
ROMANIA'S PRO-WEST CANDIDATE NICUSOR DAN WINS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN DRAMATIC COMEBACK

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Stakes have never been this high in Romania's post-communist history, as Romanians voted in a crucial and polarised presidential election runoff on Sunday, in which centrist Nicușor Dan faced nationalist George Simion.

Pro-Western independent candidate Nicusor Dan staged a dramatic comeback on Sunday to win the Romanian presidential elections with a firm 54% of the votes.

His contender, hard-right candidate George Simion, with 46% of votes, at first refused to concede in an unprecedented political thriller which transfixed and polarised the country on NATO's eastern flank, but then relented, congratulating Dan on his victory late on Sunday night.

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