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Marine Le Pen, leader of France's far-right National Rally, announced her 2027 presidential campaign. She was previously sidelined from running due to being convicted of stealing taxpayer money.

Details. On July 7, French far-right leader Marine Le Pen of the National Rally [announced](#) that she will participate in the 2027 presidential election. Earlier that day, a French appeals court suspended the remaining 30 months of her disqualification, seeking a "[proportional penalty](#)" and to maintain "[democratic principles](#)".

► Le Pen was [convicted](#) for misusing European Union funds in a fake jobs scam and was initially sentenced to [four years in prison](#), [60-month disqualification](#) and a [huge fine](#). This penalty was later reduced to [45 months](#) – 15 of which she has already served – and a year of [wearing](#) an electronic ankle monitor.

► In recent presidential election polls, about [36%](#) will vote for Marine Le Pen in the first round, while no opponent surpassed 19%. In the [run-off](#), Le Pen remains the projected winner against both Emmanuel Macron's former prime ministers – Edouard Philippe and Gabriel Attal – and opportunist "leftist" Jean-Luc Mélenchon. Macron himself [cannot run](#) again due to a two-term limit.

Context. [Fascization](#) and [sharpening](#) inter-imperialist contradictions have led to the [collapse](#) of International norms and have shattered the image of "respectable" bourgeois officials. The current tendency lies in the promotion of controversial politicians.

► Donald Trump became US president despite being [convicted](#) on 34 felony counts of falsifying business records, [leading](#) an attempted coup after losing the 2020 election – charges dropped after his return to power – and close involvement with [Epstein](#), including [using](#) the state to suppress publication of the files. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has [delayed](#) his corruption trial since 2020. British Prince Andrew [faced](#) uncharged pedophilia and Epstein-trafficking allegations, while former UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer [promoted](#) an Epstein associate to a top diplomatic post.

► Ongoing [militarization](#) and [fascization](#) under "liberal" President Macron have already laid the groundwork for France's far-right rise. In 2024, the National Rally won a [31%](#) majority of the French seats in the European Parliament and held a [34%](#) polling lead for potential domestic legislative elections. In February of this year, French mainstream media [called](#) a slain fascist activist "a martyr", and parliament [held](#) a minute of silence to honor him.

► In just two years, [six](#) French governments have collapsed, and Macron has replaced [seven](#) prime ministers during his term. Unpopular policies, worsening living conditions and police violence triggered numerous [protests](#), [strikes](#) and [riots](#). This ongoing political chaos is precisely what the National Rally [seeks](#) to exploit.