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Jeremy Corbyn's shadow cabinet

How long has Labour's 'leadership coup' lasted?

Jeremy Corbyn has lost more than half his Cabinet and seen more than 30 of his MPs revolt against his leadership over the last 48 hours.

Mr Corbyn has lost 20 of his 31 strong shadow cabinet and seen a further 13 shadow ministers resign this morning.

The rebels have criticised his performance in the EU referendum and he faces further resignations from the junior frontbench ranks amid fresh calls for him to stand down as leader.

Jeremy Corbyn's grip on the Labour leadership looked increasingly weak as Angela Eagle became the most senior member of his shadow cabinet to quit.

Shadow housing minister John Healey, shadow energy secretary Lisa Nandy and shadow work and pensions secretary Owen Smith have all resigned - adding to the 12 shadow cabinet members Mr Corbyn lost on Sunday.

Sources said that Mr Corbyn will refuse to step down and will instead try and make public a planned secret vote on his future so that voters can see which MPs are trying to unseat him.

Mr Corbyn has been forced to promote a number of key allies as the revolt against his leadership intensifies.

A number of the 2015 intake have joined the new shadow cabinet with just a year's experience on the job.

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Late on Sunday evening Mr Corbyn issued a bullish statement and vowed to continue as leader despite the resignations. He said: "I am not going to betray the trust of those who voted for me - or the millions of supporters across the country who need Labour to represent them.

"Those who want to change Labour's leadership will have to stand in a democratic election, in which I will be a candidate.

"Over the next 24 hours I will reshape my shadow cabinet and announce a new leadership team to take forward Labour's campaign for a fairer Britain - and to get the best deal with Europe for our people."

Auto update

6:53PM The Labour PLP meeting is underway

It is widely expected that Jeremy Corbyn will now face a leadership challenge as Labour MPs make their case for his resignation.

Alan Johnson "eviscerating" Corbyn and his office at PLP. "I'll take my responsibility, you need to take yours."

- Kevin Schofield (@PolhomeEditor) June 27, 2016

More from PLP meeting: "Rob Ffello cheered. First to tell him to resign 'for all those outside who need a Labour government.'"

- George Eaton (@georgeeaton) June 27, 2016

Ian Murray told Corbyn to "call off the dogs" ie Momentum protestors outside his constituency office. #PLP

- Paul Waugh (@paulwaugh) June 27, 2016

Alan Johnson beasts into Jeremy Corbyn at #plp said staff didn't attend Lab In meetings and Jeremy must take his share of responsibility

- iain watson (@iainjwatson) June 27, 2016 6:35PM Labour's new-look Shadow Cabinet

In the wake of mass resignations today by Labour shadow ministers, the new Shadow Cabinet looks like this:

Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer - John McDonnell

Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury - Rebecca Long-Bailey

Shadow Foreign Secretary - Emily Thornberry

Shadow Health Secretary - Diane Abbott

Shadow International Development Secretary - Kate Osamor

Shadow Environment Food and Rural Affairs Secretary - Rachel Maskell MP

Shadow Lord President of the Council and Campaigns and Elections Director - Jon Trickett

Deputy Leader of the Party, Party Chair and Shadow Minister for the Cabinet Office - Tom Watson

Shadow Minister without Portfolio - Jonathan Ashworth

Shadow Home Secretary - Andy Burnham

Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government - Grahame Morris

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Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change - Barry Gardiner

Shadow Secretary of State and **Shadow** Lord Chancellor - Richard Burgon MP

Shadow Minister for Women and Equalities - Angela Rayner

Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions - Debbie Abrams

Shadow Education Secretary - Pat Glass

Shadow Transport Secretary - Andy McDonald

Shadow Defence Secretary - Clive Lewis

Shadow Voter Engagement and Youth Affairs - Cat Smith

Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary - Dave Anderson

6:22PM EU rejects informal Brexit talks with UK

The European Union has confirmed it will not hold informal talks with UK until it triggers Article 50 to leave, Germany, France and Italy insist.

Angela Merkel said there would be no discussions until Britain has formally declared it will be leaving.

Angela Merkel Credit: HANNIBAL HANSCHKE/Reuters

"We are in agreement that Article 50 of the European treaties is very clear - a member state that wishes to leave the European Union has to notify the European Council," she told a news conference at the German chancellery.

"There can't be any further steps until that has happened. Only then will the European Council issue guidelines under which an exit will be negotiated.

"That means that, and we agree on this point, there will be neither informal nor formal talks on a British exit until the European Council has received the [UK's] request for an exit from the European Union."

6:20PM 43rd Labour MP resigns from his post

Richard Burden, the Labour MP for Birmingham Northfield is the 43rd Labour MP to quit in a wave of resignations which now see Jeremy Corbyn's leadership entering a critical phase.

In his letter to the Labour Leader, Mr Burden said: "I have always thought of you as a friend. We have worked together on things **like** Israel and Palestine for years".

However, Mr Burden, who was formerly Labour's **Shadow** Transport Minister, went on to add that: "I honestly believe that for you to respond by digging yourself deeper into your trench is just going to make a bad situation worse, regardless of how many troops in the broader Party you believe will go over the top for you."

5:43PM Jack Dromey MP resigns

Policing **shadow** minister Jack Dromey resigns, becoming the 42nd Labour frontbencher to quit in just 18 hours.

In his resignation letter to Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Dromey wrote:

"I believe we may now be on the brink of a catastrophic defeat from which Labour may never recover.

"I believe you should stand down.

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"You are a decent and honourable man. But we cannot fight back and win with you as leader.

"I would urge you, therefore, as the decent and principled man that you are to put the working people of Britain first, for it is their interests that we serve.

"I want history to record that my old friend Jeremy put principle before self."

Jack Dromey's resignation letter to Corbyn. "We cannot fight back and win with you as leader
<https://t.co/7bjlaVsjOrpic.twitter.com/uUhyKRb66w>

- Jonathan Walker (@jonwalker121) June 27, 2016 5:37 PM Dennis Skinner appears to flick V-sign at Labour MPs

Earlier today, Veteran Labour MP Dennis Skinner appeared to give two fingers to former **shadow** cabinet ministers in the Commons after they jeered him for shaking Jeremy Corbyn's hand.

Dennis Skinner appears to flick V-sign at Labour MPs Play! 00:35:35 PM Jean-Claude Juncker thanks UK Task Force for its work

Mr Juncker today announced that UK Task Force will be dissolved following Britain's decision to leave the European Union.

At the first meeting of the College of Commissioners since last Thursday's referendum, the EU President thanked the Task Force for loyal service and invaluable work.

Jean-Claude Juncker Credit: Max Rossi

He paid particular tribute to their role in the new settlement deal reached with David Cameron between the 18-19 February earlier this year at the European Council, which has now been voided in the advent of Brexit.

While dissolved, members of the Task Force will remain in place until all the administrative and archiving procedures necessary to complete Britain's separation are completed. The final date of completion is expected to be 30 September at the latest.

Members of the Task Force will now return to their former roles in the Commission.

5:08 PM Corbyn blames Tories for Brexit vote

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn faces calls to resign from his own backbenchers as he accuses the Tories of failing to convince their supporters to vote to stay in the EU.

Corbyn blames Tories for Brexit vote Play! 01:36:33 PM Labour MPs heckle Corbyn in Commons telling him 'Resign!'

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn is heckled by his own side in the Commons with calls of "Resign" from behind him in his backbenches.

Labour MPs heckle Corbyn in Commons telling him 'Resign!' Play! 00:33:19 PM Watson to tell Corbyn to step aside?

I'm told Tom Watson will go in to see Corbyn again, after a PLP vote up of no confidence tomorrow, to ask him to step aside.

- Paul Waugh (@paulwaugh) June 27, 2016 4:12 PM PM: We must accept the people's decision

David Cameron says that although the result of the EU referendum was not the one he wanted, he now has to accept it and begin implementing the process.

PM: We must accept the people's decision Play! 01:39:08 PM 60 PCC's call on Corbyn to resign

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Around 60 Labour parliamentary candidates have called on Jeremy Corbyn to resign.

In the letter sent to the chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP) John Cryer, the candidates from last year's General Election stated that: "The Labour Party must seek a change of leadership".

The PCCs thanked Jeremy Corbyn for his work "as leader in the past year and his long service as an MP and within the Union movement" though added that "we cannot win an election unless the country believes that our Party leader is a credible Prime Minister, who they can trust to both lead our country on a world stage and help their family at home".

They went on to add that: "We have come to believe that were a General Election to be held today, Labour would fail these two tests".

Jeremy Corbyn MPCredit: Rob Stothard/Getty Images 3:59PMCorbyn hits back at Alan Johnson

A spokesman for Mr Corbyn hit back at Mr Johnson: "Jeremy is disappointed by Alan Johnson's remarks about the Leader's Office. They are unfounded and appears to be aimed at undermining the Labour leadership.

"The Labour In campaign designed a campaign that took a euphoric tone towards the EU. This was not the approach of the party leader, nor did it reflect Labour's internal polling.

"Jeremy Corbyn ran a campaign that was based on Remain and Reform, supporting continued membership, but recognising significant problems with the EU, particularly in relation to democracy, enforced privatisation and TTIP, workers' rights and jobs.

"As the leader, Jeremy's view took precedence, and Labour supporters returned a two-thirds Remain vote, following the line of the party leadership.

"There is no doubt there were occasional tensions between the Labour In campaign and the Labour leader and his office. However, it was Jeremy Corbyn's view that better chimed with the majority of Labour voters."

Labour party leader Jeremy Corbyn with Labour MP Alan JohnsonCredit: Chris Radburn/PA Wire 3:56PMPoland wants a second UK Referendum

Poland would like to see Britain hold a second in-out referendum on EU membership, the leader of the country's ruling party said Monday, warning however the bloc would have to "radically change" for Britons to want to return.

"Our idea for today... foresees efforts aimed at making Britain return, including a second referendum," Poland's powerful rightwing leader Jaroslaw Kaczynski said.

But, he cautioned, the "EU would have to radically change" for this scenario to be feasible.

"Britain today risks falling apart", he added, quoted by the Polish PAP news agency.

Kaczynski is the first European leader to make an outright call for a second referendum.

Report from Matthew Holehouse in Brussels

Jaroslaw Kaczynski3:51PM PM jokes new Labour MP could find herself in shadow cabinet

David Cameron jokes that the new Labour MP for Tooting Rosena Allin-Khan should keep her mobile phone on as "she might be in the shadow cabinet by the end of the day".

Shameful that the first Vote Leave leader to speak in the debate is Labour leader Gisela Stuart. Where is Boris? Where did Gove go? #Brexit

- Christopher Hope (@christopherhope) June 27, 2016

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But where are Michael Gove and Boris Johnson? asks Christopher Hope.

No sign of the former London mayor in his seat while Mr Gove, the Justice secretary, is standing behind the Speaker's chair.

PM jokes new Labour MP could find herself in shadow cabinetPlay!00:303:48PMLabour MPs shout 'resign' at own leader

Jeremy Corbyn has attacked the wave of Labour MPs who have quit his top team for "indulging in internal" manoeuvring.

The Labour leader has lost 20 members from the shadow Cabinet and a raft of junior frontbenchers over the last 24 hours amid a wave of criticism of his leadership.

In a Commons statement on Britain's decision to quit the European Union, Mr Corbyn said the country was divided.

To jeers, he said: "Our country is divided and the country will thank neither the benches in front of me, nor those behind, for indulging in internal... manoeuvring at this time."

Amazing scenes. Corbyn takes a dig at his own back benchers, @tobyperkinsmp shouts 'resign' at his own leader

- Owen Bennett (@owenjbennett) June 27, 20163:42PMSwearing in the Commons

Labour rebels have been sworn at by a veteran left-wing MP as the party's civil war spilled onto the floor of the House of Commons.

Dennis Skinner, the MP for Bolsover, walked across to greet Jeremy Corbyn when he arrived in a visible display of loyalty after more than 30 frontbenchers resigned to try and unseat him.

Dennis Skinner just shook Corbyn's hand then flashed rebels the V sign in Commons.

- Ben Riley-Smith (@benrileysmith) June 27, 2016

Mr Skinner shook Mr Corbyn's hand and patted him on the back as the pair met by the Opposition Leader's despatch box.

Sitting back down, Mr Skinner flung his arm back and gave the V sign to a string of senior Labour rebels sitting on the backbenches.

Dennis Skinner just walked up to Jeremy Corbyn in Commons. He shook Jeremy's hand & turned to the Labour Plotters and gave them the V sign.

- Éoin (@LabourEoin) June 27, 2016

The group he appeared to direct his insult towards included Hilary Benn, the former shadow foreign secretary, Michael Dugher, the former shadow culture secretary, and Chris Leslie, the former shadow chancellor.

Report from Ben Riley-Smith in the Chamber

3:35PMNew Labour MP sworn into Parliament

Dr Rosena Allin-Khan has just been sworn in as MP for Tooting.

David Cameron jokes: "Let me welcome the new member for Tooting to the House.

. @EmilyThornberry@RachaelMaskell@johnmcdonnellIMP laughed at PM's joke, but @jeremycorbyn didn't. #LabourCoup#Brexit

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- Ben Glaze (@benglaze) June 27, 2016

"I'd advise her to keep her mobile phone on because she might be in the Shadow Cabinet by the end of the day...and I thought I was having a bad day!"

Labour's victorious @DrRosena has been sworn in as MP for Tooting. "Lots of vacancies coming up!" someone heckles. pic.twitter.com/kxi4ZPL08N

- Jim Waterson (@jimwaterson) June 27, 2016 3:28PM And another one...

Sir Keir Starmer, the former director of public prosecutions, resigned as a shadow immigration minister.

He said: "It is simply untenable now to suggest that we can offer an effective opposition without a change of leader."

With sadness & regret, I have resigned as shadow home office minister: Brexit has changed the challenge ahead. pic.twitter.com/l9NWXChlZN

- Keir Starmer (@Keir_Starmer) June 27, 2016 3:27PM Another minister resigns Thangam Debbonaire's resignation letter 3:25PM Brexit 'weighs on the history of the EU like a boulder'

Britain's decision to quit "weighs on the history of the EU like a boulder", Matteo Renzi, the Italian prime minister, said in Rome today.

"We are faced with a historic event," Renzi told the upper house of parliament, before heading to Berlin for a summit with Angela Merkel, Francois Hollande and Donald Tusk, the president of the European Council, to discuss the EU's response and handling of Brexit.

Mr Renzi called on Britain not to delay with calling Article 50 and beginning formal departure procedures.

Europe "cannot spend a year discussing the procedures," the premier told the senate.

"We will respect what the British decide but Europe must move because if we spend a year waiting, we'll lose the challenge with the priorities of our time," he told parliament. "What happened in the United Kingdom could be the greatest opportunity for Europeans if we stop being on the defensive".

Report from Nick Squires in Rome

Matteo Renzi Credit: Luigi Mistrulli/SIPA/REX/Shutterstock 3:20PM Calls mount for MPs to support Corbyn

The Campaign for Labour Party Democracy, (CLPD) has issued a call for its members to "immediately send Emergency Motions to the General Secretary (for the NEC) demanding that Labour MPs unite behind our elected Leader in the face of this historic opportunity when the Tories are falling apart".

In the statement on its website, the CLP, an internal Labour pressure group that lobbies for constitutional changes within the Labour Party, also suggested that "these disloyal Labour MPs are making a strong case for bringing back full-blown mandatory reselection".

The CLPDs call can be seen as a direct threat of deselection towards rebel MPs.

Whilst Mr Corbyn has reassured party members that he will remain leader and enter any leadership contest, the CLPDs statement is a clear indication of the level of division within the party at a senior, and grassroots level as rebel MPs face the prospect of deselection by constituency associations now dominated by Corbyn supporters.

Report from James Somper

3:02PM Labour agrees to a secret ballot

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Labour has agreed to no confidence tonight and secret ballot tomorrow.

- Anushka Asthana (@GuardianAnushka) June 27, 2016 2:56PM 'Corbyn did vote Remain'

Responding to Mr Bryant's claim about the way Mr Corbyn voted, a spokesman for the Labour leader said: "It's a ridiculous thing to suggest.

"Jeremy tweeted immediately after he voted that he voted to remain, so the matter is already public."

I've just voted to Remain. The EU provides the best framework to meet the challenges of our time
#LabourInForBritain pic.twitter.com/tzhvyBbLsY

- Jeremy Corbyn MP (@jeremycorbyn) June 23, 2016 2:53PM Angela Eagle's emotional BBC Radio 4 interview Angela Eagle tearful over shadow cabinet resignation Play! 01:04 2:40PM UNISON back Corbyn

Speaking today UNISON general secretary Dave Prentis said that the Union still backs Jeremy Corbyn as leader of the Labour party.

He said: "Our Labour Party members' conference next week will have an open and honest debate about the future of the Party, and how Labour can win the coming election.

"It is not the Parliamentary Labour Party or trade unions who now elect the leader - it is party members and affiliate supporters, and that mandate should be respected.

"The Tories are divided, but at this crucial time, Labour should not be. As we appear to be moving towards an early general election, our members need strong and united leadership from the Labour Party.

"If MPs choose not to serve in the shadow cabinet, the Labour leader has a right to seek to form a shadow cabinet and lead our party as long as he has the support of Party members."

Unison leader Dave Prentis Credit: GEOFF PUGH 2:38PM More calls for Corbyn to go

Open Labour, an internal Labour Party forum set up in December in order to foster dialogue between activists on the left of the party and party leaders towards a "kinder, more active and more equal society" has issued a statement calling on Jeremy Corbyn to resign.

In a statement on its website, Open Labour said that: "the referendum brought to the fore divides which have been papered over for far too long with retail politics by mainstream political parties/

Those divides are now playing out within the Labour Party" and that "many traditional Labour supporters are at odds with their elected representatives".

The statement went on to say that: "the reality of this disconnect has caused a loss of confidence in the Leader of the Party within the Parliamentary Labour Party" and that "a new leadership election" was needed in order "to give members and supporters of the Labour Party a chance to choose who will lead the Party in the negotiations for leaving the EU, and forge a path to a new European Settlement protecting the rights of our citizens and environment".

Report from James Somper

Labour Leader Jeremy Corbyn leaves his home in North London Credit: Christopher Furlong/Getty Images
2:23PM Luciana Berger quits shadow cabinet

I have spoken to Jeremy today and it is with great sadness that I have stood down from his Shadow Cabinet.
pic.twitter.com/YRYiu7HRd0

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- Luciana Berger (@lucianaberger) June 27, 2016 2:23 PM Kerry - don't punish Britain

John Kerry, the US Secretary of State, has urged EU countries not to take "revenge" on Britain.

He warned that the decision to split with the bloc would have "consequences" for its oldest ally.

His comments betray how Brexit has become an international crisis. The UK has since World War Two acted as a link between the US and Europe.

It means, for example, that the TTIP trade negotiations that were championed by David Cameron now appear doomed.

Federica Mogherini R the High Representative of the European Union and John Kerry Credit: STEPHANIE LECOCQ

Mr Kerry said: "I think it is absolutely essential that we stay focused on how in this transitional period no loses their head, nobody goes off half cocked, people don't start ginning up scatterbrained or revengeful premises, that we look for ways to maintain the interests and values that brought us together in the first place."

He said that Mr Obama and he would do "everything in our power to make this transitional process as sensible and as smooth as it can be.

"Does that mean it doesn't present difficulties? No there are challenges.

US Secretary of State John Kerry

Do that mean it was without any impact? No. Clearly that's not possible either. Because there are consequences.

"But there are ways to make certain we are trying to chart out a path for the future

that actually strengthens the EU and serves the interests and ideas that pull us together and keep us together - even now, as there is a political decision on one country's membership."

He was speaking after meeting Jean-Claude Juncker, the Commission president, and Federica Mogherini, the EU's High Representative.

In a sign of how Britain risks being marginalised, Jens Stoltenberg, the Nato Secretary General, said that Nato-EU co-operation is "even more important now after the decision of the United Kingdom".

Report from Matthew Holehouse in Brussels

2:09 PM Leaked: Alan Johnson letter to MPs

I have just been sent this email that was sent to Labour MPs from Alan Johnson, who headed Labour's campaign to stay in the EU.

Dear colleague,

The referendum result was a huge blow. The turmoil and uncertainty it has unleashed will I fear affect our country for many years.

As Chair of 'Labour In For Britain' I take my share of responsibility for the way the Labour campaign was run. I couldn't have wished for a better Head of the campaign than Brian Duggan; and our Labour Party staff and activists, from Iain McNicol to our Regional staff and CLPs, were magnificent. They cannot be blamed for the outcome and should be very proud of the work they did.

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Everyone else needs to make their own assessment as to whether more could have been done to prevent this disastrous result. I will certainly do this, as I hope will the Leader's Office. At times it felt as if they were working against the rest of the Party and had conflicting objectives.

I was proud to work with some great people who tried their very best to get the result we all wanted. Nobody in the Leadership had the right to undermine their efforts.

Best wishes,

Alan Johnson

Former Foreign Secretary Alan JohnsonCredit: Jack Taylor/Getty Images 2:08PMStormy meeting with leadership convinced 'gang of five' to resign

Ben Riley-Smith, our political correspondent, has had a read out from a crunch meeting between Mr Corbyn and five previously supportive shadow cabinet ministers which ended with resignations

Labour's five soft-Left shadow cabinet ministers were persuaded to resign after a stormy meeting with the leadership that saw John McDonnell "lecture" those present and promise to fight on.

The group led by Owen Smith and Lisa Nandy were leaning towards supporting Jeremy Corbyn but were left aghast after their meeting with the leader was hijacks by the shadow chancellor, it is understood.

Lisa Nandy MP

The group - which has backed Mr Corbyn over the last nine months and often done media interviews defending him - asked to meet the leader to see how he planned to bring the party back together after a spate of resignations.

But a stormy meeting saw Mr McDonnell sit in and demand that those who had left the front bench would be punished rather than brought back round the table, according to one familiar with the meeting.

"They got a lecture from John McDonnell with Corbyn doing his best woodwork teacher impression," a Labour source told The Telegraph.

Jeremy Corbyn and John McDonnellCredit: Heathcliff O'Malley

"They came out and thought 'Oh my god. Your plan is to carry on and change nothing?'. They had a chat and agreed to resign'."

After the morning meeting all five figures tendered their resignation: Mr Smith, the shadow work and pensions secretary; Ms Nandy, the shadow energy secretary; John Healey, the shadow housing minister; Nia Griffiths, the shadow welsh secretary; and Kate Green, the shadow women's minister.

The move effectively robs Mr Corbyn of one of his last support bases within the shadow cabinet and suggests previous loyalists could be ready to back another candidate.

Tom Watson MPCredit: LEON NEAL/AFP

Tom Watson, the deputy Labour leader, is the most likely choice of the soft-Left with Angela Eagle, the shadow business secretary, also in contention.

All eyes are now on the young moderates with leadership ambitions such as Dan Jarvis, the former shadow justice minister, and Chuka Umunna, the former shadow business secretary, to see if they stand in the contest that is now widely expected.

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Dan Jarvis Pictured In His Army DaysCredit: Waldegrave/REX Shutterstock 1:56PMYoung Labour issue statement of no confidence in Corbyn

One youth wing of the Labour party have issued a statement in which they say they no longer have faith in Jeremy Corbyn as leader.

London Young Labour write: "Not only did Jeremy Corbyn fail to deliver passionate Labour messages about staying in the EU, he also refused to work with Britain Stronger In Europe, despite polls showing this would turn out Labour votes.

"Warnings were ignored, meetings cancelled and a desperately needed Labour message was lost. This result will have effects on everyone, but especially the poorest in our society- for decades to come.

"These are the people we seek to protect as the Labour party, and we have failed - Jeremy Corbyn has failed.

"It is for these reasons that we express no confidence in the Leader of the Labour Party, and hope London Labour MPs will consider young members' views".

. @jimwaterson a LYL source:LYL chair's position does not represent the national leadership of Young Labour or majority of y mbrs in London

- JeremyCorbyn4PM (@JeremyCorbyn4PM) June 27, 20161:51PMAnother minster resigns

Nick Thomas-Symonds, MP for Torfaen, stepped down as shadow employment minister, warning in his resignation letter that there was "a very real risk of the Labour Party splitting without a change of leadership" and telling Mr Corbyn that "I have lost confidence in your ability to unite the party and take on the Tories".

It is with enormous regret that I have resigned as Shadow Employment Minister. pic.twitter.com/KWe52wgVQc

- Nick Thomas-Symonds (@NickTorfaenMP) June 27, 20161:39PMLeaked reshuffle list

Red for out, green for in, and orange for 'can't be moved'..Corbyn reshuffle list, leaked, in real time pic.twitter.com/5vZs312RbJ

- Paul Waugh (@paulwaugh) June 27, 20161:30PMAngela Eagle close to tears on live radio

Angela Eagle, who has quit the shadow cabinet, is close to tears on Radio 4.

"It's just not working," she says.

Ms Eagle refuses to rule herself out of running against Jeremy Corbyn in a leadership contest, but says today is about the Labour leader's future.

Sounds very much like Angela Eagle is on tears as she gives live interview on Radio 4's #wato right now

- Matt Dathan (@matt_dathan) June 27, 2016

"Today is about Jeremy and the decision he's got to take and I very much hope that he will take it".

She says: "I've had to think very carefully about it, it's been an agonising decision but I think it's the first duty of every Labour leader to communicate with the electorate and during the EU referendum with just days to go to the vote, when we had a united party position on that EU referendum it emerged that half of our voters didn't know what that was.

"I think we are going to be very possibly facing a general election in the next four months and we can't have our party led by someone who can't get that kind of simple message across."

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Anyone who heard Angela Eagle on #WATO just now and still thinks this is about people putting their careers before party and country, well..

- Mikey Smith (@mikeysmith) June 27, 2016 1:26 PM Corbyn will not be brought down by 'corridor coup'

A Labour source says Jeremy Corbyn will not be brought down by this "corridor coup".

They add that a new cabinet reshuffle should be announced this afternoon and will have some "surprising names."

1:18 PM Toby Perkins: My constituents tell me Corbyn has to go

Toby Perkins quits his job as shadow armed forces minister as people in his Chesterfield constituency see "Jeremy Corbyn as a barrier to voting Labour".

Toby Perkins: My constituents tell me Corbyn has to go Play! 01:59:11 PM Will new shadow secretary make it to the Commons on time?

As BBC defence chair, advised JC I'll speak from frontbench if new shadow defence sec not back from Glastonbury today pic.twitter.com/ThaDHKecun

- John Woodcock (@JWoodcockMP) June 27, 2016 1:08 PM Leadership contest is now 'likely to happen'

Corbyn source: A leadership contest is now "likely to happen" but Jeremy will stand. Claims is "no shortage" of ppl to replace shadow cab

- Anushka Asthana (@GuardianAnushka) June 27, 2016 1:06 PM No 10 announces new 'Brexit unit'

David Cameron has announced the formation of a new "Brexit unit" of officials which will consider options for life outside the European Union.

Oliver Letwin, a Cabinet minister, will act as a "facilitator" and take views on potential options and the unit will report into the Cabinet.

The unit will bring together officials from across the Government and conduct "intensive" work on negotiations.

Mr Cameron also made it "absolutely clear" that the Government will not "tolerate intolerance".

He condemned abuse of migrants seen over the weekend. The Prime Minister's spokeswoman also suggested that the Government will not back a second independence referendum.

"The last thing Scotland needs now is another divisive referendum," she said. "It's not on the table right now. The reasons for Scotland to be in the UK are as strong as they were 18 months ago."

Report from Steven Swinford

1:01 PM Kate Green resigns from shadow cabinet

My letter to Jeremy advising my resignation from the shadow cabinet today pic.twitter.com/hkifPr101Y

- Kate Green (@KateGreenSU) June 27, 2016 12:40 PM Maria Eagle resigns from shadow cabinet

Maria Eagle makes it 36 Labour frontbenchers to quit

- Laura Kuenssberg (@bbclaurak) June 27, 2016 12:29 PM Nia Griffith quits shadow cabinet

Shadow Wales secretary Nia Griffith joined the exodus telling Mr Corbyn she did not believe he could achieve the unity the party needs for an early general election.

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And joining her was shadow woman and equalities minister Kate Green who said Mr Corbyn "did not appear to accept the special responsibility on you as leader to take all steps to unite us".

BREAK Angela Eagle, John Healey and Nia Griffith have resigned from shadow cabinet - all on left and very senior

- Tamara Cohen (@tamcohen) June 27, 2016 12:19PM John Healy quits shadow cabinet

John Healey has resigned as shadow housing minister.

I have just hand-delivered Jeremy Corbyn my resignation letter. pic.twitter.com/ntnHFzeaXN

- John Healey MP (@JohnHealey_MP) June 27, 2016 12:18PM Angela Eagle quits shadow cabinet

Angela Eagle has resigned as shadow business secretary saying that the Labour Party needs a "leader who can unite rather than divide".

Angela Eagle quits having requesting meeting with Corbyn 24 hours ago and got no response

- Michael Crick (@MichaelLCrick) June 27, 2016

Jeremy Corbyn's grip on the Labour leadership looks increasingly weak as Ma Eagle became the most senior member of his shadow cabinet to quit.

Ms Eagle, the shadow first secretary of state who deputises for Mr Corbyn at Prime Minister's Questions, said "we need a leader who can unite rather than divide the Labour Party".

With deep regret, and after nine months of trying to make it work, I have today resigned from the Shadow Cabinet pic.twitter.com/tX7SPDyTIZ

- Angela Eagle (@angelaeagle) June 27, 2016 12:17PM Did Jeremy Corbyn vote to leave the EU?

A senior Labour MP says he suspects that Jeremy Corbyn voted for Brexit after the party leader declined to tell him which way he cast his ballot.

Chris Bryant said he posed the question directly as he warned Mr Corbyn he would "destroy" the party unless he stepped aside and did not seek re-election, but received no answer.

"Jeremy's management of the campaign for the referendum left many voters on polling day not even knowing which way Jeremy himself was going to vote," he told BBC News.

Chris Bryant MP

"I suspect that Jeremy may have voted to leave.

"Not only is that a betrayal of Labour's historic position on the European Union - a fundamental economic and foreign policy objective of ours - but also it means that if he were to lead is into a general election, the latest poll shows we would lose 150 seats, we would be a rump of 75 Members of Parliament.

"I said to Jeremy last night 'look, I've tried to make this work but the only person who can make this work is you, by stepping aside and not standing in the subsequent election and letting somebody else take over the reins because otherwise you will destroy the Labour Party'."

Jeremy Corbyn, leader of the U.K. opposition Labour Party Credit: Chris Ratcliffe/Bloomberg

He cast doubt on whether Mr Corbyn could find sufficient supportive MPs to form a full shadow government.

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Mr Bryant said the decision of voters to withdraw from the EU - including a majority in his own constituency of Rhondda - had to be respected.

He added: "But what this country now needs, more than ever, is clear unambiguous leadership and I just don't think Jeremy has it in him to do that. I don't even think he really wants to be prime minister.

"We cannot go forward to a general election with a leader who cannot command the respect of the parliamentary party or, much more importantly, of the voters."

Report from PA

12:08PMScottish Labour leader tweets...

This needs urgent clarification pic.twitter.com/NjrfcEcwwr

- Kezia Dugdale (@kezdugdale) June 27, 2016 12:06PM 'Absolutely he should stay'

Andy McDonald, a new member of the shadow cabinet, has told the BBC Jeremy Corbyn should not take orders from the Parliamentary Labour Party.

He says: "Absolutely he should stay. He has a mandate to stay. It was only nine short months ago that he was elected with a massive majority.

"And I know that he hasn't been popular across the PLP. That's the understatement of the year. But it's the members who overwhelmingly embraced Jeremy's narrative.

"And I think some of my colleagues need to completely recognise that."

11:55AMCalls for Tom Watson to take over as caretaker leader

Lisa Nandy and Owen Smith have just quit the shadow cabinet.

They have demanded that Jeremy Corbyn steps down and have called for Tom Watson to take his place as a temporary leader.

They are the first of the Shadow Cabinet to quit today.

11:53AMLisa Nandy and Owen Smith quit shadow cabinet

BREAKING Lisa Nandy and Owen Smith quit shadow cabinet

- Christopher Hope (@christopherhope) June 27, 2016

Lisa Nandy and Owen Smith have resigned. Have also ruled themselves out of leadership contest. #labour

- Vicki Young (@BBCVickiYoung) June 27, 2016 11:44AM Another two resign...

AND ANOTHER: @JennyChapman QUILTS Labour's education team. pic.twitter.com/ifriF2ajF7

- Darren McCaffrey (@DMcCaffreySKY) June 27, 2016

Colleen Fletcher resigns as Labour's PPS at DEFRA. Means their DEFRA team comprises of Shadow Secretary Rachel Maskell and, er, that's it.

- Kevin Schofield (@PolhomeEditor) June 27, 2016 11:28AM 'It's time for Corbyn to go'

Toby Perkins, one of the many Labour MPs to resign this weekend, says his constituency are telling him it's time for Jeremy Corbyn to go.

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He tells Sky News: "It was very clear that Jeremy was a barrier rather than an attraction to them for voting Labour, many people who voted Labour all their lives saying they wouldn't be able to do so if he continued to be leader.

"He's a decent man, he's a man who has many attributes but a potential prime minister he is not.

"There's many, many people in Chesterfield who voted for Jeremy back in September that have come to the conclusion he has to go if Labour is to survive an upcoming general election."

Toby Perkins MP 11:20AM Juncker and Cameron speak

David Cameron spoke to Jean-Claude Juncker by phone today.

Mr Cameron thanks him for all the work he did to draw up the British settlement, which is now defunct.

Mr Cameron was not rebuked by Juncker, who has lashed out at him in recent days. "

Cameron called Juncker to thank him for all he did on renegotiation. Juncker "It was a polite and friendly conversation."

- Matthew Holehouse (@mattholehouse) June 27, 2016

"It was a polite and friendly conversation," said his spokesman. They will meet again on Tuesday.

His spokesman says Mr Juncker will not be resigning.

"The Commission did not call a referendum," he says. "The ones who have to draw conclusions from this are the ones that called the referendum. We are dealing with the polycrisis, one after another."

The President on the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker Credit: AP Photo/Markus Schreiber

The spokesman reiterates that there can be no talks until the Article 50 is activated.

"We are expecting a swift notification of Article 50 notifications. There will be no negotiation without Article 50 notifications."

Report from Matthew Holehouse in Brussels

11:18AM 'I suspect that Jeremy Corbyn may have voted to leave EU'

Chris Bryant, who quit the shadow cabinet yesterday, has told the BBC that Jeremy Corbyn refused to tell him whether he had voted to leave the EU.

I suspect that Jeremy Corbyn may have voted to leave, Chris Bryant tells @BBCNews#Brexit#EUref

- Nick Eardley (@nickeardleybbc) June 27, 2016 11:15AM McDonnell: Corbyn has no need to resign

Shadow chancellor John McDonnell says that his leader Jeremy Corbyn shouldn't resign and he should have a fresh shadow cabinet in place by lunchtime.

McDonnell: Corbyn has no need to resign Play! 01:46 11:14AM EU ready for a trade deal - but it must include free movement

The next British Prime Minister must accept free movement if they want access to the single market, EU diplomats say.

The suggestion that Britain can continue full access to the European market under an EEA deal while imposing border controls is a non-starter, they said.

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On Tuesday David Cameron will be told by his counterparts that there can be no beginning of discussions about Britain's new relationship until Article 50 is triggered, beginning the exit process.

European Union and British Union Jack flag Credit: Lazyllama / Alamy Stock Photo

EU officials are happy for Britain to have a number of months to prepare a stable government but there has to be a clear timetable, warning that an indefinite delay or uncertainty would be toxic unsustainable.

The resolution of Tuesday's European Council is expected to state a desire to create a "harmonious" relationship with Britain in future years.

It will also regret the outcome of the vote, say that EU law continues to apply to the UK until exit, and issue a positive message about the need to keep the EU together.

Participants hold the EU flag as members of the public take part in a 'Remain In' RallyCredit: EPA/HAYOUNG JEON

After initial anger, the mood is calming and the minds are focusing on making it work.

The mood at yesterday's meeting of EU27 sherpas was not one of a "lynchmob" that will go out the way to punish Britain for leaving the EU, and there is a landing zone in mind for a harmonious trade relationship

"Gladstone said there are no such things as permanent alliances, only permanent interests," said one source.

Report from Matthew Holehouse in Brussels

11:12AMJess Phillips resigns as PPS

Letter pic.twitter.com/IDqcL7d8k2

- Jess Phillips MP (@jessphillips) June 27, 201611:06AMLisa Nandy to stand against Corbyn?

The New Statesman are reporting that Lisa Nandy MP could challenge Jeremy Corbyn in a leadership election.

Lisa Nandy will stand against Corbyn, Labour source tells me.

- George Eaton (@georgeeaton) June 27, 2016Profile | Lisa Nandy11:05AMAnother **shadow** minister resigns

I have just resigned my position on the frontbench for the reasons as set out below in my letter to Jeremy pic.twitter.com/wtYq5lgt9D

- R. Blackman-Woods (@robertabwMP) June 27, 201610:54AMNew Labour MP urges Corbyn to go...

Here's my letter to Bristol South Labour Party members this morning pic.twitter.com/mcFgyMC9YV

- Karin Smyth MP (@karinsmyth) June 27, 201610:45AMTom Watson tells Corbyn he has lost support of MPs

Ben Riley-Smith, our political correspondent, has got a read-out from the meeting between the pair this morning.

Tom Watson has told Jeremy Corbyn he has lost authority among his MPs but fallen short of telling him to resign during a face-to-face meeting with Labour in crisis.

I'm told that Watson and Corbyn also spoke for "five minutes about Glastonbury".

- George Eaton (@georgeeaton) June 27, 2016

The party's deputy leader made clear the level of "unrest" Mr Corbyn faces from his own MPs and the anger there is towards his leadership, it is understood.

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However Mr Watson will not join other shadow cabinet ministers in tendering his resignation and did not call on Mr Corbyn to go.

Corbyn's team briefed Watson *didn't* ask Corbyn to quit, Watson's team seem to have briefed Watson *did* ask Corbyn to quit.

- Jim Waterson (@jimwaterson) June 27, 2016

It appears Mr Watson, who was elected to the deputy leadership on the same day as Mr Corbyn last September, is playing a conciliatory role between the rebels and the party's Left wing.

All sides in the party are now preparing for a leadership contest that is likely to be triggered in the coming days.

Jeremy CorbynCredit: Richard Gardner/REX/Shutterstock 10:44AMUnion backs Corbyn over 'self indulgent MPs'

Public and Commercial Services union general secretary Mark Serwotka has sent a personal message of support to Jeremy Corbyn, saying: "The EU referendum result was a devastating blow, capping a poisonous Leave campaign that preyed on genuine fears about a lack of investment in our communities and years of pent up distrust of politics, and directed this anger towards migrants.

"As many of us warned, the far right are already trying to exploit this and the political uncertainty the result has sparked. The most immediate and important thing we need is for Labour and the unions to lead a mass campaign against this racism and xenophobia to protect migrants, and to demand that housing, education, health and other public services are properly resourced.

"I am appalled that instead of helping with this, some self-indulgent Labour MPs are looking inward, and turning on you and the party members and supporters who elected you in a landslide last September.

"I believe you are the best person to lead the Labour party through what is undoubtedly going to be a difficult period and you have my full support."

Britain's opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy CorbynCredit: REUTERS/Peter Nicholls 10:37AMBoris: Project Fear is over

Boris denies he is backtracking on his promises after writing in today's Daily Telegraph that "Britain is part of Europe, and always will be."

He instead praised his fellow Tory Chancellor George Osborne for announcing there would be no immediate budget following Britain's decision to leave the EU, and insisted that Britain will have access to the free market.

Boris: Project Fear is overPlay!01:1710:24AMTom Watson tells jeremy Corbyn he will face a 'bruising' leadership contest

A meeting between Tom Watson and Jeremy Corbyn has taken place this morning and it is understood the deputy leader of the Labour Party did not demand his boss stood down.

He reportedly told Mr Corbyn that if he wants to stay on, he almost certainly faces a "bruising" leadership contest followed by a general election.

he meeting between Mr Corbyn and Mr Watson was described as "civil" by a spokesman for the leader.

The spokesman said there was "categorically not" any call from Mr Watson for Mr Corbyn to quit.

"Tom updated Jeremy on the views of the PLP and Jeremy updated Tom on the shadow cabinet appointments," the spokesman said. The brief meeting lasted under 20 minutes.

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Asked if the views of the PLP put to Mr Corbyn by his deputy were a surprise the spokesman said: "Not really."

Tom Watson and Jeremy Corbyn Credit: Heathcliff O'Malley 10:12AMAnother **shadow** minister resigns

A few minutes ago I formally tendered to Jeremy Corbyn my resignation from the post of **Shadow** Minister for the Natural Environment.

- Alex Cunningham (@ACunninghamMP) June 27, 201610:11AMDuck makes bid for Downing Street

As if things couldn't get more 'quackers', journalists lying in wait for the Cabinet meeting with the PM were greeted by this duck waddling past Number 10.

Who knows, if the Tory and Labour party in-fighting continues, this duck may be the only one left to take on Downing Street.

Duck makes bid for Downing StreetPlay!00:4210:09AM'Project fear is over'

Boris Johnson has declared "Project Fear is over" after Chancellor George Osborne said an emergency post-Brexit budget was unlikely to happen until a new prime minister is in place in the autumn.

The leading Leave campaigner welcomed the early morning statement by Mr Osborne intended to calm the markets that the UK economy was "about as strong as it could be" to confront the challenge of separating from the EU.

"It is clear now that Project Fear is over, there is not going to be an emergency budget, people's pensions are safe, the pound is stable, the markets are stable, I think that's all very good," he told reporters as he left his London home.

Boris Johnson leaving his homeCredit: REX/Shutterstock 9:42AMJeremy Corbyn is doing the honourable thing

Emily Thornberry, who has just been promoted to **shadow** foreign secretary, stood by Jeremy Corbyn this morning during a fiery TV appearance. The MP, who made the appearance not long before news broke of her promotion, said Mr Corbyn is doing the "honourable thing" by refusing to step down.

Speaking on GMB, the former **shadow** defence secretary said that Mr Corbyn's role following Brexit is to "speak up on behalf of our people who are going to be hit hardest."

Emily Thornberry: Jeremy Corbyn is doing the honourable thingPlay!00:529:14AMCorbyn's new Cabinet Jeremy Corbyn's NEW **shadow** cabinet9:07AMTop party members refuse to meet Corbyn's top team

The party's leaders in the Lords are set to refuse to attend meetings of Mr Corbyn's top team.

Baroness Smith of Basildon, the Labour leader in the Lords, and Lord Bassam, the chief whip, are both in post because of elections within the ranks of the party's peers - rather than being appointed by Mr Corbyn.

A source said that they had taken "soundings" from the party's peers and it was likely they would boycott **shadow** cabinet meetings while Mr Corbyn remains as leader.

9:02AMCorbyn leaves his house this morning Labour Party Jeremy Corbyn outside his houseCredit: Rick Findler/PA Wire Jeremy Corbyn leaves his home in North LondonCredit: Christopher Furlong/Getty Images Britain's opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn insisted he would not give up his job in a Labour Party revoltCredit: JUSTIN TALLIS/AFP/Getty Images 8:46AMSteve Reed resigns

I have resigned as **Shadow** Minister for Local Government. Here is my letter of resignation
pic.twitter.com/WcMZp757xE

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- Steve Reed (@SteveReedMP) June 27, 2016 8:34AM Corbyn begins refilling his empty **shadow** cabinet

Jeremy Corbyn has promoted key allies as the revolt against his leadership of the Labour Party continued.

The Labour leader lost 12 members of his **shadow** cabinet on Sunday but has made a series of appointments in an effort to shore up his position.

Emily Thornberry MP Credit: Ben Cawthra/REX/Shutterstock

But he faced further resignations from the junior frontbench ranks amid fresh calls for him to stand down as leader.

Former **shadow** defence secretary Emily Thornberry will replace Hilary Benn, who was sacked as **shadow** foreign secretary in the early hours of Sunday morning.

So Labour's new **shadow** defence secretary Clive Lewis will take first Defence questions today. He's a Trident opponent. Could be interesting.

- Michael Savage (@michaelsavage) June 27, 2016

And Diane Abbott replaces Heidi Alexander, who quit as **shadow** health secretary - one of 11 **shadow** cabinet ministers to resign in a day.

Diane Abbott MP

The following appointments have been announced.

Shadow Foreign Secretary - Emily Thornberry

Shadow Health Secretary - Diane Abbott

Shadow Education Secretary - Pat Glass

Shadow Transport Secretary - Andy McDonald

Shadow Defence Secretary - Clive Lewis

Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury - Rebecca Long-Bailey

Shadow International Development Secretary - Kate Osamor

Shadow Environment Food and Rural Affairs Secretary - Rachel Maskell

Shadow Voter Engagement and Youth Affairs - Cat Smith

Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary - Dave Anderson

8:21AM 'We will start work'

Chris Grayling, the Leader of the House of Commons and Brexit campaigner, is also on the Today programme.

He says: "We will start work. There needs to be a detailed plan put in place.

Grayling: "The single market is a phrase."

- Robert Hutton (@RobDotHutton) June 27, 2016

"There does need to be an informal period where we do put in place the things we need for the formal negotiation.

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"I'm pretty clear in my own mind where we need to end up."

Chris Grayling MP 8:18AM 'We've got no government'

Alistair Darling is on the Today programme this morning.

He says: "We've got no government, we've got no opposition, the people who got us into this mess have run away.

"Boris Johnson seems to be treating this like a big game. Like the last four months were just a jolly laugh."

Lord DarlingCredit: JEFF GILBERT 8:11AM Stephen Kinnock resigns as PPS

Stephen Kinnock has resigned as Parliamentary Private Secretary to Angela Eagle, the Shadow First Secretary of State and Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills.

It is with regret that this morning I have resigned as a PPS pic.twitter.com/0KFG1bhRaD

- Stephen Kinnock MP (@SKinnock) June 27, 2016 8:00AM More ministers resign

The mayhem in Labour ranks continued today, with one former member of Jeremy Corbyn's top team urging him to quit now rather than "drag this out" as frontbenchers continued to quit.

Mr Corbyn lost 12 members of his shadow cabinet on Sunday and further resignations have already taken place on Monday ahead of a crunch meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

Shadow foreign minister Diana Johnson, shadow civil society minister Anna Turley and shadow defence minister Toby Perkins all resigned as the protest against Mr Corbyn's leadership continued.

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn leaves his house in LondonCredit: Isabel Infantes/PA Wire 7:53AM Toby Perkins resigns as shadow minister

Toby Perkins has resigned as shadow armed forces minister saying that the Labour Party "needs a change at the top".

He is the third minister to resign in 3 minutes.

I have informed Jeremy Corbyn that I am resigning from my post of Shadow Armed Forces Minister. My letter attached. pic.twitter.com/8ui8IGHVUP

- Toby Perkins (@tobyperkinsmp) June 27, 2016 7:51AM Diana Johnson resigns as shadow minister

Diana Johnson has resigned as a shadow foreign minister.

After @hilarybennmp sacking yesterday I have now written to Jeremy Corbyn to resign as a Shadow Foreign and Commonwealth Office minister.

- Diana Johnson (@DianaJohnsonMP) June 27, 2016 7:49AM Anna Turley resigns as shadow minister

Anna Turley has resigned as shadow minister for civil society.

It is with great sadness that I just sent my resignation as Shadow Minister for Civil Society to Jeremy Corbyn. pic.twitter.com/DDUgtff70Q

- Anna Turley MP (@annaturley) June 27, 2016 7:46AM 'I hope Jeremy doesn't drag this out'

Lucy Powell, the former shadow education secretary, has been talking to the Today programme about why she resigned from Jeremy Corbyn's Cabinet yesterday.

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"I really do hope that Jeremy will now reflect on this himself and not drag this out any longer than necessary", she says.

"It is very clear that the position of Jeremy Corbyn as head of the Parliamentary Labour Party is pretty untenable."

Lucy Powell MP Credit: LNP/REX/Shutterstock 7:25AM 'We must raise our eye above our navels'

Shadow defence secretary Emily Thornberry said she would not be resigning because "I think it is important we raise our eye above our navels and look to the country".

On Mr Corbyn's future with the Labour Party she said the "honourable thing" in these circumstances is to be speaking up on behalf of people who are going to be hit hardest as a result of Brexit rather than being "embroiled in internal party politics".

She told Good Morning Britain: "I think everybody should be genuinely worried about the country. They should be genuinely worried about where is the leadership coming from. We have got the guy at number 10 who is in there sulking.

"We have got the Chancellor now coming out this morning finally in order to say something.

"We have got all the Brexiteers from the Tory party who are now just interested in their own leadership campaign.

"It is as if people were kicking against the establishment because they weren't listening to people and now when they are needed, they are all just looking after themselves."

British opposition Labour MP and **Shadow** Secretary of State for Defence Emily Thornberry Credit: BEN STANSALL/AFP 7:14AM Osborne: Britain is ready to confront what the future holds for us

The Chancellor George Osborne is speaking in London Britain is ready to deal with the aftermath of Britain's decision to leave the European Union.

Osborne says Britain is "ready to confront what the future holds for us from a position of strength" in his first public reaction to Brexit.

He says: "I said we had to fix the roof so we were prepared for whatever happens. Thank goodness we did."

George Osborne: Britain is ready to confront what the future holds for us from a position of strength
pic.twitter.com/vlJyXhtopE

- Steven Swinford (@Steven_Swinford) June 27, 2016

Now that the "people have spoken", he says, "we in this democracy must all accept that result".

He says the Treasury have further contingency plans if they are needed, but that it "will not be plain sailing in the days ahead".

Osborne says that only the UK can trigger article 50 and "we should only do that when we are clear about new arrangements with European neighbours."

George Osborne is essentially saying that he still thinks the economy could go into recession after vote to leave EU

- Steven Swinford (@Steven_Swinford) June 27, 2016

It is already evident some firms are pausing investment, he says.

"I will address my role within Conservative party in coming days."

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He adds: "I don't resile from any of the concerns I raised during the referendum campaign but the economy must adjust."

On emergency action, he says there will have to be action but it makes sense to wait until a new Prime Minister is in place.

George Osborne: I will address my role within Conservative party in coming days

- Steven Swinford (@Steven_Swinford) June 27, 2016 6:54AM Nearly half the **shadow** cabinet resigns

Good Morning,

Jeremy Corbyn was facing a leadership coup on Sunday night as the Left attempted to unite to overturn Britain's exit from the European Union.

Twelve members of the Labour **shadow** cabinet left office yesterday amid a series of staggered resignations and demands that Mr Corbyn make way for a pro-EU candidate who can fight against the British public's demand for Brexit.

Who has left the Labour **Shadow** Cabinet? Play! 00:55

Tom Watson, the deputy Labour leader will today hold crisis talks with Mr Corbyn, who is being propped up by the trade unions despite losing the backing of most Labour MPs.

The Labour turmoil came amid another day of unprecedented political and constitutional crisis, which saw Nicola Sturgeon warn that she would seek to use legal powers vested in the Scottish Parliament to block Brexit .

Jeremy Corbyn's **shadow** cabinet

George Osborne will on Monday make a dawn statement to reassure the financial markets that the Government is ready to intervene amid growing fears that the panicked response of British and European political leaders to the referendum threatens to spark a major economic crisis.

Mr Johnson is expected to launch his leadership bid in the coming days, with Theresa May, the Home Secretary, his most likely opponent in the battle to become the next Prime Minister .

Hilary Benn MP Credit: Jack Taylor/Getty Images

However, the emerging Conservative leadership contest was yesterday overshadowed by the Labour machinations.

The Labour **shadow** cabinet departures began at 1.13am yesterday morning when it emerged Mr Corbyn had sacked his **shadow** foreign secretary Hilary Benn after reports in the media he was leading a coup.

Alarmed by Mr Benn's sacking, some of the most senior figures in the party agreed to stagger resignations throughout the day in an attempt to unseat the Labour leader by exposing his lack of support. Before 9am Heidi Alexander, the **shadow** health secretary, had released a resignation letter saying Mr Corbyn did not have "the capacity to shape the answers our country is demanding".

Mr Benn explained his decision shortly afterwards, telling BBC One's The Andrew Marr Show: "He's a good and decent man but he is not a leader." By 9.30pm, 11 more ministers had resigned, with more expected overnight and on Monday.

Benn: 'I no longer have confidence' in Corbyn's leadership Play! 00:23

One former member of Mr Corbyn's **shadow** cabinet who resigned yesterday said the party needed an "avowedly pro-EU" leader who could push to keep Britain as close to Europe as possible during exit negotiations.

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Sources said that they expect a general election before the end of the year and that they want a leader in place who will stand on a pro-EU manifesto.

"People have started to say that we can go into the next election as a avowedly pro-EU party," the former frontbencher told The Telegraph.

"I would want someone who is very much-pro European, who has a vision for us being very much engaged in Europe, but addresses concerns that are clearly there such as immigration."

Corbyn's shadow cabinet

Sources said that Mr Corbyn will refuse to step down and will instead try and make public a planned secret vote on his future so that voters can see which MPs are trying to unseat him.

Late on Sunday evening Mr Corbyn issued a bullish statement and vowed to continue as leader despite the resignations. He said: "I am not going to betray the trust of those who voted for me - or the millions of supporters across the country who need Labour to represent them.

"Those who want to change Labour's leadership will have to stand in a democratic election, in which I will be a candidate.

"Over the next 24 hours I will reshape my shadow cabinet and announce a new leadership team to take forward Labour's campaign for a fairer Britain - and to get the best deal with Europe for our people."

Jeremy Corbyn avoids questions on whether he will step down as Labour leaderPlay!00:35

It is thought that the Parliamentary Labour Party is hoping to select a new leader who could seek to negotiate a new British-EU deal in conjunction with sympathetic European leaders and the heads of other British regions.

Tony Blair, the former Labour prime minister, said a second referendum on the UK's membership of the EU should not be ruled out because Britain has become "deeply divided" after the vote. Across Europe, there are growing signs that a new deal may ultimately offered.

Peter Altmaier, German Chancellor Angela Merkel's chief of staff, said that British politicians "should have the possibility to reconsider the consequences of an exit" as these begin to emerge.

He later clarified that the validity of the result was not in doubt and said "we respect the decision of the British people".

The Czech government called for the removal of Jean-Claude Juncker, the EU President, following another day of aggressive anti-British briefings from the European Commission. The EU met for the first time without Britain yesterday and sources said that no negotiations would take place until Britain had formally requested to leave the blo

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