

# Summary of Today's News

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### **Sacked Gavin Williamson accuses PM of 'shabby and discredited witch hunt'**

*Gavin Williamson has accused the prime minister of mishandling his sacking as defence secretary, describing it as a "shabby and discredited witch hunt".*

Mr Williamson said he wanted a "full and impartial investigation" into the Huawei leak that led to his dismissal, with Scotland Yard having said the disclosure from a National Security Council (NSC) meeting did not breach the Official Secrets Act. He said: "With the Metropolitan Police not willing to do an criminal investigation, it is clear a proper, full and impartial investigation needs to be conducted on this shabby and discredited witch hunt that has been so badly mishandled by both the prime minister and (senior civil servant) Mark Sedwill." Sky News' political editor Beth Rigby said Mr Williamson had "come out all guns blazing" against Theresa May, who was hoping the fallout would "go away" after defending her decision to dismiss him. Mrs May told Sky News on Friday she has confidence the inquiry that led to Mr Williamson being fired was "properly conducted" after it found "compelling evidence" that he leaked the information. He said he was "satisfied that the disclosure did not amount to a criminal offence" and that it was not a matter for the police, adding: "Any organisation has the right to conduct an internal investigation into conduct in the workplace."

### **Labour and Tories need to compromise on Brexit, says David Gauke**

*Both Labour and Tories need to compromise to deliver Brexit, Tory Justice Secretary David Gauke said, after the two main parties suffered losses in the local elections.*

Sir Keir said Jeremy Hunt's comments provided "yet more evidence" that many in the cabinet believe the "most important thing right now" is the race to succeed Theresa May. Speaking on Sky News, Mr Gauke said: "We need to deliver a Brexit that protects jobs and livelihoods. "As that deal hasn't got through we are left really with very little choice but to try to negotiate with the Labour Party to find a way of getting a parliamentary majority for delivering Brexit." He added: "Both sides are going to need to compromise. "Therefore, we should be able to find the majority in Parliament for a deal that gets us out." Meanwhile, responding to remarks in which Mr Hunt said he had "never believed" that a customs union is a "long-term solution", Sir Keir, the shadow Brexit secretary, tweeted: "This is yet more evidence that for many in the Cabinet the most important thing right now is the next Tory leadership contest." The foreign secretary said it was still possible that the UK would not have to take part in the European elections in three weeks' time.

### **Madeleine McCann: New suspect is German man under investigation for alleged child sex offences**

*The new suspect in the Madeleine McCann case is a German man already being investigated over alleged child sex offences, Sky News can reveal.*

The development comes at a time of renewed optimism in the small Scotland Yard team, which has asked the Home Office for a whole year of funding to keep its part of the investigation going. A very small team continues to work on this case with Portuguese colleagues." Madeleine was nearly four when she disappeared from the apartment as her parents and friends dined nearby in Praia da Luz on 3 May, 2007.

Portuguese police abandoned their investigation after 15 months after finding no evidence of what happened to her.

### **Woman dies after 'being struck by horse costume' at Padstow celebrations**

*A woman has died after suffering a neck injury during the traditional May Day Obby Oss celebration in Padstow, Cornwall.*

Police are investigating amid reports the 34-year-old was struck by a person wearing a horse costume - known as Obby Oss - while walking along a footpath on Wednesday evening.

## **Six dead in Gaza amid failed Israel ceasefire talks**

*Six people - including a 14-month-old baby - have reportedly died amid an exchange of airstrikes and rockets between Israel and militants in Gaza following a breakdown in ceasefire talks.*

Reuters reported that two Hamas militants died due to an Israeli airstrike and two Palestinian protesters were also killed, prompting more than 200 rockets to be fired from Gaza on Saturday - wounding at least two Israeli civilians. The Israeli army has so far confirmed successful strikes on at least five Hamas military compounds and several others belonging to Islamic Jihad, which has threatened to fire long-range rockets into the centre of Israel.

## **Ten dogs found dead and 47 rescued from single home**

*An animal welfare organisation has rescued 47 dogs from a single home in the US, where 10 more were found dead.*

On Facebook, the organisation said: "Tonight we removed 47 small dogs from a home in Mercer County.

## **DUP condemns 'bad behaviour' aimed at its first gay councillor**

*DUP leader Arlene Foster has condemned comments made about the party's first openly gay councillor.*

Mrs Foster said she was "delighted" with Ms Bennington's success, adding that Mr Wells should have gone through "the normal routes, through the party, if he had concerns about those issues". Elsewhere, the son of murdered solicitor Pat Finucane has been elected to Belfast City Council.

## **SpaceX launches resupply mission to International Space Station after delays**

*After a series of delays SpaceX has launched a resupply mission for NASA to the International Space Station (ISS) carrying almost 2.5 tonnes of equipment.*

Given the all clear on Saturday morning, the Falcon 9 rocket launched from Cape Canaveral in Florida, delivering the Dragon cargo capsule into orbit before landing on the floating platform at sea just minutes later.

The launch of the cargo Dragon capsule on Saturday morning occurred without incident. Additional experiments include tools to measure atmospheric carbon dioxide from space, as well as a new technology called tissue chips which could help in the development of new medicines.

## **Boy arrested over murder of teenage girl in Wiltshire**

*A 17-year-old boy has been arrested on suspicion of murdering a teenage girl in Wiltshire.*

"Thank you to all police officers, staff and wider partners for your professional response." A post-mortem will be held on Sunday to determine the girl's cause of death and to formally identify her.

## **Anti-vaxxers have blood on their hands, health secretary Matt Hancock says**

*The health secretary has revealed he will not rule out making immunisations mandatory, saying that anti-vaxxers "have blood on their hands".*

Asked by Sky News about potential solutions, he said: "I don't want to see compulsory vaccination and I don't think we're there yet, but we rule nothing out because vaccination saves lives and the fall in the rates of vaccination has to stop." He admitted he was "very worried about the impact of social media on the rates of vaccination".

