UK will see its 7th prime minister in 10 years

Keir Starmer is to step down as British prime minister, extending a decade of political turmoil that has seen six UK leaders depart since the country voted to leave the European Union in 2016



1 David Cameron *2010 – 2016*
Resigns after campaigning unsuccessfully for UK to remain in EU and losing Brexit referendum

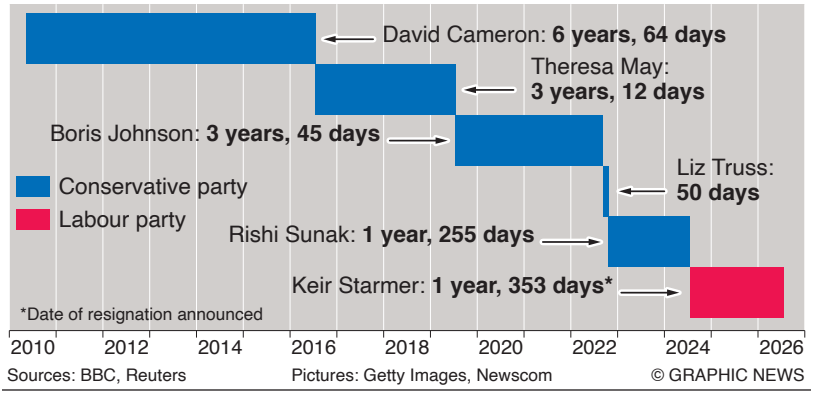
2 Theresa May *2016 – 2019*
Resigns after repeatedly failing to secure parliamentary approval for Brexit withdrawal agreement

3 Boris Johnson *2019 – 2022*
Resigns following series of scandals, including gatherings at Downing Street during Covid-19 lockdown, known as "Partygate"

4 Liz Truss *Sep – Oct 2022*
Resigns after introducing unfunded tax-cut plan in "mini-budget", plunging financial markets into chaos

5 Rishi Sunak *2022 – 2024*
Resigns after failing to reverse Conservative decline and leading party to historic election defeat

6 Keir Starmer *2024 – 2026*
Resigns after losing confidence of large part of own party following months of poor polling, electoral setbacks and internal dissent



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