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In Photos: Russia's Remote Regions Cast Early Votes in Parliamentary Election

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Russia is gearing up for elections to the State Duma and regional and local legislatures on Sept. 19. Because voters in remote parts of the country are unable to make it to a polling center on election day, the government launched early voting on Aug. 29 to bring the ballot directly to them. One such area where early voting is taking place is the Taimyr peninsula, a remote region roughly the size of Iraq located 3,000 kilometers northeast of Moscow. There are no major cities in Taimyr; its population largely consists of some 5,000 nomadic reindeer herders and villagers. In these far-flung parts of the world's largest country, the actual vote casting is the easy part: It's getting to the voters themselves that's a challenge.



Locals sit at the entrance to their log cabin during a visit by electoral officials to a camp of reindeer breeders near the town of Lyantor in the Khanty-Mansiisk autonomous district. **Alexei Andronov / TASS**

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