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AS OF 1600 HOURS TODAY BALLOT COUNT IN RECIFE PROCEEDING AT SLOW PACE WITH APPROXIMATELY 50.000 VOTES OPENED. BOTH PARTIES SURPRISED WITH ABSTENTIONS AT POLLS WHICH IN ONE RECIFE ELECTORAL DISTRICT REACHED THIRTY PERCENT ACCORDING TO ELECTION OFFICIAL. HIGH NUMBER BLANK AND VOID BALLOTS ALSO NOTED. AS EXPECTED MDB SENATORIAL CANDIDATE ARMANDO MONTEIRO FILHO AHEAD IN RECIFE BUT BY FEWER VOTES THAN ANTICIPAED. ARENA POLITICINAS SEE THIS AS POSSIBLE SIGN OF VICTORY FOR THEIR CANDIDATE JOAO CLEOFAS WHO EXPECTED ROLL UP VICTORY MARGIN INTERIOR OF STATE. FEDERAL AND STATE DEPUTY RACES ARENA APPEARS TO BE COMFORTABLY AHEAD AND GOVERNMENT PARTY LEADERS PREDICTING ARENA WILL WIN 48 OF 65 STATE AND 18 OUT OF 24 FEDERAL DEPUTY SEATS. FEW VOTES COUNTED HOWEVER IT IMPOSSIBLE DETECT ANY DEFINITE

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