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DEAUVILLE, France, May 27 (Reuters) - Tunisia could postpone its July election by a few weeks due to technical issues, Prime Minister Beji Caid Sebsi said on Friday.

Sebsi told a news conference at the Group of Eight summit in the northern French seaside town of Deauville that the electoral commission could suggest a delay of a few weeks.

"Maybe we need more time for elections that are beyond reproach," he said. The government has scheduled a vote for July 24 but election officials have said it should take place on Oct. 16 to allow more time for preparations.

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