
SWEDISH POLITICAL STORM OVER RENT REFORM

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Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven has been given 48 hours to resolve a spat over draft legislation aimed at liberalising the rental market by the leader of opposition Left Party Nooshi Dadgostar, who threatened to otherwise withdraw support from the Social Democrat-Green minority government.

The ultimatum comes after the government and two opposition parties, the Christian Democrats and the Moderate Party, agreed on a draft bill to liberalise the rental market in a bid to ease the housing shortage. Rents would be based on negotiations between landlords and tenants. The new system would be applied to flats built after 2022.

However, the Left Party sees the plan as increasing tenants insecurity. Dadgostars threat on Tuesday (15 June) could be seen as an attempt to topple Löfvens government ahead of elections scheduled for 2022.

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