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## ROMANIAN PRIME MINISTER RESIGNS AMID RULING COALITION'S POST-PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION FALLOUT

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*Romanian PM Marcel Ciolacu stepped down after Crin Antonescu failed to reach the presidential election runoff, further fracturing the ruling coalition amid political turmoil.*

Marcel Ciolacu resigned as Romanian prime minister on Monday, a day after the ruling big tent coalition candidate Crin Antonescu failed to secure a spot in the presidential election runoff.

Ciolacu already offered his resignation last December after not qualifying for the second round of the embattled, cancelled elections, which saw ultranationalist candidate Calin Georgescu come from nowhere to win the first round.

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