

France's National Assembly votes 'no confidence' in Prime Minister Michel Barnier

Dec. 4 (UPI) — French Prime Minister Michel Barnier lacks the confidence of France's National Assembly, which on Wednesday night voted to force his resignation while approving a "no-confidence" motion.

A coalition of right- and left-leaning ministers voted 331 to 247 to approve a no-confidence motion and force Barnier, 73, to resign.

Barnier's removal comes just three months after he became prime minister in September. He held the office for the shortest time in French history.

Barnier's removal signals a collapse of the French government, which will be run by the remnants of Barnier's cabinet until President Emmanuel Macron names a new prime minister to form a new government.

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