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## **FRENCH PM MICHEL BARNIER VERY FOCUSED IN FORMING HIS NEW GOVERNEMENT**

### **HE MIGHT SUCCEED AGAINST ALL ODDS**

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**USPA NEWS** - New pointed Prime Minister, as he was awaited, like a messy, Michel Barnier is very focused in forming a new government, It is not a piece of cake, because the more he meets applicants, the less he gets enthusiasm from the left, right and center political wings to jump on a Minister's chair...PM Barnier has no other solution than to form a government of national unity, that is to say by practicing "strength in numbers" and bringing together members of each of the political parties representing the current Parliament, whose National Assembly is fractured. Indeed, 1/3 of the deputies are from the left, 1/3 from the extreme right and 1/3 with 1/3 from the center grouping together

As for the right with 46 deputies, it is a minority and dispersed, (whose group leader is Laurent Wauquiez, former president of the Auvergne Rhone Alpes region)

This is the least risky solution, thus avoiding potential motions of censure when reading his general policy speech, if the opposition parties themselves are part of the government they will not be able to censor themselves!

### **PRIME MINISTER BARNIER SHOULD FORM A UNITED NATION'S GOVERNMENT**

By asking the question to his new press director, we did not receive a frank answer, although his body language agreed with my question to create a government of national unity, proportionally to the number of deputies of each parliamentary group....

Bringing together all the majority parties, especially those of the National Assembly, is the only viable solution to this insoluble equation given that no party has an absolute majority (i.e.

Unless he is equipped with a magic wand, Michel Barnier, as a successful Brexit negotiator, will rather be armed with his talent as a tightrope walker to avoid the threatening motions of censure from the opposition (especially from the RN, Marine Le Pen's party, already holding 143 deputies)... and all this will require Michel Barnier to be both an excellent tightrope walker, juggling between the different political parties (already fractured internally, with regard to, among others, the left of NFP, composed of Socialists, Ecologists, Communists, Far Left LFI...), facing an omnipresent President Emmanuel Macron, who must free himself from the previous Macronist's government team and at the same time tame the budget by boosting the public debt exceeding 3100 billion euros... without announcing new taxes. It takes more than just efficiency and strategic mind to face all these odds, it'll take guts and patience, as Michel Barnier bravely just accepted to be the next Prime Minister of France.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF DEPUTIES OF THE FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

The French people solemnly proclaim their attachment to the Rights of Man and the principles of national sovereignty as defined by the Declaration of 1789, confirmed and complemented by the Preamble to the Constitution of 1946, and to the rights and duties as defined in the Charter for the Environment of 2004.

By virtue of these principles and that of the self-determination of peoples, the Republic offers to the overseas territories which have expressed the will to adhere to them new institutions founded on the common ideal of liberty, equality and fraternity and conceived for the purpose of their democratic development.

The deputies are elected by direct universal suffrage, by a two-round majority single-member ballot by all French people aged at least eighteen years, enjoying their civil and political rights and not being in a case of incapacity provided for by law.

Source: French National Assembly

Since the legislative elections held last July, none of the political parties has won the absolute majority 289 Seats out of the total of 577 seats. Here is the distribution of the different parties, as they are spread in the National Assembly, nearly ungovernable.

(LEFT) NFP (NEW POPULAR FRONT)

180 SEATS

La France insoumise (LFI)

Socialist Party  
EELV

71 SEATS La France insoumise (LFI, Far LEFT)  
64 SEATS Socialist Party  
33 SEATS Ecologist Party -(EELV)  
9 SEATS Communist Party (PCF)  
3 SEATS OTHER

(CENTRE) ENSEMBLE (TOGETHER) FOR THE REPUBLIC  
163 SEATS  
Renaissance  
MoDem  
HOR  
98 SEATS Renaissance (Macron's Party)  
34 SEATS Mo DEM (Center Right, Bayrou's Party)  
26 SEATS Mo Horizon (Center Right Philippe's Party)  
4 SEATS OTHER  
1 SEAT Union of Independants Democrats (UDI)

NATIONAL RALLY& ALLIES  
143 SEATS  
National Rally  
126 SEATS National Rally (Le Pen's Party)  
17 SEATS Ally-Republican-(Ciotti's Party)

THE REPUBLICANS  
Diverse Right  
39 SEATS Les Républicains  
25 SEATS Diverse Right  
2 sièges Union of Democrats et independents

OTHER  
25 SEATS

Diverse LEFT  
Régionaliste  
12 SEATS Diverse Left  
10 SEATS Regionalist  
2 SEATS Diverse Center  
1 SEAT Diverse

The outgoing presidential majority (composed of Renaissance, MoDem and Horizons) has not managed to avoid a sharp drop in its contingent of deputies. Before the dissolution, the three centrist parties had 250 elected representatives in the National Assembly. In the meantime, they have lost nearly 100, with 166 deputies now. This still makes them the second largest bloc within the new hemicycle. Behind the left-wing coalition, but ahead of the far right, which again the various pre-election opinion surveys did not

suggest.

The presidential party, Renaissance, has seen the sharpest drop in the number of seats among the allies of the former presidential majority, with 99 elected representatives now compared to 169 before the dissolution (-70). François Bayrou's MoDem also lost a good number of deputies (-14), counting 36 at the beginning of the new term, while Horizons stabilized (31 seats, as many as before the dissolution).

Renaissance and its allies had already come in second place in the European elections of June 9, 2024. The list led by Valérie Hayer had collected 14.6% of the votes. Enough to ensure it 13 seats in the European Parliament. Source Touteleurope

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