

# *French President Dissolves Government over Austerity Spat*

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Paris, August 26 (RHC)-- France is in the midst of a political crisis after a dispute over harsh austerity policies caused the president to dissolve the government.

President Francois Hollande took action after his economy minister harshly criticized the government's policies and urged them to resist what he termed Germany's "obsession" with austerity.

German-backed economic measures have crippled economies and sparked mass protests across Europe.

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