

Contenders to lead UK Tory Party

After a tumultuous 24 hours in British politics, Prime Minister Boris Johnson has agreed to resign after losing 60 ministers and aides in protest at his leadership



1 Liz Truss, 46: Foreign secretary is open about her leadership ambitions. Cabinet experience includes serving as environment and justice secretaries

2 Rishi Sunak, 42: Finance minister, who resigned on July 5, has long been seen as potential party leader. His role in delivering aid packages for businesses and individuals during coronavirus pandemic made him popular

3 Nadhim Zahawi, 55: Appointed as finance minister after Sunak's resignation. Served as vaccines minister during pandemic, then as education secretary. Born in Iraq, he emigrated to Britain with his family in 1970s when Saddam Hussein came to power

4 Sajid Javid, 52: Former health secretary has previously run for party leadership twice – in 2016 and 2019. His role as Johnson's primary political assassin is unlikely to aid his standing among Tory grassroots

5 Penny Mordaunt, 49: Trade minister is longtime coded critic of Johnson. First entered parliament in 2010, later joined cabinet under *Theresa May's* leadership

6 Jeremy Hunt, 55: Former health secretary lost 2019 leadership contest to Johnson. Public gaffes have hurt him in past, including when as foreign secretary in 2018 – on his first official visit to China – he accidentally described his Chinese wife as Japanese