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1. ARENA STILL LEADING IN PERNAMBUCO VOTE COUNT. AS OF NOON TODAY, MBB SENATORIAL CANDIDATE ARMANDO MONTEIRO TRAILING CLEOFAS BY THREE THOUSAND VOTES. MONTEIRO AHEAD BY NEARLY TWO THOUSAND VOTES IN CITY OF RECIFE BUT THIS MORE THAN OFFSET

BY LARGE CLEOFAS VOTE IN INTERIOR.

EMBOFFICE Z. NO VOTE COUNT YET AVAILABLE ON FEBERAL AND STATE DEPUTY Brasilia/ ANDIDATES BUT IMPRESSION OF ELECTORAL COURT OFFICIALS IS HAT ARENA WILL DE SURE WINNER. SOME ARENA POLITICIANS NOW Econ REDICTING THAT MDB IN ROADS WILL BE EVEN SMALLER THAN EXPECTED.

. IN OTHER STATES, INCOMPLETE PRESS REPORTS SHOW FOLLOWING FECTURE: CEARA: MDB SENATORIAL CANDIDATES IN LEAD BUT ARENA HAS COMFORTABLE MAJORITY IN FEBERAL AND STATE BEPUTY RACES. MIO GRANDE DO NORTE: FRANCISCO DUARTE FILHO IS AHEAN MDB CANDIDATE FOR SENATE RACE. FEDERAL AND STATE BEPUTY RACES GOING TO ARENA WITH ALUISIO ALVES GETTING TWICE THE VOTE OF MEAREST OTHER CANDIDATE. ABSTENTION RATE OF ABOUT 20 PER CENT. MARAIBA: ARENA CANDIDATE ALUISIO CAMPOS HAS SLIGHT LEAD OVER TOB NOMINEE RUI CARNEIRO. NO WORD ON OTHER RACES. TRENA SENATORIAL CANDIDATE TEOTONIO VILELA LEAVING MOR CANDIDATE SILVESTRE PERICLES BY ONE THOUSAND VOTES OUT OF d. 200 VOTES COUNTED. PIAUI: NO REPORTS FROM PIAUI TO DATE.

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