

Gordon Brown promises change

Gordon Brown is set to become Britain's next prime minister on June 27 when Tony Blair resigns after a decade in power. Prime minister-in-waiting Brown has promised to change the way the country is run by giving more power to parliament and ordinary people, and less to the state



■ **Economy:** Has pledged to continue tight public spending growth.

Tax cuts promised from 2008

■ **Foreign policy:** Wants multilateral action on issues such as North Korea and Iran. Does not expect U.S. to unilaterally attack Iran

■ **Iraq:** No withdrawal date but hints of further troop reductions

■ **Middle East:** Recommends economic peace plan to resolve Palestinian-Israeli conflict

■ **EU treaty:** Referendum hinted at if treaty includes control of taboo areas – justice, foreign policy, defence and “legally binding” charter of fundamental rights

■ **United States:** Anti-Americanism is a mistake, but Prime Minister Brown will put British national interest first and not be “slavish” to Bush administration

■ **Electoral reform:** Enshrine rights and responsibilities of citizens. **Give parliament power to vote on whether Britain goes to war**

■ **Security:** Supports plans to detain terrorism suspects for more than 28 days without charge

■ **Health:** Considering independent board to handle day-to-day running of NHS to improve delivery of healthcare

■ **Education:** Has pledged to raise spending on schools

■ **Defence:** Committed to renewing Britain's *Trident* nuclear deterrent

■ **Civil service:** Cull Labour party consultants – currently costing tax payers £2.8 billion a year – and replace them with civil servants. Abolish special advisers' power to give orders to civil servants