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## The French government is going through a storm

### French Prime Minister reshuffles

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**USPA NEWS** - Manuel Valls prime minister reshuffles his team after losing his economy minister, a heavyweight. After the announcement of the resignation of Arnaud Montebourg, Benoit Hamon the Minister of Education, has also just declared during Prime Time at France 2 TV : "I will not attend the new government".

Benoit Hamon, Minister of Education, has also just declared during Prime Time on Journal at France 2 TV, "I will not attend the new government of Manuel Valls, because it would have been inconsistent for me to stay in government when I expressed my disagreement with the economic and social policy". It is a decision that falls badly and will not help reassure parents, at few days of back school.

The French President of the Republic is accusing the thunderclap of the explosion within his own government, with stoicism as he simultaneously went along the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of liberation, in the pouring rain! François Hollande had also detailed "Key ads", and said that "The choice can not be discussed again whenever a quarterly index is known" in an interview to the Journal Le Monde last August 20th (See interview in [www.lemonde.fr](http://www.lemonde.fr)).

Arnaud Montebourg had his side gave an interview to the same newspaper (see section [www.lemonde.fr](http://www.lemonde.fr)) 3 days after defying the President, in the same newspaper where he called for a change of course and says "Give priority to the exit from crisis and to overshadow the dogmatic deficit reduction, which leads to austerity and unemployment. "Is it a bang of too maybe?"

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The violent thunderclap coming from the island of Sein, hit very hard and very quickly, because after all these adventures, together with the statements criticizing the government during the celebration of the "Festival of rose" in Frangy en Bresse (See article), François Hollande has called up on Prime Minister Manuel Valls to compose a new government "In keeping with the guidelines," according to the Elysee.

François Hollande, the President of Republic, wanted the presence of the Elysée adviser present at the meeting of the new government, in order to ensure greater transparency in the method of transmitting the message to the French people and their Ministers and elected representatives.

"A direction, a method, a clear message," these are the new requirements sought by the president. The new government is now labeled the "Valls II" by French media, akin to a "government of clarity" that supersedes the previous "Valls I" of last April revision Government of combat." (Replacing the Jean Marc Ayrault former PM, government since 2012)".

### The new government Valls II

Arnaud Montebourg said "By finding back my freedom I will work with the French. I am pleased that the Prime Minister has agreed to give me back my freedom." The impetuous minister is as effective as provocative, bowing out today by leaving his headquarters economy ministry to his "Friend of long date, with whom I worked, once himself from the Elysée and me from here at the Economy Department".

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Aurélie Filippetti culture minister also announced his resignation in a letter addressed to the President and the Prime Minister justifying "I prefer loyalty to my political ideals rather than the solidarity of the members of the government." She also made her handover to Fleur Pellerin (See article <http://www.uspa24.com/bericht-2356/the-french-touch-in-new-york.html>) former Minister external commerce during the official ceremony.

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Benoit Hamon, accomplice of Arnaud Montebourg, who originated the storm of Frangy en Bresse (See article <http://www.uspa24.com/bericht-2622/the-french-minister-of-economy-resigns.html>), also resigned stating that he does not wish to continue in this government, given the sanction that should apply him as strong as his accomplice at D Day of the Rose.

He was replaced by Najat Vallaud Belkacem, former Minister of Sports and Youth, the youngest of the government and considered "most loyal" as quoted by the French media, with respect to the President and Prime Minister, which would have earned him his promotional reward.

Meanwhile the rest of the political class in France...

Martine Aubry, seems absent from the political scene left as she was Minister of Labour from 1991 to 1993 (The origin of the law of 35 hours of labor reform) and the challenger Francois Hollande primary election PS. (Arnaud Montebourg was the initiator of this type of innovative and unprecedented vote in 2011 was came in third with 17%). Martine Aubry is the second favourite politician leader of Socialist Party, behind Segolene Royal N°1, while Arnaud Montebourg is rated N°3. She was the first secretary general of the Socialist Party from 2008 to 2011.

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The environmentalist party EELV, (Usually in alliance with the left wing) said it had voted unanimously for a non-participation in government departments if proposals arose. At the vanguard of this movement by the person of rebellious Cécile Duflot former minister of housing and equal territories who resigned in March 2014, through being often at odds with his own executive. Then she declined a position as No. 2 during the government reshuffle (Passage of Manuel Valls replacing Jean Marc Ayrault Prime Minister in April 2014, and declared:" The ideas (M Valls) is not an adequate response to French responses".

François Fillon (Former Prime Minister Nicolas Sarkozy) a leader of the right wing said, "The dissolution of the National Assembly is now plausible." "The return to the people, yes, but cohabitation, no."

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Some members of the UMP, obviously wish that the Assembly be dissolved, given the fragile majority of the left (290 MPs to vote as the majority requires 289 votes) because many Socialists deputies have created a "group of rebellious" ... The question remains to be whether the right wing is really ready to govern ad hoc, knowing that the UMP, has not yet an official leader at the head of their party.

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Arnaud Montebourg left for other battles, now out of the storm

That may get lost up to be forgotten himself reaching the sacrifice is may be the best way for Arnaud Montebourg to stay away from the politics for a while, even if he knows he will remain in the media arena. This is for sure, not only because he generates the hearing but arouses admiration for his brave choice and commitment to tackle the difficult tasks of rescue French industrial heritage. Moreover, this piece of work that he launched leave an after taste of unfinished business in "productive Recovery" in his battles.

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Arnaud Montebourg is a martyr or the hero of the Left of his own destiny because he seems convinced that his destiny is drawn and of the need for commitment (He engaged to politics to 19) led by its ideology : To serve his people in particular France in general. But as one of his predecessors political rebellious (From Right) Charles de Gaulle, who also resigned in 1969 (After the 1968 protests in opposition to the bill to reform the Senate for the regionalization of the country), but he has indeed at that time proclaimed as a metaphor "France has lost a battle but not the war" \*!

Arnaud Montebourg, who (aware or not) generated a major political storm within his own government, ended a conclusion by a provocative new fad in his handover adding his touch. He caters with an eye friendly at Emmanuel Macron the new economy minister, in an almost fatherly tone. "One has to leave the stage when cannot longer playing the comedy.

And if I have one advice for you in politics, the best weapon is sincerity and if you know how to use it you will see everyone will follow you "

That was a reverence sharp and full of innuendos, as if to say I'm still here although I quit the arena to stop pretending, unless predicting the occupation of another form of space podium, while enjoying the last glimpse of the official tribune at Bercy.

What will be the next battle of soldier Montebourg? Because he has accustomed the audience to already gone to war as stated by General de Gaulle, "We lost a battle but not the war." To be continued"

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\*(Following the call of the June 8, 1940, plastered by clandestine newspapers in London during the Second World War).

\*\*The General De Gaulle led a government in exile and the Free French Forces (composed of French soldiers in Britain)

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