

# Castillo holds tight lead in Peru election as protests break out

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Reuters

Hundreds of Peruvians demonstrated outside the elections office in Lima on Tuesday as the presidential vote count neared its end, with socialist Pedro Castillo holding on to a narrow lead and tensions rising over contested ballots and accusations of fraud.

Castillo, who has worried markets and mining firms with his plans to shake up the copper-rich country's politics, held a slim lead of some 50.2%, ahead of right-wing rival Keiko Fujimori on 49.8%, with over 97% of the votes tallied.

On Monday, Fujimori made unsubstantiated accusations of fraud, adding fuel to an already tense situation, and

publicized a hashtag for Twitter users to submit instances of what she called "irregularities."

Electoral experts, including international observers, told Reuters that no fraud had been observed.

"We are protesting because of the flagrant electoral steal. The (elections office) is playing in favor of Mr. Castillo, they are trying to commit fraud in his favor," said Fernando Tavera, a pro-Fujimori protester outside the elections office.

Castillo backers also flocked to the elections office to voice their support in counter-protests. Both sets of demonstrations were peaceful.

Lourdes Morales, who supports Castillo, said, "We think it's a scandal the way (Fujimori) has increased her voting numbers," referring to how the conservative had slowly narrowed the



**CASTILLO:** Peru's presidential candidate Pedro Castillo gestures to supporters the day after a run-off election, in Lima on Monday. Sebastian Castaneda/Reuters

gap on Castillo for most of the day. "And that generates uncertainty," she said.

Lima is where Fujimori has the most

support. Castillo, the son of peasant farmers, had surged late in the count as more of the rural vote came in, leading by over 100,000 votes at one point. However, buoyed by international votes, Fujimori began to gain ground again.

The current margin is some 84,000 votes.

Fujimori, the scion of a powerful political family, said she held out hope of closing the narrow gap on Castillo on Monday night.

Markets in Peru wobbled for a second day, after dipping forcefully on Monday on the expectation that Castillo would win. Peru's stock exchange fell 0.74%, although the local currency, the Sol, strengthened 0.33%.

The drama has left Peruvians glued to media as they watch the tally. But the final result could still be days away, and contested ballots could be key.

There are some 1,385 contested "actas," or voting tables, which is likely to equate to some 300,000 votes. They are set to be counted by a special committee set up by the electoral board, which could take at least a week.



**CHENNAI:** A municipal vehicle decontaminates a road during a 21-day nationwide lockdown to slow the spread of COVID-19, in Chennai, India, on April 9, 2020. P. Ravikummar/Reuters

## Biden Asia chief 'relatively confident' on vaccine timing despite India crisis

(Reuters) - President Joe Biden's Indo-Pacific policy chief said on Tuesday he was "relatively confident" a target for the production of a billion vaccine doses for the region by the end of 2022 would be met, despite the COVID-19 crisis in India, where they are due to be made.

Asked at an event hosted by the Center for a New American Security think tank if he expected a delay in the four-nation plan, which was announced at the White House in March with great fanfare, Kurt Campbell said Washington had been in close consultation with India and others involved in the project.

"Obviously, this is an extremely difficult period for Indian friends. The United States has tried to stand with Delhi and to bring others, both in the private and public sector, to support them," he said.

"Our discussions with both our

partners in the private sector, and also in government, suggest that we are - knock on wood - still on track for 2022."

"I think we're feeling relatively confident as we head in to 2022," he added, while stressing that across Asia and the world even countries that did well in handling the virus were facing outbreaks due to new strains.

"I think we understand, the only way to be effective, to counter this, is through vaccine diplomacy. We're trying to step that up more generally," he said.

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/s/ CHIEF JUSTICE F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO  
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# New mural: You're not fighting mental illness alone

By **Phill Leon Guerrero**  
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Although he was the muralist for the latest community artwork at St. Anthony Catholic School in Tamuning, a lot of hands went into the latest work by Lee San Nicolas.

"I'm forever grateful, and I'm honored when anyone reaches out to me, especially for events such as this," he said. "A lot of the murals I do are very personal, so I'm grateful."

San Nicolas collaborated with the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center and winning student artists to come up with the mural, which was unveiled as part of Mental Health Awareness Month.

"I generated the idea from the kids, and, of course, we went back and forth to them to say, 'Do you approve of this? Do you like this?' There's a lot of

stuff, but this work is more along the lines of putting my heart into it."

One of the kids who gave their input was Maga'láhi Salas, a fifth grader from C.L. Taitano Elementary School. His submitted artwork featured hands prominently, a motif San Nicolas adopted in the final piece.

"Someone is trying to reach into a box full of many mental illnesses. ... And they're trying to find the meaning to life and happiness," Salas told The Guam Daily Post. "It feels good," he said of his idea becoming a part of the full mural. "It feels like I'm a part of something important."

That expression and feeling should be supported, San Nicolas said.



**GROUP EFFORT:** Employees from the Guam Behavioral and Wellness Center and community partners gather on June 3 in front of the St. Anthony Catholic School wall to unveil the finished mural by artist Lee San Nicolas to cap off Mental Health Month.

Kevin Milan/The Guam Daily Post

"It's truly an inspiration, the kids really lightened up my life," he said. "It really helps a lot of us; this is our way to show emotions – through art. And we should focus on that as well."

## 'Seeing through the stigma'

The two artists, despite the age

difference, shared a sense of importance behind the commission.

"I entered the contest to tell people that they're not alone and they have somebody that knows what they're going through, and that I understand what they're going through," Salas said.

And for San Nicolas, who has around five murals scheduled for 2021 so far, "Seeing through the stigma" is more than just a

prompt for artwork.

"Sometimes there's a lot of embarrassment, and people are shy to reach out about anxiety or depression," he said. "We wanted to showcase this mural to address that, to let them know you're not alone."

## Pediatrician joins GMH

The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority has a new pediatrician.

Dr. Heidi Griffiths, a Buffalo, New York native, joins the hospitalist team of Dr. Jose Hernandez and Dr. Robert Leon Guerrero on June 14, according to the hospital in a press release.

In addition to completing her pedi-

atric training at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Griffiths was most recently at Washington University, working at the St. Louis Children's Hospital in the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Division as a clinical instructor.

"I am thrilled to join the medical team at GMHA. I'm a long way from home but the warmth of this community, and the hospital



Heidi Griffiths

especially, make the distance less and less noticeable," said Dr. Griffiths. "As a pediatrician, I'm looking forward to serving Guam's youngest residents."

Dr. Griffiths received her undergraduate degree in biomedical sciences at the University at Buffalo, where

she also completed medical school. "She moved to Guam with her dog, Goose, and is looking forward

to hiking, snorkeling and exploring the island's beautiful culture," the release states.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Griffiths to our medical staff. As doctors, our number one priority is our patients' well-being and I know Dr. Griffiths will ensure our island's youngest patients are taken care of," said Dr. Annie Bordallo, GMHA associate administrator for Medical Services.

(Daily Post Staff)

## SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE

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36th Guam Legislature



## Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

### Notice of Public Hearings on Bill 112-36: June 23, July 7, and July 10, 2021, at 5:00 pm

Håfa Adai! The Legislature's Committee on Health will be conducting public hearings in I Liheslaturan Guåhan's Public Hearing Room on Bill No. 112-36 (COR) – "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 10 TO DIVISION 1, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; TO ADD A NEW § 42A101(i)(20) TO CHAPTER 42A OF DIVISION 3, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; TO AMEND § 42A101(j) OF CHAPTER 42A, DIVISION 3, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND, TO REPEAL CHAPTER 10 OF DIVISION 1, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; ALL RELATIVE TO MEDICAL MALPRACTICE IN THE TERRITORY OF GUAM."

• **Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 5:00 - 8:30pm- Informational Hearing** will feature an introduction of Bill No. 112-36 and comparison with current Medical Malpractice Mandatory Arbitration law (MMMA), provided by the bill's sponsors, members of the Guam Bar Association, and malpractice insurance representatives.

#### Summary of Bill 112-36:

- Replaces the costly three (3) person arbitration panel with a magistrate judge
- Allows a local magistrate to confidentially consider claims, consider expert testimony and identify frivolous claims
- Allows for alternative confidential arbitration or mediation with consent of both parties
- Applies only to those healing arts professions covered under the current MMMA Act
- Applies the current standard of care
- Continues application of the Government Claims Act for Government providers

• **Wednesday, July 7th and Monday, July 12th at 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.:** Medical professionals, patients, and the public are invited to submit testimony on the bill on July 7th or July 12th at the Guam Congress Building, via Zoom, or via e-mail. Those interested in presenting written or verbal testimony should contact the Office of Speaker Therese Terlaje at (671) 472-3586 or senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com by July 6, 2021. All documents submitted relative to Bill 112-36 will be available at <http://senatorterlaje.com/mandatory-medical-arbitration/>

All hearings will be broadcast on GTA TV Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117/112.4, and via Guam Legislature Media on YouTube. Recordings of the hearings will be available on the Guam Legislature Media YouTube Channel after the hearings. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Individuals in need of assistance or accommodations should also contact the Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje.

Bill 112 was sponsored by Therese M. Terlaje, Telo T. Taitague, Joanne Brown, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Joe S. San Agustin, V. Anthony Ada, Telena C. Nelson, Christopher M. Duenas, Clynton E. Ridgell, Amanda L. Shelton, Jose Pedro Terlaje, and Sabina F. Perez.

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### NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA), a public corporation, will be holding its Regular Board of Directors meeting on

## Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 1:30PM

via Zoom and in the GEDA conference room located in Suite 511, 5th Floor, International Trade Center (ITC) Building, 590 South Marine Corps Drive, Tamuning, Guam.

For the link request or for persons requiring special accommodations, please contact GEDA's coordinator, Jennifer Calvo-Guzman, at 647-4332 or at [jennifer.calvo@investguam.com](mailto:jennifer.calvo@investguam.com) by June 16, 2021.

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