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TURKISH MP: VOTER TURNOUT HIGH IN REFERENDUM IN AZERBAIJAN

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The referendum in Azerbaijan fully reflects the democratic expression of will of Azerbaijani people, Necdet Unuvar, chairman of Turkey-Azerbaijan Interparliamentary Friendship Group at Turkey's Grand National Assembly, told Trend Sept.26.

He noted that no violation was noticed by the group members during the observation of the voting process.

The state has taken all necessary measures to hold a transparent referendum, said Unuvar and emphasized the high voter turnout in the polling stations which they have visited.

The referendum to make amendments to Azerbaijan's Constitution kicked off at 08:00 and will wrap up at 19:00 (UTC/GMT +4).

The number of voters in Azerbaijan stands at 5,267,111 people, according to the Central Election Commission (CEC).

As many as 117 international observers □ MPs from over 30 countries as well as observers from various international organizations, including the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) - have been accredited by Azerbaijan's CEC to observe the referendum.

The total number of the observers is around 53,000.

Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev signed an order to hold a referendum on amending the Constitution on Sept. 26.

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