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## CENTER LEFT BEATS FAR RIGHT TO PORTUGAL'S PRESIDENCY

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Center-left candidate António José Seguro was elected Portugals next president on Sunday, defeating his far-right opponent by a two-to-one margin in a vote held as storms and floods wreaked havoc across the country.

With 99 percent of the vote counted, the national electoral commission reported Seguro was backed by 67 percent of electors. André Ventura, who heads the ultranationalist Chega party, secured 33 percent of the ballots cast in the runoff round of voting in the presidential election.

An emotional Seguro praised his fellow citizens as the best in world for defying the extreme conditions to fulfill their civic duties and cast their vote.

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