



## The News

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It was the victory that took everyone by surprise, yesterday the Nouveau Front Populaire defied the polls to come in first in the second round of the legislative elections. The NFP took 180 seats, with just under 170 going to the presidential coalition and 143 for the Rassemblement National and allies. Jordan Bardella's party came first in the first round, but this time came up against the centrist "Republican front". Last night, Bardella slammed what he called the "alliance of dishonour" claiming it will throw France into the arms of the far left and Jean-Luc Mélenchon.

The leader of France Insoumise was the first to speak after the results last night, insisting that the President now must call on the Nouveau Front Populaire to govern. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Gabriel Attal is due to submit his resignation this morning, although it is uncertain whether Emmanuel Macron will accept it or not. The Prime Minister could stay in office for the next few weeks, particularly in light of the upcoming Olympic Games.

Also in the results, François Hollande returns to the seat that he occupied between 1997 and 2012. The former president was elected as representative for Corrèze. Gerald Darmanin also won in the North, Elizabeth Borne in Calvados and François Ruffin in the Somme.

After the results, thousands of people gathered in the streets of different cities such as Paris, Lyon and Nantes. There were some clashes with police. One police officer was taken to hospital after a Molotov cocktail exploded.

And finally, today the results of this year's baccalaureate exams will be published. The time that the results are released depend on the different academies. To anyone who is waiting on those results today, all the best of luck.