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BEIRUT (AP) - Lebanon's president accepted the resignation of Western-backed Prime Minister Saad Hariri's Cabinet following the resignation of Hezbollah ministers and their allies, which forced the government to collapse.

President Michel Suleiman's office said in a statement that the president asked Hariri to continue managing the country's day-to-day affairs in a caretaker capacity until a new cabinet is formed.

Consultations over the choice of a new prime minister were to begin January 13.

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