

Moldovan Ruling Coalition Threatened With Collapse

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CHISINAU — The pro-Western bloc that has run Moldova since 2009 appears headed for collapse after Prime Minister Vlad Filat denounced the founding coalition agreement and accused his allies of corruption.

Filat, leader of the Liberal Democratic Party and prime minister since 2009, said Wednesday that his party would no longer adhere to the coalition deal with its partners, the Liberal Party and the Democratic Party.

The implosion of the three-party Alliance for European Integration could trigger a snap election and slow the country's progress toward agreements on political association and free trade with the European Union.

Such turmoil could also hurt an economy already weakened by falling European demand for major Moldovan products, such as wine, and stall talks with the breakaway Transdniestria region.

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