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MERZ JUST LOST THE VOTE TO BE GERMAN CHANCELLOR. WHAT NEXT?

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Friedrich Merzs dramatic German parliament defeat in a vote to make him chancellor is yet more evidence of the fragility of his coalition.

The loss is not fatal 's another vote is likely to take place within days 's but the outcome is humiliating for a politician who was already struggling to retain support two months after the countrys election, and amid brickbats hurled by the administration of U.S. President Donald Trump.

Merz was six votes short of the 316 MPs he needed on Tuesday to be sworn in.

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