

28.3 percent turnout in Egypt's parliamentary elections

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Cairo: Egypt's Electoral Supreme Committee said on Friday that 28.3 percent of country's eligible voters participated in the first parliamentary election since the army-led ouster of former President Mohamed Morsi in 2013.

The most populous Arab country has 94 million population, and more than 53 million are eligible to vote in the two-stage elections, Xinhua reported.

Ayamn Abbas, head of the election committee, told a news conference that 15,206,010 voters have cast their ballots in the polls, and the overall turnout rate is 28.3 percent.

The rate poses a record low compared with the more than 54 percent in 2012 elections that elected a parliament dominated by Islamists.

The new parliament will consist of 596 seats, 448 of which are for individuals, 120 for winners from party-based lists and the remaining 28 will be appointed by the president.

Egypt has been without a parliament for about three years, as the last one elected in late 2011, months after the ouster of long-time leader Hosni Mubarak, was dissolved in June 2012 by a court order.

The new parliament is expected to be inaugurated later this month.

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