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CAIRO - (AP) Egypt's ruling generals say foreigners won't be allowed to monitor upcoming elections but there will be Egyptian observers.

The decision was announced Wednesday as the military unveiled a law setting guidelines for Egypt's first post-revolution parliamentary vote.

Maj. Gen. Mamdouh Shaheen, a member of the military council that assumed control of the country after Hosni Mubarak stepped down, says the army will announce a date for the elections by the end of next month.

He says there won't be foreign monitors in order to protect the country's sovereignty.

In a notable change from Mubarak's days, however, he says the judiciary will oversee the process, not the Interior Ministry _ which often fixed the vote to help the ruling party.

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