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BELARUS OPPOSITION SPLITS AS LEADERS FORM NEW PARTIES

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The Belarusian opposition is splintering, with Pavel Latushko, a former diplomat and minister now in exile, announcing the formation of a new political party on Thursday.

The party doesnt yet have a name, but it signals that the broad front created by opposition leader Svetlana Tikhanovskaya is divided after months of fruitless protests aimed at removing authoritarian leader Alexander Lukashenko from power.

We are building a multi-party system in which the citizens of Belarus will have a real choice among political parties, Latushko said in an online video message.

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