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## **KOSOVO FACES NEW ELECTIONS AFTER COURT RULES GOVT ILLEGITIMATE**

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The Constitutional Court ruled on Monday that Prime Minister Avdullah Hoti's government is illegitimate because it was voted in by a majority in the Kosovo Assembly that included a vote cast by MP Etem Arifi, who was given a prison sentence for corruption.

A person convicted of a criminal offence by a final court decision in the three last years cannot be a candidate for deputy or win a valid mandate in the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo, the Constitutional Court said.

Arifi was sentenced to one year and three months in prison on August 20, 2019. He received an MP's mandate less than two months later, at snap parliamentary elections on October 6, 2019.

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