
**MALDIVES' OPPOSITION PARTY WINS BIG AS GOVERNMENT LOSES KEY
CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM, MAYORAL ELECTIONS**

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Maldives' ruling party has conceded a huge blow as it lost a key constitutional referendum and mayoral race in an election viewed as a test for President Mohamed Muizzu, media reports said Sunday.

Preliminary results showed that a whopping 70% of the votes that have been counted have opposed the referendum that is considered significant for the countrys political framework, The Edition newspaper reported.

In the mayoral race, as per preliminary results, the opposition Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) has secured mayoral seats in all five cities.

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