

New U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson Fires Members of Former Leader Theresa May's Cabinet

(LONDON) — New Prime Minister Boris Johnson seems to be clearing out top ministers, firing several members of former leader Theresa May's Cabinet.

So far, May's secretaries in defense, business, education, transport, local government, and international trade have all announced they are leaving government. That comes hours after Treasury chief Philip Hammond, Justice Secretary David Gauke, International Development Secretary Rory Stewart and May's de-facto deputy, David Lidington, resigned.

Some of those leaving had said they would rather go than serve under Johnson, who wants to leave the European Union even if no Brexit agreement is in place to ease the transition. Johnson insists the country will leave the EU by Oct. 31 — “do or die.”

However many British lawmakers, including some in Johnson's Conservative party, worry that the shock of severing decades of frictionless trade would devastate the country's economy.

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