

Theresa May's Days as UK Prime Minister Are Numbered? A No Confidence Vote

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She's been a colossal failure by any standard. She affronted UK allies and adversaries alike. In response to her twice rejected no-Brexit/Brexit deal, one critic called her "the prime minister of humiliation."

Another called her "mean...crude (and) stupid," adding it's a commonly expressed view about her in Britain and the EU.

She lied about supporting Brexit while privately opposing it all along, going all-out to undermine the popular will, perhaps her undoing in the coming days.

After vowing last fall to stick with a deal only Brexit opponents could love, seven of her highprofile ministers resigned, scores of Tories and most other MPs saying they reject her nodeal/deal.

She's lost everything over the issue overwhelmingly except a vote of no confidence so far. Politically damaged beyond repair, it's astonishing she's held n this long, her days as PM looking increasingly numbered.

Her idea of leaving Britain half in and half out of the EU angered most parliamentarians, along with Brussels and majority Brits.

Some Tories think she may be forced out this week, her leadership no longer respected. A no confidence vote, if passed, means loss of her premiership and political career likely along with it.

According to UK media, virtually cabinet members turned against her, urging her to stand down voluntarily. Last week, she angered fellow Tories and opposition parties by blaming MPs for her ineptness and affrontery over the Brexit impasse.

According to the London Times, at least 11 cabinet ministers will demand she resign on Monday, the broadsheet saying: "The end is nigh."

With majority MPs certain to overwhelmingly reject another Brexit vote if taken for the third time, her tenure as prime minister appears coming to an end – an interim leader replacing her ahead of general elections Tories could lose.

According to former MP, sharp critic of politics as usual, George Galloway in mid-March, twice overwhelmingly defeated in parliament, May's "Brexit plan surely cooks the goose of the plan but also bastes her ready for roasting," adding: "In any normal polity the leader at least would already be gone...(It's) obvious (that Tories) must get rid of" her.

Last week, an unnamed EU diplomat said "there is a complete lack of confidence (by Brussels in May) to deliver on this deal."

On March 24, the London Sunday Times said she's "at the mercy of a full-blown cabinet coup last night as senior ministers moved to oust...and replace her with her deputy, David Lidington," adding:

"(S)enior minsters agreed (she) must announce she is standing down, warning that she has become a toxic and "erratic" figure whose judgment has "gone haywire."

A Daily Mail report was similar, adding even her chief whip Julian Smith "advised her to set out her departure plans..."

Cabinet Brexiteers want Michael Gove to succeed her as interim PM, calling Lidington a Brexit opponent.

If both of the above reports are right, there's virtual "unanimity" among Tory cabinet ministers for May to step down as soon as possible.

Her resignation appears imminent.

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