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KABUL, Aug 21 (Reuters) - Afghan President Hamid Karzai's chief rival Abdullah Abdullah said on Friday initial election results showed he had more than half of the vote needed to win in the first round and accused Karzai's camp of vote tampering.