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# Vietnam: To Lam Elected as President

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The To Lam, who is the General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam, has been unanimously elected as the President of Vietnam by the National Assembly for a five-year term (2026–2031). The election saw all 495 members present voting in favour, reflecting strong political consensus within the one-party system.

## **Change in Power Structure:**

This development marks a significant shift in Vietnam's political structure, as the positions of Party General Secretary and State President are now held by the same person, which was traditionally separated. This consolidation of power makes To Lam one of the most powerful leaders in Vietnam in recent decades.

## **Key Political Context:**

Vietnam follows a one-party socialist system, where the Communist Party plays a central role in governance. The President is the head of state, elected by the National Assembly for a term of five years.

The election took place during the first session of the 16th National Assembly, formed after the 2026 legislative elections.

## **Profile of To Lam:**

Former Minister of Public Security (2016–2024)

Known for leading anti-corruption campaigns

Re-elected as Party General Secretary in January 2026

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**Key Points:**

Vietnam's political system: One-party socialist republic

Legislature: National Assembly (unicameral)

President: Head of State (5-year term)

Election type: Indirect (by National Assembly)

Capital: Hanoi

Currency: Vietnamese dong

Prime Minister: Lê Minh H?ng