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A commune that wants to stay on the left

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For the third consecutive time, since the local elections in 2007, the PST cam out on top in the commune of Barbacha on Thursday 23 November, with 1,483 votes, ahead of the FFS [1] with 1,312 votes, which was close behind but did not manage to win back control of the APC (Communal Popular Assembly).

So Mohand Sadek Akrou, head of the PST list, will begin his second term of office as President of the APC, after a first term from 2007 to 2012. At a meeting last Friday in the market place of the town, the head of the PST list nevertheless appeared optimistic and reassuring concerning the opening of the new assembly. Addressing the new councillors of the FFS and the RCD he said that “far from any party-based alliance”, he was “ready to work hand in hand in the interests of the commune”. In fact, it is being said that discussions are well underway in the local branches of the FFS and the RCD.

We do not know what the two parties are “cooking up” and there is a lot of speculation about the position of each of them, “for” or “against” a unified assembly under Mohand Akrou. Far from political and party considerations, the ordinary citizens of the commune are looking for stability and a fresh start, to make up for lost time and develop the commune. And that is the challenge that faces the President of the APC, his executive and the entire assembly elected last Thursday.

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