

Bulgariens siebte Wahl: Kommt das Ende des politischen Chaos?

Bulgaren stimmen erneut ab, doch eine Beendigung der politischen Blockade scheint unwahrscheinlich. Koalitionsgespräche stehen bevor.

Sofia, Bulgarien - Bulgarians are heading to the polls for the seventh time in just four years, with the nation gripped by political uncertainty and a sense of despair. As voters cast their ballots, the atmosphere is thick with skepticism—many doubt that this election will break the cycle of instability that has plagued the country since 2020. The far-right has gained ground amid a backdrop of short-lived governments and failed coalition talks, leaving citizens feeling trapped in a political carousel that spins without resolution.

Polling stations across Bulgaria will close at 8 PM local time, with exit polls expected to reveal the immediate outcome. However, forecasts indicate that no single party is likely to secure a parliamentary majority, which could lead to yet more drawn-out negotiations. The GERB party, led by former Prime Minister Boyko Borissov, is projected to lead with 26.1%, while the reformist PP and the ultranationalist Revival party are locked in a tight race for second place at 16.2% and 14.9%, respectively. Voter turnout is anticipated to be low, hovering around 31.1%, reflecting the public's disillusionment with the political process.

Political Turmoil and Public Discontent

Since the anticorruption protests that toppled Borissov's government, Bulgaria has seen a succession of ineffective

administrations. The latest election was called after the inconclusive results from June 9 failed to yield a coalition. Voter sentiments echo the frustration of many, like 69-year-old Marin Kushev, who expressed doubt about the possibility of forming a stable government. "I don't believe them [politicians]," he lamented. Meanwhile, 33-year-old IT worker Aneliya Ivanova voiced a collective sentiment of exhaustion, stating, "We're tired of being stuck in a carousel that goes round and round."

The stakes are high for Bulgaria as it seeks to stabilize its government and unlock vital EU funds for infrastructure development, with plans to adopt the euro already delayed twice. Political analysts warn that a fragmented parliament could lead to a rise in support for populist and nationalist parties, further complicating the nation's path toward stability and prosperity. As the votes are counted, the future of Bulgaria hangs in the balance, with many watching closely to see if this election will finally bring about the change the country desperately needs.

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