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As feared, the CEP, using the contestations, gave Inite an absolute majority of the Chamber of Deputies, with 52 or 53 seats of the 99-member body (to be ascertained in the morning):

Flagrant reversals from the preliminary results include a Centre Department Senate candidate, Delacruz Francisco of the opposition party Alternative, who had placed 1st with 34,622 votes, but somehow lost to the third place Inite candidate Francois Bazelais, who garnered 20,920 votes (the Centre Department had 2 open Senate seats). Inite thus controls the Senate with 18 Senators of the 30 (to be confirmed in the morning).

As for the Chamber of Deputies, likewise, the CEP overturned two alternative candidates' victories in favor of Inite contenders.

has not returned calls.
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Any news?

From: Jones, Kali C
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Results have not yet been announced; it is unclear if the CEP will bow to pressure/payments. Pierre did speak with earlier and he claimed very few changes would occur.

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Did they do it?

From: Louis, Pierre A

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Sorry!

I am saying they faced pressure, on the one hand, to maintain the preliminaries; on the other hand, to overturn some preliminary results, mostly in the Chamber of Deputies, to increase Inite's numbers. The latter outcome would increase Inite's bargaining power in negotiations with president-elect Martelly in the make-up of the new government, chiefly the choice of a PM.

Hope this clears it.

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Too short-hand –are you saying they are overturning things to give INITE a bigger victor in one of the houses?

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CEP members are discussing the results prior to announcement. Delay due to pressure by opposition candidates and political parties 1) to confirm preliminary results; and 2) Inite to overturn some preliminary results to favor its candidates.

Stay tuned.

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Dear colleagues,

As instructed, I discussed the definitive second round results with [redacted] I stressed that the USG hoped that the definitive results would reflect the will of the majority of voters, and that it would be problematic if the CEP changed any results due to political pressure whether from the ruling or opposition political parties.

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His reaction:

1. Of the 68 contestations lodged by losing candidates, most, if not all of the preliminary results would not change, despite heavy pressure from ruling party leaders to overturn some of them to ensure a majority, particularly in the lower house, the Chamber of Deputies (CoD) - the ruling party won 33 CoD seats, and would need 17 for an absolute majority;
2. Though the CEP will publish the results later this evening, [redacted] claimed he had not seen some of the rulings ; nevertheless, he would ensure that where the tribunal ruled to overturn preliminary results, this was done in strict compliance with the law. Accordingly, he will keep Post informed of the outcome of the contested results prior to the announcement;
3. CEP members are aware of the apprehension of candidates and political parties, and is committed to an outcome that respects the letter and spirit of the Electoral Law.

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Many cheers!

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