

Macron slams two-term limit on French presidency as ‘damnable bullshit’

Макрон назвав обмеження на два терміни президентства Франції "проклятою дурницею"

Президент Франції Емманюель Макрон під час зустрічі з лідерами партії розкритикував конституційне обмеження у два терміни, яке означає, що він повинен піти у відставку у 2027 році, як «прокляту фігню». За словами лідера ультралівих Жан-Люка Меланшона, Макрон сказав, що те, що ніхто не може бути переобраний, це «проклята фігня», слова, які також підтвердили двоє учасників. У Франції президенти не можуть обиратися більш ніж на два п'ятирічні терміни, а це означає, що Макрон стане наймолодшим колишнім президентом країни, йому лише 49 років. Кінцевий термін викликав питання щодо того, чи влада президента Франції вже слабшає як його союзників і прихильників починають дивитися в майбутнє без нього за кермом.

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French president vents his frustration in a 12-hour marathon of talks with opposition leaders.

French President Emmanuel Macron slammed the two-term constitutional limit that means he must step down in 2027 as “damnable bullshit” in comments at a meeting with party leaders on Wednesday. According to the far-left leader Jean-Luc Mélenchon, Macron said it was “damnable bullshit that one could not be reelected,” words that were also confirmed to the AFP news agency by two participants. In France, presidents cannot be elected for more than two five-year terms, which means Macron is set to become the country’s youngest former president, aged only 49. The deadline has raised questions over whether the French president’s power is already waning as his allies and supporters start looking ahead to a future without him at the helm. Macron was first elected in 2017 and was reelected in 2022, following a presidential campaign overshadowed by Russia’s war in Ukraine.

Macron reportedly expressed his frustration at France’s rules at a meeting he called with party leaders from across the political spectrum to discuss possible policy areas they could work on. Currently, the French government often faces a gridlocked parliament because Macron’s allies do not have a majority in the National Assembly. The French president and party leaders spent 12 hours locked in talks Wednesday, without access to their phones, to discuss a range of topics including Ukraine, inflation, purchasing power and institutional reform. The president was reportedly responding to a proposal by far-right leader Jordan Bardella, who was suggesting France switch to a single seven-year presidential term. This is not the first time that a member of Macron’s camp has expressed frustration at the two-term limit. In June, the former parliamentary speaker Richard Ferrand said he was against the rules as they limit “the expression of popular will.” His comments were slammed by both the political right and the left, with some accusing the presidential camp of drifting toward authoritarianism. The French presidential palace declined to comment on Macron’s remarks.