

# Mexican leftists dispute election results

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**VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico** - (AP) -- Mexico's largest leftist party, echoing complaints it made after losing July's presidential election, on Monday said wrongdoing by rivals robbed it of the gubernatorial election in the home state of the party's former presidential candidate.

Sunday's vote for governor in the oil-rich Gulf state of Tabasco was seen as a key test for fiery former presidential hopeful Andrés Manuel López Obrador and the Democratic Revolution Party, or PRD, which blockaded Mexico City streets and led mass marches after alleging fraud and dirty tricks robbed López Obrador of the presidency.

PRD officials said they would appeal the results of Sunday's election, which showed Andrés Rafael Granier of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, defeating Democratic Revolution candidate César Raúl Ojeda by 10 points.

With nearly 96 percent of the vote counted Monday, Granier had captured 52.9 percent of the vote compared to 42.9 percent for Ojeda. The result was not yet final under Mexican law -- there will be a second count of the vote tallies on Wednesday -- but it appeared highly unlikely the results would change significantly.

The voting was marred by shooting, street fights, arrests of supporters of both candidates and claims of vote-buying and voter intimidation.

Ojeda said Monday that he will give the electoral courts evidence that his rival bought votes, overspent on the campaign and sent thugs to menace voters -- charges that if proved true could lead to an annulment of the election.

Ojeda also alleges the PRI-controlled state police force arrested and tortured his supporters.