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# After Vote, Cyprus President Faces Runoff

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President George Vassiliou won the first round of **presidential elections** in **Cyprus** today but fell short of a majority, forcing him to face a runoff against Glafcos Clerides next Sunday.

Mr. Vassiliou, a 61-year-old independent backed by the Communist Party and the small leftist party Adisok, received 44.15 percent of the vote, according to official results.

Mr. Clerides, a 73-year-old conservative who lost narrowly to Mr. Vassiliou in the 1988 **presidential elections,** won 36.74 percent of the vote.

Paschalis Pascalides, a 63-year-old businessman and a hard-line opponent of a United Nations plan to reunite **Cyprus,** received 18.64 percent of the vote for third place.

The election was restricted to the southern two-thirds of the divided Mediterranean island. Turkish Cypriots in the north, which has been occupied by the Turkish army since 1974, declared their own state in 1983, but it has not won international recognition.

Mr. Vassiliou, who is seeking a second five-year term, made an unexpectedly strong showing after coming under fire during the campaign for backing the plan to end the island's 18-year division.

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