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PM suffers significant stroke, undergoing surgery for intra-cranial bleeding

Spokespersons available for comment and analysis

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was rushed into surgery at Hadassah University Hospital, Ein Karem late Wednesday night, after intra-cranial bleeding was detected, following what doctors described as a "significant stroke."

There was no immediate assessment of the damage he may have suffered, but doctors assessed that Sharon's chances of recovery may not be high.

His responsibilities have been transferred in the interim to Acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, until Sharon returns to full health.

The dramatic downturn in Sharon's health comes as Sharon runs for re-election on March 28 at the head of a new centrist party, Kadima, and he enjoys a wide lead in the polls.

The party's strength is centered on Sharon himself, and if he were forced to leave the scene, Israel's political scene would be thrown into turmoil.

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