor Paz Estenssoro with 24 and 14 percent respectively. Rural votes, which are expected to improve Paz' position, continue to be tabulated. No candidate so far appears strong enough to win the simple majority needed to win the presidency, and the new congress probably will have to decide among the top three finishers. Bolivia's transition to an elected government could be derailed if the leading finishers fail to agree promptly on who should be selected by the congress. The military believes Siles is a leftist and has threatened a coup if he wins.



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