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## **BULGARIA SCHEDULES APRIL ELECTION AS INTERIM CABINET ASSUMES POWER**

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Bulgarias new interim government, led by Andrey Gyurov, assumed power on Wednesday, as snap general elections were scheduled for April 19 – the eighth in Bulgaria since 2021.

The elections follow the collapse of the controversial coalition led by the centre-right GERB, including the Bulgarian Socialist Party and Theres Such a People, and backed by the tycoon Delyan Peevskis New Beginning.

The cabinet resigned in December under pressure from the biggest protests in decades, triggered by an unpopular draft annual budget.

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