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# FRENCH PM FRANCOIS BAYROU APPOINTED HIS NEW GOVERNEMNT OF 35 MINISTERS

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**USPA NEWS -** More than ten days after his appointment, the list of ministers was still not finalized. Discussions between François Bayrou and Emmanuel Macron continued, at the whim of meetings with party leaders at Matignon received by the new Prime Minister. Today the government was finally announced, by Alexis Kohler, Secretary General of the Elysee, before Christmas, as promised by Francois Bayrou, trying to form a balanced government, respecting the requirements of transparency and political alliances, while also taking into account gender equity parity, counting thirty five (35) ministers all together .

PM BAYROU ANSWERED JOURNALIST QUESTIONS DURING TELEVISED INTERVIEW

Prime Minister Francois Bayrou answered journalists during a televised interview, during which he explained that he was open to discussions with the opposition. Contrary to appearances, the current PM François Bayrou is not in a situation of cohabitation with the President of the Republic Emmanuel Macron, because his centrist party MODEM has always contributed since 2017 to building its base of deputies of the presidential majority. In the National Assembly. Today, the MODEM has only …deputies, versus the …of RN and NFP. Hence the insoluble equation that the National Assembly currently represents (the upper house is as much to it represented by a majority of Right-wing senators (number). The subject that creates tension at NFP is the pension reform that they want to see completely repealed. However, this is the only reform that will have marked the reign of Emmanuel Macron, and was to be registered as emblematic. François Bayrou refused to suspend the controversial pension reform of 2023, but said he was open to reopening discussions, which divides the political forces.

On the other hand, since Cyclone Chido hit the Comoros Islands, a French territory in the Indian Ocean, almost the entire island has been destroyed, causing a lot of damage and casualties and an indeterminate number of deaths and injuries to date, and criticism of its management. The survivors see themselves as very modest houses, even slums for some illegal immigrants settled on the island, now lack access to drinking water, food, medicines, care and new infrastructures to rebuild
Indeed François Bayrou was criticized for his management of priorities, in particular for having chaired a municipal council in Pau (François Bayrou is also mayor of the city of Pau) instead of going to Mayotte after the devastating cyclone, pushing him to urgently appoint a new government to urgently deal with this priority in the face of the enormous damage caused by this natural disaster in a small part of France, located opposite the island of Reunion... a few miles from the African continent….To be continued,

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