
KOSOVO EX-PM ALBIN KURTI BARRED FROM RUNNING IN ELECTION

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Kosovos Election Complaints and Appeals Panel decided on Tuesday that former premier Albin Kurti, leader of the countrys largest opposition party, Vetevendosje (Self-Determination), is not allowed to run as a candidate in the parliamentary elections on February 14.

Kurti was barred because he was found guilty of a criminal offence less than three years ago. Four other Vetevendosje members – Albulena Haxhiu, Liburn Aliu, Bajram Mavriqi, and Labinote Demi Murtezi – were also barred from running as candidates for the same reason.

Former prime minister Kurti and former justice minister Haxhiu were given suspended prison sentences by a Pristina court in January 2018 for setting off tear gas in parliament.

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