
FRANCE IS SET TO VOTE OUT ANOTHER PM. CAN ANYTHING BREAK ITS POLITICAL DEADLOCK?

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France's parliament □ deadlocked for a year and more poisonously divided than it has been in decades – looks set to throw out yet another prime minister on Monday.

But the acute sense of drama surrounding this latest vote of confidence inside Paris's Assemblée Nationale is counterbalanced by a despondent consensus that the almost inevitable removal of 74-year-old François Bayrou, after nine relatively ineffectual months in office, will do nothing to break France's political stalemate.

"It's a disaster. The situation is absolutely blocked," veteran political commentator Bruno Cautrès told the BBC.

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