
KYRGYZSTAN: ACTING PRESIDENT JAPAROV ANNOUNCES MOVE TO BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

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Kyrgyzstans acting President Sadyr Japarov says he will step down before the end of the year to become eligible to run in a presidential election in January 2021. The move, which Japarov announced during a meeting with people in the central Naryn region on October 25, allows him to skirt a law that prohibits acting presidents from seeking the presidential office, RFE/RL's Kyrgyz Service reported.

"A presidential election will take place on January 10. I will step down in early December and take part in the poll. I will participate in the race as an ordinary citizen. If I win, then I will be president, if not I will remain an ordinary citizen," Japarov said.

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