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TUNIS (AP) - Tunisia's election commission has issued the final results of the Oct. 23 national election, confirming the dominant position of the Islamist Ennahda Party.

The once banned movement has taken 89 out of 217 seats in the newly elected assembly, which will write the fledgling democracy's new constitution and appoint an interim government ahead of new elections in the next year or so.

The Oct. 23 election was held nine months after Tunisians overthrew President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, who had ruled with an iron fist for 23 years.

The Tunisian uprising inspired similar pro-democracy movements elsewhere around the region, setting off what has been called the Arab Spring in the Middle East.

Ennahda has pledged to preserve Tunisia's progressive legislation on women's rights.

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