
MACRON SWEATS UNDER GROWING PRESSURE TO APPOINT PRIME MINISTER

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Embattled French President Emmanuel Macron was widely expected to appoint a prime minister over the weekend — but he did not yield.

Instead, he'll hold talks at the Elysée Palace Monday morning with former Presidents Nicolas Sarkozy and François Hollande, Xavier Bertrand, a leading figure from conservative party Les Républicains, and former Socialist PM Bernard Cazeneuve, who emerged as a front-runner to head the French government.

After weeks of deepening political crisis, Macron is under increasing pressure — including from his allies — to appoint a prime minister, nearly two months after his camp came in second during the surprise snap election he called in June.

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