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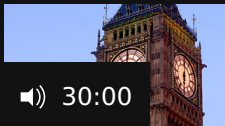
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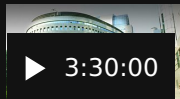
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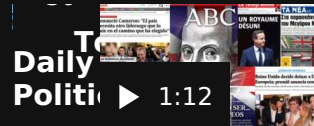
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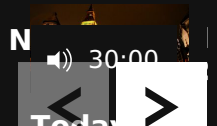
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Bitter exchanges in EU Parliament
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Hunt suggests second referendum
Market pressure eases after Brexit rout

Live reporting

By Aiden James and Gavin Stamp

18:37

Labour MP: Corbyn will stand in any contest



Sky News

Labour MP Graham Allen says Tuesday's no confidence vote in Jeremy Corbyn has "no basis in law or the party's rules", likening it on Sky News "to a testing of the water as if we didn't know what the temperature was".

He says the party now needs to decide if there is going to be a formal leadership contest and he says that "after looking at the rules" - over which there is some disagreement - he believes that Jeremy Corbyn will automatically be allowed to stand again.

There is a risk that the Labour leader could win again and the only way this can be avoided, he adds, is if other candidates get out into the country and make their case convincingly to Labour activists.



18:30

Nigel Farage claims MEPs were 'rude and abusive' to him



Channel 4

UKIP's Nigel Farage is asked on Channel 4 News about whether it was wise to insult members of the European Parliament, when UK politicians will need to negotiate with the EU.

Mr Farage claims that, during his speech earlier, MEPs "were rude, abusive, shouted me down - and I teased them a little bit".

He is also asked about incidents of racial abuse following the referendum, which he says he "utterly" condemns.

"The abuse is going both ways," he adds. "There are people who have voted to Leave who are getting horrible things said to them."

There are "heightened tensions" in the UK at the moment, the UKIP leader says.

“ *We will go on being a country that is open and welcoming. The difference, because of Brexit, is we can now control the numbers.* **”**



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Economist leaves Labour advisory role

It is not just shadow ministers who are continuing to resign.

David Blanchflower, one of a group of economists who has been advising the shadow chancellor John McDonnell on issues including future reform of the Bank of England, has said that he is pulling out of the role.

He has cited Mr Corbyn's refusal to consider his position following the vote earlier for his decision.

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MP backs Corbyn in no confidence vote - then quits the front bench



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Liz McInnes, Labour MP for Heywood and Middleton, has resigned as shadow minister for communities and local government. But, unlike many of her colleagues, she says she did not back today's motion of no confidence in Jeremy Corbyn.

"When news first broke that a vote of no confidence was to be held on Jeremy Corbyn's leadership, I expressed my opposition to the motion," the MP said in a statement.

"With our country potentially facing the largest crisis since 1945 I strongly believe that now is not the time for internal division. I believe that the Labour Party should be united and steadfast in standing up for those who we represent and who need us now more than ever before.

“ *However, while I voted in support of Jeremy against today's motion, the result makes it clear that he has lost the confidence of a vast majority of our MPs and so we are unable to be as united and as effective as we need to be for the sake of the nation. With regret, I have therefore resigned from my shadow ministerial position with immediate effect. I hope that as soon as possible we are able to be united again and get on with our job of holding the Conservatives to account.* ”

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Who could stand against Corbyn?

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Labour MPs 'not acting in the national interest at this time of crisis'

James Schneider is the national organiser for the Momentum group, which grew out of the campaign to elect Jeremy Corbyn as leader.

He says Labour MPs should be rallying around Mr Corbyn, not trying to overthrow him:

“*They're not acting in the national interest at this time of crisis. We need a Labour party to be putting forward Labour arguments and Labour policies at this time of crisis. And that is exactly what is not happening. And I think the voters will look upon us very, very badly quite possibly, for spending however long we're now going to spend at this time of national crisis talking about ourselves to ourselves. It is the old politics of the worst kind.*”



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Look who's watching parliamentary debate

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A look at the press pit in the European Council building

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Listen: Filmmaker on inner workings of Corbyn's office



BBC Radio 4

A motion of no confidence in Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn has been passed by the party's MPs.

The 172-40 vote, which is not binding, follows resignations from the shadow cabinet and calls on Mr Corbyn to quit.

Someone who has seen Jeremy Corbyn at work, at close quarters is Ben Ferguson, who made a documentary called The Outsider for the news website VICE.

He told PM's Eddie Mair how little he saw of other MPs when he was filming the documentary.



17:14

Voters will not take kindly to 'internecine battles' - shadow minister



BBC News Channel

Barry Gardiner, the new shadow energy and climate change secretary, comments on the wave of resignations from Labour's front bench team.

He says that, after the Brexit vote, the idea that there should be "nobody at the despatch box" in the Commons to hold the government to account "is quite extraordinary".

He does not think voters "will take kindly" to "internecine battles" at this time and asks: "Why would the Labour Party choose this of all moments to turn in on itself?"

Mr Gardiner says he did not nominate Mr Corbyn to be leader last year but the party chose him. He calls on MPs not to try to unseat the leader "by some sort of backdoor manoeuvre" but to challenge him openly.



17:05

'Jeremy Corbyn represents core Labour values'



BBC News Channel

BBC correspondent Danny Savage speaks to Jeremy Corbyn supporters who are gathering for a rally in a rainy Leeds.

One says that "250,000 people voted for Jeremy" in last year's leadership election and he would win again now.

Another says Momentum, the grassroots organisation set up by backers of Mr Corbyn, thinks the current crisis is "divisive".

A third says:

“Jeremy Corbyn represents core Labour Party values and that's why we back him.”

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Dugdale: I couldn't do my job if I lost support of 80% of my MSPs

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Lord Blunkett says Momentum should leave Labour



BBC News Channel

Former Labour minister David Blunkett thinks that Jeremy Corbyn supporters should leave Labour and form their own "suicidal, kamikaze party".

He calls pro-Corbyn group Momentum, which staged a rally at Parliament last night, as "text-a-crowd".

Lord Blunkett says that, if there was to be a Labour split, "I'm telling them that they should go, not we".

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Labour's grassroots on Jeremy Corbyn no-confidence vote

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Jack Straw: Worst Labour crisis since 1935

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More resignations from the Labour front bench

Since the no confidence vote in Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, there have been more resignations from the Labour front bench

- Sarah Champion has stepped down as shadow Home Office minister
- Lyn Brown has resigned as shadow Home Office minister
- Kevin Brennan, shadow business, innovation and skills minister

- Clive Efford, shadow culture, media and sport minister



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'We cannot wait 10 or 15 years' for a Labour government, says MP



BBC News Channel



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"I hope that in the next 24 hours he will reflect on the strength of feeling," Labour MP Melanie Onn advises Jeremy Corbyn.

Ms Onn, who has stepped down as shadow deputy leader of the Commons, says voters "want a credible opposition and they want a government in waiting, and we are not that at the moment".

Even if Mr Corbyn has the support of many Labour Party members, "there are over nine million Labour voters out there", she argues.

She says her constituents in Great Grimsby need a Labour government and "we cannot wait for 10 or 15 years to get to that position".



16:38

'I happened to be the pantomime villain of the day' - Farage



BBC News Channel



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"I happened to be the pantomime villain of the day," says UKIP leader Nigel Farage about **his performance in the European Parliament earlier.**

He tells the BBC in Brussels that what he saw in the Parliament convinced him that the referendum result was the right thing. He is "of the view that we should trigger Article 50 - let's get cracking".

On Labour's leadership crisis, he says "there are three Labour Parties" - "Blairite" MPs, "Corbynite" members and "half their voters are more UKIP than Labour".



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Brexit 'most important moment since Berlin Wall' - Marine Le Pen



France's National Front leader Marine Le Pen has called the UK's Brexit vote "the most important moment since the fall of the Berlin Wall".

Speaking to BBC Newsnight, the far-right leader said her party has been given a boost by the result.

Ms Le Pen - one of the contenders for the French presidency in 2017 - said she would call a referendum if elected.

A number of other far-right leaders in Europe say they would like to hold their own referendums on EU membership.

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Shadow cabinet member 'distressed that Labour is turning on itself'



BBC News Channel



David Anderson, the new shadow Northern Ireland secretary, says the Conservative government is in disarray yet "instead of us challenging them, we turn on ourselves".

"I find it so distressing," he tells BBC News.

He thinks last week's vote to leave the EU was "a cry of anguish from people".

The former miner adds: "I've seen the devastation that the Tory government has done to our communities."



16:16

Alastair Campbell: 'Labour will be wiped out if Corbyn stays'



BBC News Channel



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Ex-Labour communications chief Alastair Campbell acknowledges Jeremy Corbyn won a huge mandate from Labour members last year but says "the bigger question" is: "Does he have the ability to lead?"

"He cannot do the job," Mr Campbell says. He says he too wants a fairer society but asks "where's the policy" from Mr Corbyn's team.

He accuses the Labour leader of "speaking to the converted", including at the Momentum rally outside Parliament on Monday, adding: "We're going to get wiped out if he stays."

Mr Campbell denies he or Labour MPs are "out of touch" with Labour supporters, saying he travels around the country speaking to people and "believe me, they are not saying that

Jeremy Corbyn is a prime minister".

Labour has "become a sect around one person", he argues. On the subject of a possible Labour split, he adds:

“ *I would like to think not, but I can see the circumstances in which it would happen.* ”

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Sajid Javid throw his weight behind Stephen Crabb's Tory leadership bid

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Can Jeremy Corbyn survive as Labour leader?



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Labour MP Angela Rayner, newly-appointed shadow minister for women and equalities, is asked if Jeremy Corbyn can possibly survive as leader of the party, following the no confidence vote.

"As long as the membership support him, then yes he can," she tells BBC News.

Labour MP Wes Streeting paints a different picture, saying: "The vote itself is unprecedented but the scale as well, I think is extraordinary.

"He's got to do the decent thing and resign."



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John Baron to bid for Conservative leadership

Mark D'Arcy
Parliamentary Correspondent



Conservative MP John Baron - who led the push for an EU membership referendum in the last Parliament - has become the latest contender in the party leadership race.

Mr Baron, 57, MP for Basildon and Billericay, in Essex, was instrumental in pushing a reluctant Conservative leadership into committing to the referendum, with a letter to the prime minister, signed by more than 100 MPs, followed by a rebel amendment to the 2013 Queen's Speech.

He is standing on his record as a long-time Brexit backer, to ensure that the referendum decision is honoured.



16:03

Corbyn: I will not betray members by resigning

Statement from the Labour leader

In response to the no confidence vote, Jeremy Corbyn has issued the following statement:

"In the aftermath of last week's referendum, our country faces major challenges. Risks to the economy and living standards are growing. The public is divided.

"The government is in disarray. Ministers have made it clear they have no exit plan, but are determined to make working people pay with a new round of cuts and tax rises.

"Labour has the responsibility to give a lead where the government will not. We need to bring people together, hold the government to account, oppose austerity and set out a path to exit that will protect jobs and incomes.

"To do that we need to stand together. Since I was elected leader of our party nine months ago, we have repeatedly defeated the government over its attacks on living standards.

"Last month, Labour become the largest party in the local elections. In Thursday's referendum, a narrow majority voted to Leave, but two thirds of Labour supporters backed our call for a Remain vote.

“ *I was democratically elected leader of our party for a new kind of politics by 60% of Labour members and supporters, and I will not betray them by resigning. Today's vote by MPs has no constitutional legitimacy. We are a democratic party, with a clear constitution. Our people need Labour party members, trade unionists and MPs to unite behind my leadership at a critical time for our country.”*



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Boris Johnson 'won't call snap general election' if he becomes Tory leader



Carole Walker
Political correspondent



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I understand Boris Johnson will not call a general election if he wins the Conservative leadership contest and becomes the next prime minister.

A senior campaign source said Mr Johnson believes the referendum vote provides the mandate he needs to negotiate a Brexit deal.

Mr Johnson has the backing of Justice Secretary Michael Gove and I understand Liz Truss, the environment secretary, will throw her support behind his campaign tomorrow. Lynton Crosby will help mastermind the campaign.

Mr Johnson will set out his vision of a Brexit deal when he launches his campaign.



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Labour chief whip heading to leader's office

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'Names in the frame' to challenge Jeremy Corbyn



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BBC political correspondent Vicki Young says the "names in the frame" to possibly challenge Jeremy Corbyn are Tom Watson and Angel Eagle.

Vicki says they will need to agree which one will go forward "to avoid some sort of bruising competition".

It is not yet clear whether Mr Corbyn will require the backing of a sufficient number of MPs to stand again as leader, or whether he will be allowed to stand again automatically as the incumbent, she adds.

But she thinks that "clearly, the Labour Party is in a complete crisis" at the same time as the Conservatives face a leadership contest



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Labour Party 'has accepted the no confidence motion in Corbyn'

In a statement after the vote, Labour issues a statement saying: "The Parliamentary Labour Party has accepted the following motion - That this PLP has no confidence in Jeremy Corbyn as Leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party."



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Labour blog reports 'spike' in numbers joining pro-Corbyn Momentum group

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Corbyn no confidence vote - final results

Some clarification on the final numbers in Labour's no confidence ballot in leader Jeremy Corbyn.

The voting was as follows:

- 172 votes against Jeremy Corbyn
- 40 in support
- 4 abstentions



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New Tory leadership timetable announced



Carole Walker
Political correspondent

The announcement of the next leader of the Conservative Party is being put back to 9 September.

The board of the Conservative Party has recommended more time is needed to conduct the leadership contest.

This is likely to be approved at a full meeting of the 1922 Committee tomorrow.

The Chairman of that Committee, Graham Brady, has met the chief whip to discuss complaints that party whips had been getting involved in the leadership campaigns.



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Watch: Reaction to the Corbyn no-confidence motion

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Jeremy Corbyn loses no confidence vote

Labour MPs have passed a motion of no confidence in leader Jeremy Corbyn by 172 votes to 40, with four abstentions.

(the figures in this post have been corrected)

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Watch: Corbyn supporter on 'Blairite coup'

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Result of Tory leadership contest 'pushed back to 9 Sep'

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Who do Tory MPs back to be their leader?

BBC News has been asking various Conservative MPs who they back to lead the party.

Culture Minister Ed Vaizey said it "has to be Boris (Johnson) or (Theresa) May". He also dismissed the suggestion of a second EU referendum as "just wishful thinking", adding: "We have to support the will of the people."

MP Nigel Evans said he supports Boris Johnson as the party has to have "a Brexiteer as leader". He also rejects a second referendum, saying that no revision of the result is acceptable and calling for the UK to trigger Article 50 now.

Culture Secretary John Wittingdale, however, refused to answer.

"We're in such a mess," said small business minister Anna Soubry. Asked about the leadership, she said: "I don't want to talk about that now."

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Johnson 'will set out Brexit plan at Tory leadership launch'

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UKIP MP Douglas Carswell urges need for 'right tone' in Brexit negotiations



BBC News Channel



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UKIP MP Douglas Carswell hints that he may be unimpressed with his party leader Nigel Farage's behaviour in the European Parliament earlier.

Mr Farage told MEPs: "You're not laughing now," **during an emergency debate following the UK's EU vote.**

Speaking to BBC News, Mr Carswell says: "It's incredibly important in the national interest that we find the right tone now."

Negotiations with the EU have to proceed with "goodwill and good faith, not crowing but being prepared to do things by consent where possible", he adds.



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