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FRANCE'S 'COLONIAL STRATEGY' BLAMED FOR DIVISION IN TROUBLED NEW CALEDONIA

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Three months after the French Pacific territory was rocked by a wave of unrest, an uneasy calm has returned.

The debris has been cleared from the streets of New Caledonias capital Noumea, but the shells of torched buildings are a continued reminder of the unrest that rocked the French territory in the Pacific nearly three months ago.

The May protests were sparked by Pariss backing for electoral reforms in the territory that proindependence supporters say would have diluted the Indigenous Kanak communitys influence at the ballot box.

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