

Tunis, Tunisia, September 17 (Infosplusgabon) – The partial results released on Monday afternoon by the Tunisian national independent electoral commission (ISIE) following Sunday's early presidential election say independent candidate Kais Saied and the detained media magnate, Nabil Karoui, emerged leaders in that order in the first round of polls.

After the counting of 52% of ballot papers, the preliminary results give Saied 18.7% of votes as against 15.5% for Karoui.

Unexpected to be on top of the votes, they beat potentially favorite candidates like Islamist Abdelfattah Mourou who comes third with 13.1% of votes, the former National Defence minister, Abdelkrim Zbidi (9.8%) and outgoing Prime Minister Youssef Chahed (7.4%).

The same results were recorded by the associative network Mourakiboun whose estimates gave Saied between 17.6 and 19.2% of votes and Karoui between 14.8 and 16.2% of votes, before Islamist Mourou credited with between 12.2 and 13.2% of votes.

On Sunday, the chairman of the national electoral commission, (ISIE), Nabil Baffoun, said that he was considering that the preliminary results would be proclaimed on Monday evening on the latest.

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