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Just got this info from daniel rubenstein who spoke to [redacted]  
Per [redacted] and his closest advisor:

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A) resignation of whole government (not just the PM) will be announced tomorrow as part of the long-brewing process to have a government reshuffle (talks about which are ongoing)

B) this is neither a negative nor dramatic development

C) he will continue on as caretaker

D) he will stay on in new government once formed unless line-up that results from the negotiations go really south

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