

France votes for National Assembly

Just over a month after Nicolas Sarkozy won the French presidency, beating Socialist candidate Segolene Royal, Sarkozy's UMP party is poised to clinch a huge majority in legislative elections, giving him the power to push through his programme of ambitious reforms



ELECTIONS, June 10/17

Two-round voting based on constituencies. Second round held in seats where no candidate wins absolute majority in first round

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

577 members elected for five-year terms

Propose and amend laws – can submit governments to confidence vote



● Prime Minister **Francois Fillon:**

Says any of 11 ministers running for parliament, including himself, must give up their cabinet seat if they lose



VOTING INTENTIONS*

UNION FOR A POPULAR MOVEMENT

(UMP): 420-460 seats

Current seats: 359

SOCIALIST PARTY:

80-120

Current: 149

COMMUNIST PARTY:

9-15

Current: 21

DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT

New party formed by centrist **Francois Bayrou**, who came in third in presidential race: **0-4**

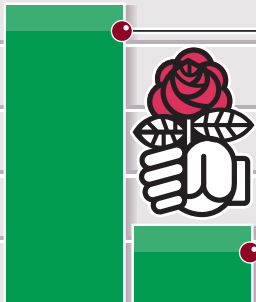
GREENS: 0-2

Current: 3

MOVEMENT FOR FRANCE:

2

Current: 2



*According to IFOP poll, Jun 3

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