

Moscow To Check Electronic Votes for State Duma in Recount

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Alexei Venediktov. **Andrei Nikerichev / Moskva News Agency**

Moscow will conduct a recount of disputed electronic votes for seats in Russia's lower house of parliament that will have no legal force, the head of the Moscow election observation headquarters Alexei Venediktov [told](#) the state-run RIA Novosti news agency on Wednesday.

"Everyone is asking about the technical group's recount of the votes, this, of course, is not a legal recount, this is a reconciliation in order to confirm suspicions or not confirm suspicions that it was counted incorrectly," RIA quoted Venediktov as saying.

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Russia's opposition raised questions over the legitimacy of the results of the elections after the pro-Kremlin United Russia party won a landslide victory and took every district in Moscow.

E-voting results reversed early leads secured in the offline vote by opposition candidates and Kremlin-endorsed candidates saw huge swings in their favour and won every district after online votes were tallied.

Independent data scientists and analysts [said](#) that half of all the votes attributed to United Russia in the official results were probably fake — a level of falsification previously unseen in Russian parliamentary elections.

Questions have also been raised over a significant delay in the publication of online voting results.

Venediktov, managing editor of the Ekho Moskvyy radio station, has come under fire for his overseeing and promotion of e-voting in Moscow.

“Former journalist Venediktov is a criminal and should be in the dock for his participation in electoral fraud,” allies of jailed Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny [tweeted](#) from his account.

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