

Senegal's Political Shake-Up: From Prime Minister to Speaker, and New Cabinet

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1. In May 2026, Senegalese President Bassirou Diomaye Faye dismissed Prime Minister Ousmane Sonko. What was a primary reason cited for this dismissal?

- A) Disagreements over foreign policy direction and alliances.
- B) Fundamental disagreements regarding debt management and financial transparency.**
- C) Sonko's alleged involvement in corruption scandals.
- D) A conflict over the prosecution of figures from the previous regime.

2. Following his dismissal as Prime Minister, Ousmane Sonko made a significant political comeback. What new position did he assume shortly after his removal from the premiership?

- A) Minister of Foreign Affairs
- B) President of the Constitutional Court
- C) Speaker of the National Assembly**
- D) Minister of Finance

3. Who was appointed as the new Prime Minister of Senegal after Ousmane Sonko's dismissal in May 2026?

- A) Bassirou Diomaye Faye
- B) Macky Sall
- C) Ahmadou Al Aminou Lo**
- D) Cheikh Diba

4. What significant event occurred in November 2024 that reshaped the parliamentary landscape in Senegal?

- A) A presidential election was held.
- B) Early legislative elections were called after the dissolution of the National Assembly.**
- C) A constitutional referendum was conducted.
- D) Local elections were held across the country.

5. The PASTEF party, led by Ousmane Sonko, achieved a decisive victory in the November 2024 legislative elections. How many seats did they secure in the 165-member National Assembly?

- A) 90
- B) 110
- C) 130**
- D) 150

6. Ahmadou Al Aminou Lo, the new Prime Minister appointed in May 2026, has a background primarily in which field before entering frontline politics?

- A) Military strategy
- B) Education and academia
- C) Technocratic and financial circles, particularly as a central banker**
- D) Journalism and media

7. What major economic issue has been a point of contention and a contributing factor to the political tensions in Senegal, particularly between President Faye and former Prime Minister Sonko?

- A) Rapidly falling inflation rates
- B) A significant decrease in foreign investment
- C) The country's substantial public debt burden**
- D) A surplus in the national budget

8. In the context of the 2024 presidential election postponement crisis, which body declared President Macky Sall's decree to postpone the election unconstitutional, urging for elections to be held as soon as possible?

- A) The National Assembly
- B) The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
- C) The Supreme Court
- D) The Constitutional Council**