

Bouteflika re-elected in landslide

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ALGIERS, Algeria -- Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika won a third term in a landslide with 90.24 percent of the vote, election officials announced Friday.

A reported 74 percent of the voters turned out, officials said, despite the anticipated runaway, a boycott by some opposition parties and charges of election fraud.

The president faced relatively unknown challengers and had a well-funded campaign, the BBC said.

The vote was relatively peaceful although two soldiers were wounded in a bombing at a polling station.

In November, the Constitution was changed to allow Bouteflika, 72, to seek a third five-year term.

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