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■ **'Gangbusters' UK economy now fastest growing in the G7**

■ **Expansion of 1.3% since start of the year even outpaces U.S.**

■ **Yet Chancellor STILL suggests she'll have to raise taxes**

SO MUCH FOR AN ECONOMIC CRISIS!

By **John-Paul Ford Rojas**
and **Harriet Line**

CHANCELLOR Rachel Reeves came under fire last night after her doom-laden claims about the Tories' economic legacy were left in tatters.

In the latest evidence of the UK's robust recovery, figures showed that growth this year is the fastest in the G7 group of advanced nations, while inflation remains subdued and unemployment falls.

Yet, in what is seen as preparing the public for tax rises, Ms Reeves insists that Labour's economic inheritance is the worst since the Second World War.

Critics expressed incredulity at the claim, coming as the Chancellor has been doling out huge pay settlements to public sector workers.

One expert said Ms Reeves' comments were 'categorically false', while another described the latest figures as 'another gangbusters quarter' for the UK.

Former Tory chancellor Jeremy Hunt said his successor's gloomy talk 'will not wash with the public', adding that the latest figures 'are yet further proof that Labour have inherited a growing and resilient economy'.

Tory leadership contenders lined up to slam the new Chancellor as she prepares to raise taxes in her first Budget. Dame Priti Patel said: 'Reeves spent the election lying to the British

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