
NO-ONE GETS FRANCE'S DIFFICULTY MORE THAN ME, SAYS MACRON'S NEW PM BAYROU

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Centrist leader François Bayrou has become France's latest prime minister, chosen by President Emmanuel Macron in a bid to end months of political turmoil.

Bayrou, a 73-year-old mayor from the south-west who leads the MoDem party, said he was fully aware of the "Himalayan" task facing France, and he vowed to "hide nothing, neglect nothing and leave nothing aside".

He is seen by Macron's entourage as a potential consensus candidate and his task will be to avoid the fate of his predecessor.

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