

Nazarbayev to Run in 2016

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Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev, nominated to seek re-election in the April presidential vote, will run for office in 2016 as well, his advisor Yermukhamet Yertysbayev said, RIA-Novosti reported Tuesday.

"This decade is a period of tremendous importance for the development of independent Kazakhstan. So we'll be building our future together and under the leadership of Nursultan Nazarbayev," Yertysbayev said.

He also said the 70-year-old Nazarbayev has no doubt he will win the April 3 vote, a year ahead of schedule.

Calls for a referendum to extend Nazarbayev's rule until 2020 were voiced in Kazakhstan late last year, but the proposal was rejected by both the president and the Constitutional Court.

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