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CZECH PM BABIS' PARTY READY TO GO INTO OPPOSITION

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The ANO party (Renew) led by Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babiš is prepared to go into opposition after it was narrowly defeated in parliamentary elections, several senior members of the party have confirmed.

ANO does not want to block the handover of power to a new government. The winning conservative coalition SPOLU (Together) with centre-left Pirates and Mayors & Independents already signed a memorandum on cooperation and could hold a majority of 108 seats in the 200-seat parliament.

However, Babiš on Tuesday said that Czech President Miloš Zeman had promised to nominate him to form the government, he said that repeatedly and it is purely up to me whether I will accept this nomination or not, Babiš said.

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