

Countdown to Britain's election



- **Apr 6:** Prime Minister **Gordon Brown** calls election. Parliament holds two-day “**wash up**” to rush through essential business
- **Apr 15:** First of three televised debates between Brown, Conservative leader **David Cameron** and **Nick Clegg**, leader of Liberal Democrats
- **Apr 21:** Employment statistics – surge could dent Labour’s hopes
- **Apr 22:** Budget deficit figures due. **Reducing £167 billion deficit is main campaign issue.** Second TV debate between Brown, Cameron and Clegg
- **Apr 23:** GDP for first quarter 2010. Fall in growth – sign of “**double-dip**” recession – could be lethal for Labour
- **Apr 29:** Final leaders’ TV debate
- **May 6:** Polling day
- **May 12-18:** First session of new parliament