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POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY IN GUINEA BISSAU: DYNAMICS THREATENING DEMOCRATIC CONSOLIDATION AND NATIONAL STABILITY

1.0 BACKGROUND
In the past 15 months, Guinea Bissau has seen embedded in political crisis arising from tensions and disputes between the Executive, Prime Minister and the People's National Assembly (PNA). This has led to the dissolution of three different governments within the period, hindering political consolidation and threats to the democratic future of the country. The current political

influx to support Carlos Correia as the new Prime Minister in September 2015. However, disagreements over the formation of a new government led to a confrontation between the President and Prime Minister Correia. The political crisis escalated in December 2015 when 15 Members of Parliament (MPs) from the PNA submitted a letter to the President, signed by 15 MPs, calling for the resignation of the current government and the

on the Prime Minister on May 26, 2016 via a presidential decree. Subsequent appointments by members of the ruling PNA and opposition around the presidential palace in Bissau, with few people reportedly sustaining injuries.
Despite the warnings of a new cabinet by Prime Minister Basilio Dió on June 2, 2016, the tension continued to increase in Guinea Bissau with members of the

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