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### Haiti's Tentative Election Calendar

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5 October	Voter registration begins.
6 October	Candidacy applications open.
16 October	Candidacy applications close.
26 October	Voter registration ends.
6 November	Final decisions on candidate eligibility made.
7 November	Electoral campaign begins.
14 December	Electoral campaign ends.
16 December	First round of election. *

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\* A runoff election will be scheduled between the two top contenders for any office in which the winner does not receive a majority.

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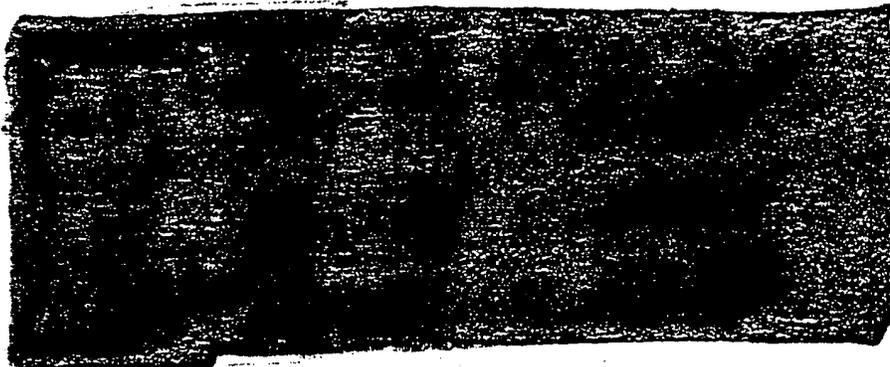
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### HAITI: Gearing Up for Election



~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ The next test of the election process will come when officials determine the eligibility of Duvalierist candidates. If, as seems likely, Lafontant and others on the far right are excluded because of the constitutional prohibition against Duvalierist participation, they will resort to violence. If the Army cannot contain terrorism by the right, the regime may cancel the balloting; even if the vote occurs, turnout may be so low as to cost the election its legitimacy. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

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