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VIETNAM'S SECURITY CHIEF TO LAM BECOMES NEW PRESIDENT

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Vietnams rubber-stamp parliament has approved public security minister To Lam as the countrys new president after a major anticorruption campaign forced his predecessor to resign.

In line with the one-party states usual procedures, the National Assembly voted unanimously on a resolution that approved 66-year-old Lams election after a secret ballot in which he was the only candidate for the job. The vote followed his nomination by the ruling Communist Party last week.

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