

## Elections

### **Wait for the Official Results: KPU**

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Chairman of the General Elections Commission, or KPU, Juri Ardiantoro, has advised members of the public to wait for the official results of Wednesday's (15/02) simultaneous regional elections. "If there are differences [in quick counts], wait for the official results from the KPU," Juri said at the KPU's office in Menteng, Central Jakarta. He said that quick counts only give a preliminary overview of the election results and added that if any manipulations occur, polling institutions may face sanctions.

The commission had earlier banned pollsters from publishing quick count results before 3 p.m. to avoid voters getting unduly influenced by the incomplete results. The KPU registered nearly 50 million voters in today's regional elections for governors, mayors and district heads in 101 regions across the country.

Around 7.1 million voters are registered in Jakarta, where the gubernatorial race is turning into one of the most divisive political battles in the country's democratic era. If none of the three candidates obtains more than 50 percent of the votes cast, a run-off election is expected to be held in April.

### **The polls:**

Quick count Jakarta Regional Election 2017

1 Agus - Sylviana 17.37%

2 Ahok - Djarot 42.87%

3 Anies - Sandiaga 39.76%



Total vote (percentage): 100%

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\*This is not an official result from Jakarta Elections Commission (KPU Jakarta)

### **No major incidents**

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There have been no major security incidents during Indonesia's simultaneous regional elections, with polling stations having officially closed at 1.00 p.m., National Police spokesman Sr. Comr. Martinus Sitompul said on Wednesday (15/02).

The simultaneous regional elections are taking place in the provinces of Aceh, Bangka Belitung, Jakarta, Banten, Gorontalo, West Sulawesi and West Papua, involving 76 districts and 18 cities.

In Aceh, which in the past has been prone to conflict, voters will choose 20 district heads and mayors, making it the province with the largest election. "In Aceh, there have been no incidents; everything is safe and will hopefully remain that way," Martinus said.

Two grenades were discovered in Sentani Kota village in Jayapura district, West Papua, but it was not related to any political conflict. Jayapura Police chief Adjutant Comr. Gustav Urbinas told reporters that the grenades appear to be leftovers from World War II and that they were found by a resident while digging a hole near a polling station.

President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo has meanwhile called on Indonesians to maintain the country's unity. "Don't let political differences divide us; divide our unity," he told reporters after voting at Gambir polling station in Central Jakarta. "My wife and I come as residents of Jakarta to exercise our voting rights to choose the governor and deputy governor of Jakarta," he said.

The president added that he also expects the other 100 regional elections to run peacefully.

Police said they staged a large-scale operation in Jakarta to ensure that the election runs smoothly and peacefully. "The police and their friends in the Indonesian Military [TNI], along with other related agencies, are standing by in several areas to provide support and keep the public safe," Jakarta Police deputy chief Brig. Gen. Suntana said. "Since last night until now [this afternoon], thank goodness, the situation has generally been well. The

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public can exercise their voting rights peacefully, without intimidation," he said during an inspection of the Tanjung Duren area in West Jakarta.

He called on the public not to be easily provoked by negative issues, or social media hoaxes, including rumors that members of a particular ethnic group had been prevented from voting at some polling stations.

"I am sure the Polling Station Working Committee [KPPS] has been briefed by the KPU [General Elections Commission] to act professionally," Suntana said.

He also called on supporters of the different candidates to avoid victory celebrations, as it may provoke those with opposing political persuasions.

"Please, express your gratitude for the victory with dhikr and prayer. Because while the quick count is ongoing, anyone can be provoked by others," Sunanta said.

Pollsters are meanwhile reporting different quick count results, with the Cyrus Network showing incumbents Basuki "Ahok" Tjahaja Purnama and Djarot Saiful Hidayat in the lead, while Saiful Mujani Research and Consulting shows candidate pair Anies Baswedan and Sandiaga Uno in the lead.

### **Ahok-Djarot, Anies-Sandi Set for Second-Round Runoff**

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The race to become governor of Jakarta was neck and neck in early counting on Wednesday (15/02) and heading for a second round between the incumbent and a former education minister, survey agency real counts showed.

The Jakarta gubernatorial election has been overshadowed by religious tensions, with mass protests by hardline Muslim groups against Governor Basuki "Ahok" Tjahaja Purnama, an ethnic Chinese Christian.

The vote is also being widely seen as a proxy battle for the 2019 presidential election. Ahok had secured 43.05 percent of the votes, just ahead of former minister Anies Baswedan in second place with 39.86 percent, based on a real count survey of around 99.88 percent of the vote by private polling agency Cyrus Network.

The other candidate, Agus Harimurti Yudhoyono, was in third place with 17.09 percent. Other pollsters showed similar results. Since there are no candidates reaching more than 50 percent of the votes, the election will go to second round to decide the winner. The second round vote will be held on April 19.

The job of governor can be a springboard to the presidency and weeks of campaigning have been overshadowed by mudslinging, political intrigue and rising hardline Islamist sentiment, raising questions about the role of religion in politics. "We hope that everybody can return as a family after these elections," President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo said after voting in Jakarta earlier in the day.

Ahok was a deputy to Jokowi when he was the previous Jakarta governor and Jokowi's party is backing him in the current election. Ahok has been campaigning while standing trial on a charge of insulting the Koran, a case that has brought Muslims onto the streets, urging voters to shun a non-Muslim as leader. He denies the charge and after dipping in opinion polls his support rebounded, which analysts attribute to his record of improving the bureaucracy and easing congestion and flooding in Jakarta.

Indonesia has the world's largest Muslim population but is officially secular and home to minority Christian and Hindu communities, as well as hundreds of ethnic groups.

Anies is backed by a former general who Jokowi beat in the last presidential election in 2014, Prabowo Subianto, who is promising a comeback to the national stage.

The elections in the capital, alongside scores of other regional polls in the world's third-largest democracy, were peaceful and mostly running without hitches, police said.

Police had deployed 75,000 personnel across Indonesia with 16,000 in Jakarta, over concerns that hardline Muslim groups may again take to the streets to oppose Ahok.