
ELECTION CAMPAIGNING BEGINS AHEAD OF KAZAKHSTAN'S KURULTAI VOTE

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Election campaigning officially began in Kazakhstan at 6:01 p.m. on July 23 ahead of the Aug. 23 elections to the Kurultai, with seven political parties competing for 145 seats in the representative body.

The campaign will run until midnight on Aug. 21, while Aug. 22 has been designated as the official day of silence before voting, the Central Election Commissions press service reported.

The launch of the campaign follows the commissions completion of party list registration, which registered 545 candidates nominated by the seven eligible political parties. Women, youth and persons with disabilities account for 43.9% of all candidates, exceeding the legal quota. The candidate list includes 172 women, 19 persons with disabilities, and 74 candidates under the age of 35, with an average candidate age of 45.4 years.

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