

# **Romanian court annuls presidential election citing Russian ‘aggressive hybrid action’**

Dec. 6 (UPI) — Romania’s Constitutional Court Friday canceled the presidential run-off election between far-right candidate Calin Georgescu and centrist Elena Lasconi. The court cited a Russian propaganda campaign as the reason.

The court said in a statement that its decision two days before the run-off was to occur “annuls the entire electoral process regarding the election of the president of Romania.”

Declassified Romanian intelligence documents contained a security services warning that Russia had attacked the election system with an “aggressive hybrid action” to elevate a far-right previously politically unknown candidate.

The declassified intelligence documents said Georgescu’s victory was “not a natural outcome” and a “state actor” elevated him with an artificial coordinated social media campaign.

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