

# Summary of Today's News

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### **Theresa May to reveal departure date after final Brexit vote**

*Theresa May will set out the timetable for her departure following one final attempt to get her Brexit deal passed by MPs.*

"We have agreed that she and I will meet following the second reading of the Bill to agree a timetable for the election of a new leader of the Conservative and Unionist Party." Sir Graham characterised the talks with Mrs May as "very frank" - and confirmed his next meeting with her would take place regardless of whether the Withdrawal Agreement Bill passes. Earlier this year, Mrs May promised to go once her Brexit deal has been passed by MPs. But with this looking like an increasingly remote prospect, growing numbers within her party have been pushing for a more specific timetable for when she will quit.

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Mrs May is immune to ousting by Tory MPs until December 2019 - after winning a vote of confidence last year. He was foreign secretary for two years, before quitting over the Chequers proposal - Mrs May's plan for the future UK-EU relationship after Brexit.

### **UK raises threat level for personnel in Iraq due to 'heightened risk from Iran'**

*Britain has raised the threat level for UK forces and diplomats in Iraq because of what sources say is a heightened security risk from Iran, Sky News can reveal.*

One Whitehall source said Britain believes there is an increased likelihood of Iran or its proxies taking action against British, US or other allied interests in the region in a way that can be plausibly denied so as to avoid triggering an all-out war. The comments on Tuesday by Major General Chris Ghika, the top UK military officer in the US-led coalition against Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, were seen by a number of media outlets as a sign of a rift between the threat assessments of the UK and the US on Iran. The foreign secretary urged Oman to use its influence to push for calm, the source said.

### **London Bridge inquest: Nurse was stabbed as she tried to help injured waiter**

*An off-duty nurse was stabbed in the neck as she rushed to help a waiter injured in the London Bridge attack, an inquest heard on Thursday.*

She told the Old Bailey that at first she thought there had been a car crash when a man emerged holding the injured Mr Pigeard. "Before I could process what I was seeing was happening to the man, he stabbed me in the neck to the left side." Asked to describe the attacker, she said: "I just remember his eyes, they were soulless - evil - they were empty." Ms Kennett went on to talk about her injury: "The only way I can describe it was like somebody had thrown a bucket of warm water over me.

I wanted to die around the corner with my family." Ms Kennett and her family members escaped to another pub.

### **Ex-Belgium king to be fined 4k a day until he takes DNA paternity test**

*Belgium's former King Albert II has been threatened with a daily fine of 5,000 (4,370) if he continues to refuse to take a DNA paternity test.*

In 2013, the baroness spoke publicly about the affair on Belgian television, saying she didn't believe she could have

children at the time, and therefore "had not taken any precautions". According to Belgian reports, the daily fine will be enacted should Albert fail to show up to a scheduled appointment for the court-ordered test.

### **Duke of Sussex accepts 'substantial damages' from news agency over photos**

*The Duke of Sussex has accepted "substantial damages" and an apology from a news agency after photos were taken of his home from a helicopter.*

"The property had been chosen by the duke for himself and his wife given the high level of privacy it afforded given its position in a secluded area surrounded by private farmland away from any areas to which photographers have access."

### **Free beer offer helps track down brewery's stolen van in 42 minutes**

*A brewery got its stolen van back in just 42 minutes after offering free beer for its safe return.*

A post shared by Caroline Klimowski (@carolineeeefai) on May 13, 2019 at 9:47am PDT The distinctive black and green van was tracked down in under an hour after 15 people contacted them with tips, with Instagram user Caroline Klimowski the first to spot it. "A lot of tips came in from fans of the brewery who lived in the area and saw the obvious neon van, proving it was probably not a good idea to steal a brightly coloured well-known brewery vehicle," the company said on Facebook.

### **Lucky diner given 4,500 bottle of wine by mistake at Hawksmoor Manchester**

*A lucky diner at an upmarket steakhouse in Manchester was mistakenly given an 18-year-old 4,500 bottle of red wine.*

"One-off mistakes happen and we love you anyway." To the customer who accidentally got given a bottle of Chateau le Pin Pomerol 2001, which is £4500 on our menu, last night - hope you enjoyed your evening! "This flamboyant, opulently textured, rich, concentrated Pomerol is a brilliant success as well as one of the wines of the vintage for 2001." The website added: "Its low acidity and extraordinary ripeness suggest early drinkability, but it has proven it can last for 18-20 years."

### **LED lights can cause 'irreversible' damage to eyes, experts warn**

*The "blue light" in LED lighting can cause damage to the eye's retina and also disturb natural sleep rhythms, according to a new report.*

"Exposure to an intense and powerful (LED) light is 'photo-toxic' and can lead to irreversible loss of retinal cells and diminished sharpness of vision," it said.

ANSES also said that manufacturers should "limit the luminous intensity of vehicle headlights," as some are considered too bright.

### **Amsterdam tourist unwittingly pays for shipping container in Airbnb booking**

*A British tourist in Amsterdam received a shock when he arrived at his Airbnb lodgings to discover he had booked a stay in a roadside shipping container.*

Mr Speller said he had no alternative options, so decided to stay with his original booking. The company has also removed the host's profile and his listings, which included a second container on the other side of the city.

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## **The runners and riders who could replace Theresa May**

*Theresa May will set out the timetable for her departure after a final push to get her Brexit deal passed by MPs, paving the way for a leadership battle for the top spot in the Conservative Party.*

It comes after months of speculation over her position, with the PM facing pressure from all sides of her party and the House of Commons to stand down. The former foreign secretary was one of the PM's guests for lunch at Chequers, an event seen as her attempt to quell the opposition within her party.

Mrs May's former Brexit secretary could be her replacement, as he quit seemingly in time to avoid any further association with such an unpopular deal. But Mr Hunt voted Remain in the referendum, so he might need a Brexiteer to help him convince the party he will deliver the result. The environment secretary has been hankering after Mrs May's job for a long time, running against her for the leadership in 2016. The former home secretary, who has said "Brexiteers may lose their Brexit", is thought to be in with a chance of replacing Mrs May. She's had a turbulent relationship with the PM, being one of her biggest supporters, but also threatening to vote against her while still a cabinet leader over Brexit.

Sky Bet puts the odds of Ms Rudd replacing Theresa May at 28/1. Defence Secretary - and Brexiteer - Ms Mordaunt wrote a lengthy article on improving leadership in UK politics earlier this year.

However, following Mrs May's speech outside Downing Street last year where she vowed to fight on, Ms Mordaunt tweeted: "The prime minister has my full support, not least because she has always done what she firmly believes is in the national interest. A new name to the leadership questions, the health secretary appears to have been positioning himself in the field over the last few months. He says that despite voting Remain in the 2016 referendum, he now identifies as a "Brexiteer" who accepts the referendum decision. Brandon Lewis is the Conservative Party chairman, who in recent months has had to deal with Islamophobia rows in the group.

James Cleverly is no stranger to leadership rumours, with his name linked to the top job since 2017.