

CIS Observers Call Ukrainian Vote Fair

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Ukraine's parliamentary elections appeared to have been fair and transparent, a CIS election observer mission said Monday.

With 40.11 percent of Sunday's vote counted, the ruling Party of Regions was in first place with 35.61 percent in the party list results, followed by Fatherland (21.56 percent), the Communist Party (15.1 percent), Udar (12.83 percent) and Svoboda (8.05 percent), Interfax reported. Party of Regions was also leading in single-mandate voting.

A total of 225 seats in the parliament are elected through party lists, and the other 225 are through single-mandate districts.

Alexei Kochetkov, a CIS election observer, told reporters in Kiev that his mission endorsed the results.

"They were transparent. The result reflects the will of the Ukrainian people," he said, according to Interfax.

He also said, however, that the mission was aware of complaints in some regions.

Foreign elections observers were expected to give their assessment later Monday.

Deputy Prime Minister Boris Kolesnikov, who is a senior Party of Regions official, said he expected his party would be able to form a majority in the parliament.

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