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## Nawaz Sharif declares victory in Pakistan's landmark elections

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<sup>[1]</sup>Nawaz Sharif declared victory for his centre-right party in Pakistan's landmark elections and appealed to all parties to join him in tackling Pakistan's mountainous problems after securing victory in historic elections that defied Taliban violence.

According to unofficial partial poll results Sharif's centre-right Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) was leading the race with 126 seats and Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) had 34.

Trends from some 250 of the 272 parliamentary seats that went to the polls showed that the PML (N) was set to bag in excess of 110 seats, while the Pakistan People's Party and Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf were lagging far behind with about 35 seats each.

The landmark polls mark the first time an elected civilian administration completed a full term to hand power to another through the ballot box, in a country where there have been three military coups and four military rulers.

The 63-year-old Sharif, who has twice served as premier, expressed a desire to work with all parties to solve the country's problems in a victory speech given to his supporters in the eastern city of Lahore.