
NORTH MACEDONIA COALITION PARTIES URGE ZAEV TO RECONSIDER RESIGNATION

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The parliamentary majority behind the Social Democrat-led government is small but remains firm, all the governments partner parties insisted on Monday after meeting Prime Minister Zoran Zaev, who has announced his resignation following the defeat of his party at Sundays local elections. The parties said they have pleaded with Zaev, who also said on Sunday that he will resign as the Social Democrats leader, to reconsider his decision and stay.

The participants at the meeting concluded together that the country does not need early general elections because they would only plunge the country into a political, economic, social and security crisis, and would also stall the European integration processes, the parties in the governing coalition said in a joint press release after meeting at the government headquarters in Skopje. Artan Grubi, the governments first vice-president, from the junior ruling Democratic Union for Integration, DUI, told media that all the partners in the government were absolutely against Zaevs resignation, because we think it was a rushed decision * He should continue leading the government and carry out the policies, because a stable and predictable government is what the citizens are expecting.

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