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Latvia Gets New President

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RIGA, Latvia — Latvia's new president was sworn in Friday at a time of political turmoil in the small Baltic country where voters could soon decide to dissolve parliament.

Andris Berzins, 66, defeated outgoing President Valdis Zatlers in a parliamentary ballot last month.

The vote came just days after Zatlers called a referendum on dissolving the legislature, which he said was controlled by wealthy oligarchs. It was the first time in Latvia's 20-year, post-Soviet history that a president had used that power.

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