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# Keiko Fujimori wins Peru's presidential election in a runoff



Conservative politician Keiko Fujimori on Friday was declared the winner of the presidential runoff election in Peru, which was dominated by people's concerns over surging crime.

Fujimori, 51, the daughter of a disgraced former president, was running for the presidency for the fourth time. She will be Peru's ninth president in 10 years when she takes office later this month.

Fujimori's victory, along with that of Abelardo de la Espriella in [Colombia](#) and José Antonio Kast in [Chile](#), confirms a regional shift toward the conservative wing, a stark contrast from the panorama of a few decades ago when left-wing leaders such as Hugo Chávez in Venezuela or the current Brazilian president Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva emerged.

The election win was certified Friday by the country's top election authority.

Figures released by election officials earlier in the week showed that with 100% of ballots tallied, Fujimori received 9,223,000 votes, or 50.135% of the total, while nationalist congressman Roberto Sánchez earned over 9,173,000 votes, or 49.865%.

Fujimori and Sánchez made it to the June 7 runoff election after defeating 33 other candidates in an April vote.

## Increasing levels of crime

Voters were primarily concerned with increasing levels of crime, especially extortion by violent organized crime gangs, and Fujimori pledged to combat crime with an iron fist.

Fujimori said on social media Friday that "each day of this process of transition is an opportunity to listen, discuss and arrive prepared for the start of a new government."

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The winner is the daughter of the late [Alberto Fujimori](#), the former president whose government in the 1990s defeated the Shining Path extremist rebel group but also took an authoritarian turn.

He was convicted in 2009 of human rights abuses in the fight against the rebels, and later of corruption charges.

Keiko Fujimori promised to build four prisons and another similar to [El Salvador's](#) Terrorism Confinement Center known as the CECOT, and to force prisoners to work in the prisons.

She also announced plans to militarize the borders to curb crime and deport undocumented migrants.