

French Prime Minister Lecornu Resigns, Deepening Political Turmoil



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Paris, October 6 – France plunged deeper into political crisis on Monday after Prime Minister

Sébastien Lecornu resigned less than a day after announcing his new cabinet. The move marks the

fifth change in France’s premiership within two years, highlighting the growing instability under

President Emmanuel Macron’s administration.

Lecornu, a close ally of Macron, said he stepped down due to a lack of political consensus in the National Assembly, where no party has held an outright majority since the 2024 snap elections.

“Each political party wants the other to adopt its entire program,” he said, adding that compromise had become impossible.

His brief tenure lasting less than a month makes him the shortest serving prime minister in the history of the Fifth Republic. His resignation followed months of gridlock as Macron’s centrist alliance failed to secure the votes needed to govern effectively.

Far right leader Marine Le Pen, head of the National Rally (RN), swiftly called for new national elections, accusing Macron of prolonging chaos. Le Pen urged the president to dissolve parliament, arguing that only a fresh vote could restore legitimacy and stability.

France’s political deadlock has worsened amid rising public debt, a ballooning budget deficit and declining investor confidence. The U.S. credit ratings agency Fitch recently downgraded France’s rating, citing increased political fragmentation and fiscal deterioration.

The crisis follows the ousting of former Prime Minister François Bayrou in September after a no confidence vote over his failed austerity plan. Analysts warn that the repeated collapse of governments risks undermining France’s economic position within the European Union as Macron struggles to restore authority ahead of future elections.

