
DUTCH PM MARK RUTTE NARROWLY SURVIVES NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE

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Dutch caretaker Prime Minister Mark Rutte defended his leadership on Thursday after notes on forming the new coalition government contradicted his statements to the press.

He narrowly survived a no-confidence vote in parliament, after opposition party leaders accused Rutte of lying and called on him to resign as lawmakers debated confidence in him to form a new Cabinet.

Earlier this month, Rutte's center-right People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD) secured more parliament seats in the election than any other party, putting them in prime position to lead a new coalition government.

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