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## NEPAL PRESIDENT DISSOLVES PARLIAMENT, CALLS NEW ELECTIONS

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Nepal's parliament has been dissolved for the second time in five months and new elections called for in November as the Himalayan country battled political turmoil alongside the coronavirus pandemic.

President Bidhya Devi Bhandari made the order on Saturday after declaring that neither Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli nor Sher Bahadur Deuba, leader of the opposition Nepali Congress, had a majority to form a new government.

"The president... has dissolved the current House of Representatives and fixed the first phase of general elections on November 12 and the second phase on November 19," his office said in a statement.

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