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Eanes: vote essential

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President Eanes, has denied claims that he is seeking to strengthen his powers or to undermine the role of Portugal's political parties.

In a televised speech, in which he explained his decision to dissolve Parliament and call unscheduled elections, the President said that he has honoured his campaign promise to play a neutral role, above party interest. "Dissolving of Parliament was a necessary step towards a stable Parliamentary solution, which we all desire," he said. "It resulted in a vote of no-confidence in a minority Government... we cannot continue with solutions which have proved unstable, and which postpone resolving the basic problem."

The President said: "Real threats exist to Portuguese democracy, the most serious of which is the economic threat."

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