

## Uzbek president wins 7-year term in 'elections of July 2023'

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July 10, 2023: Tashkent: **Shavkat Mirziyoyev**, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, won another 7-year term with 87% of vote.



Mirziyoyev had come to power in 2016 after the death of **Islam Karimov** in September 2016. Karimov had been elected as the President of **Uzbekistan**, when it became independent on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1991. Karimov had been the **First Secretary** of the **Communist Party of Uzbekistan** since 1989. He had been elected President of the **Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic** in 1990.

Mirziyoyev had worked as the Prime Minister of Uzbekistan, when Karimov was the President. On 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021, Mirziyoyev was sworn in as the President.

In April 2023, through a Plebiscite, the constitution was amended to change the Presidential term to that of 7-years from the earlier term of 5-years. Though a person can remain President for a maximum of 2 terms only, the April 23 Plebiscite began the count of Presidential terms anew. Thus, even though Mirziyoyev had been elected as President twice in 2016 and 2021, the amended constitution permits him to get elected through elections in 2023 and 2030.

Uzbekistan has maintained close ties with Moscow and it is a Member of Shanghai