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(SBU) PM Cowen will continue to serve in his capacity as prime minister, according to press. Embassy Dublin reports Cowen is not expected to survive a no-confidence vote in the legislature January 25 or 26.

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