

## **The People's Democratic Party of Uzbekistan and the Adolat Social Democratic Party of Uzbekistan conduct plenums**

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**On 17 September 2016, the scheduled VI plenum of the Central Council of the People's Democratic Party of Uzbekistan took place.**

At the plenum, there was discussion of the issues of the party's participation in the elections of President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, putting forward a candidate for President of the Republic of Uzbekistan from the People's Democratic Party of Uzbekistan, convening the X congress of the People's Democratic Party of Uzbekistan and its agenda, a representative quota for the party's congress and a procedure for selecting them.

Special attention was paid at the plenum to topical tasks related to work on ensuring the worthy participation of the People's Democratic Party of Uzbekistan (PDPU) in the forthcoming elections of President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, while making full use of wide rights and possibilities created for political parties and on the basis of the party's programme goals and ideas as well as voters' interests.

The main issue of the agenda, that is the issue of putting forward a candidate for President of the Republic of Uzbekistan from the People's Democratic Party was discussed extensively.

In connection with this, the chairman of the Central Council of the PDPU and leader of the party's faction, Hotamjon Abdurahmonovich Ketmonov, who had been supported by voters, followers and active members of the party, was put forward as a candidate from the party for President of the Republic of Uzbekistan for consideration at the party's congress.

At the plenum, there was also a detailed discussion about issues relating to convening the X congress of the PDP of Uzbekistan on 14 October 2016 and its agenda as well as representative quotas for the party's congress and the procedure for selecting them.

Those who made speeches paid special attention to issues of the effective organization of the work of party organizations and active members in the period of electoral campaigning, raising the quality and effectiveness of propagation events aimed at widely informing the population about these important political processes in the country, while fully exercising authorization rights enshrined in legislation.

Taking into account proposals and recommendations that had been made on all the issues discussed, appropriate decisions of the VI plenum of the Central Council of the PDPU were taken.

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**On 17 September 2016, the VI plenum of the Political Council of the Adolat Social Democratic Party of Uzbekistan (SDPU) took place.**

At the session, there was discussion of the issue of the Adolat SDPU's participation in the elections of President of the Republic of Uzbekistan which will take place on 4 December this year. The necessity of the party's worthy participation in this important process in the country's life was especially emphasized.

Members of the Political Council of the party said that elections of President are the most important indicator of a law-governed democratic state and free civil society, the main form of the free expression of people's will and their participation in managing state and society's affairs.

It was emphasized that the programme goals and tasks of the Adolat SDPU are the embodiment of people's interests and that participation in the forthcoming elections is another opportunity for the wide propagation of the party's ideas among voters, the deeper reflection of voters' interests through the pre-election programme of the party's candidate for President.

The plenum's participants also had a detailed discussion about the issue of putting forward the party's candidate for the forthcoming elections. Regarding this issue, taking into consideration the will of voters and followers of the party, a proposal to put forward for consideration at the scheduled VII congress of the party the candidature of the chairman of the Political Council and leader of the party's faction in the Legislative Chamber of Oliy Majlis (parliament), Nariman Majidovich Umarov, was supported.

Considering that all issues relating to the party's participation in the forthcoming elections are resolved by its highest body – congress, the session's participants adopted a decision to convene the next VIII congress of the Adolat SDPU on 15 October 2016 in the city of Tashkent.

Participants in the plenum note the need to step up preparatory work related to taking part in the elections of President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and to submit in a timely manner relevant documents to the Central Electoral Commission.

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