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## EARLY VOTING AT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN UZBEKISTAN

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Early voting has started at the presidential election in Uzbekistan, the countrys Central Election Commission told Trend Nov. 24.

In accordance with the law On Uzbek presidential election, a voter who is unable to be present at his (her) place of residence on the election day, has the right to vote early. The early voting starts ten days before the election and ends one day before the election.

In order to vote early, a voter must write an appeal indicating the reasons for his (her) absence on the election day.

As many as 9,381 polling stations were established for the presidential election in Uzbekistan, and 21.435 million persons are expected to cast their votes at these polling stations, according to the CEC of Uzbekistan.

Uzbekistan is to hold an early presidential election December 4 due to the death of ex-president Islam Karimov, who passed away after suffering a stroke at the age of 79 on Sept. 2.

Candidates from four political parties of Uzbekistan participate in presidential election - Uzbekistan Liberal Democratic Party (UzLiDeP), People's Democratic Party (PDP), Milly Tiklanish (National Revival) Party, and Adolat (Justice) Social Democratic Party.

Among the presidential candidates are the countrys Acting President Shavkat Mirziyoyev from UzLiDeP, Sarvar Otamuratov from Milly Tiklanish Party, Nariman Umarov from Adolat Party, and Hotamzhon Ketmonov from PDP.

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