

Kirchner's party wins again in Argentine governor's race

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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina -- (AP) -- Argentina's government got another boost ahead of October national elections as official returns Monday showed a loyalist governor winning reelection in a thunderous landslide -- 78 percent to 5.

Tucuman Gov. José Alperovich's win Sunday was the sixth recent electoral victory by candidates supporting center-left President Néstor Kirchner, whose wife is running to succeed him on Oct. 28. Sen. Cristina Fernández de Kirchner is way ahead in most polls against a divided opposition.

Alperovich won 78 percent of the vote on Kirchner's ticket, Front for Victory. His closest rival, Ricardo Bussi of the conservative Republic Force party, received 5.3 percent.

Bussi is the son of a former general who is detained and facing prosecution for suspected human rights abuses during the 1976-83 military dictatorship when he served as military chief and Tucuman's de facto governor.

Alperovich's party also won 43 of 49 seats in the provincial legislature.

Kirchner's party and its allies also won elections in the provinces of La Rioja, San Juan, Río Negro, Entre Ríos and Catamarca this year. Kirchner foes won the mayoral race in the capital of Buenos Aires and governorships in Neuquen, Tierra del Fuego and San Luís.