

Kyrgyzstan votes in landmark poll BBC News 9 October People in Kyrgyzstan have voted in a landmark parliamentary election, the first since 400 people died in inter-ethnic violence.

Turnout was reported to be strong across the country, including in the southern city of Osh, which saw some of the worst of last June's clashes.

Six or seven parties are expected to dominate, none with a majority (...)

(...) The BBC's Rayhan Demetrie, in the Kyrgyz capital, Bishkek, says the unpredictability of the outcome makes the election significantly different from every other election that has ever taken place in Central Asia.

It is the first to be held under a new constitution adopted in a June referendum that changed the form of government from a presidential system to a parliamentary democracy (...)

(...)The head of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe's election monitors, Janez Lenarcic, said the vote had passed off peacefully (...)

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