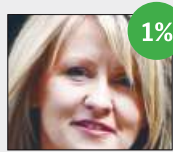
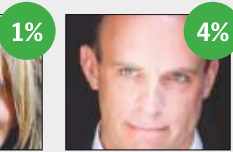


After May, who?

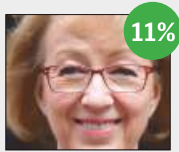
There are 11 Conservative lawmakers seeking to replace outgoing Prime Minister Theresa May, eight of whom are open to the U.K. leaving the European Union on October 31 without a deal. Their names have been arranged here to reflect their positions on Brexit. Also given are the odds of them winning (in %, aggregated from different betting sites)



Esther McVey
Former Works and Pensions Secretary
Candidate with the hardest position on Brexit, who wants the U.K. to leave without a deal on October 31



Dominic Raab
Former Brexit Secretary
He plans to seek a "fairer deal" but will not delay Brexit beyond October, and is prepared to leave without a deal



Andrea Leadsom
Former House of Commons leader
She will try to come up with a "deal we can all live with" but wants the U.K. to leave by October



Boris Johnson
Former Foreign Secretary
He said in a campaign video that Britain will leave the EU on October 31 "deal or no deal"



Sajid Javid
Home Secretary
A former 'Remainer', he wants to renegotiate the deal with the EU but is also prepared to leave without one



Michael Gove
Environment Secretary
He will seek a Canada-style free trade agreement with the EU and wants the U.K. to leave before October 31



Jeremy Hunt
Foreign Secretary
An ex-'Remainer', he says that while he would prefer to leave with a deal, a no-deal exit is better than no Brexit



Mark Harper
Former 'Remainer', he favours extending Article 50. However, he is also open to leaving without a deal. If revisions are not possible



Matt Hancock
Health Secretary
A former 'Remainer', he has said that leaving without a deal is not an option as Parliament would not allow it



Rory Stewart
International Development Secretary
A former 'Remainer', he opposes a "no-deal Brexit" and favours a "pragmatic, moderate" version of it



Sam Gyimah
Ex-Universities Secretary
The only candidate to back another referendum. He said he was only joining the contest to "broaden the race"

HOW DOES THE ELECTION HAPPEN?

a) Nomination (next week): Candidates should be nominated by at least two other Conservative MPs
b) Ballot of MPs: to be concluded by June-end Conservative MPs will hold several rounds of votes to whittle down the number of candidates. The process usually gets repeated till there are

c) Membership vote: The final candidates are put to a postal ballot of the wider Conservative Party membership, which numbers about 1,600,000
The party said it wanted to announce the result before Parliament begins its summer break, usually in late July
The new Conservative leader will also be the new Prime Minister

SOURCE: REUTERS, GUARDIAN

May quits as Tory leader, succession race begins

She will remain British Prime Minister until a new Conservative leader is chosen; the process is likely to finish by July-end

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

British Prime Minister Theresa May stepped down as leader of her Conservative Party on Friday, formally triggering the race for a successor who will try where she failed to deliver Brexit.

Ms. May will remain Prime Minister until a new leader is chosen, likely in late July, but will make no further moves on Britain's tortuous departure from the European Union.

Brexit is still scheduled for October 31 but while the contenders thrash it out over the leadership, the project remains stalled, with the only divorce plan agreed with Brussels rejected in Parliament.

Monday deadline

Eleven Conservative MPs have declared their intention to stand to replace Ms. May, including former Foreign Minister Boris Johnson, but some are expected to drop out before Monday's deadline for nominations.

The winner will have only a few months to decide whether to try to salvage Ms. May's plan, delay Brexit again – or sever ties with Britain's closest trading partner with no agreement at all.

The government is under pressure from eurosceptic figurehead Nigel Farage, who has called for a "no deal" option and whose newly-formed Brexit Party comfortably topped the European Parliament elections last month.

His single-issue party suffered a setback after narrowly missing out on winning its first parliamentary seat, losing to Labour in a by-election in the eastern city of Peterborough on Thursday.

Leadership contest frontrunner Mr. Johnson warned that the centre-right Conser-



The Prime Minister's official residence, 10 Downing Street, will get a new occupant by the end of next month. *AP

vatives "must deliver Brexit by October 31 or we risk Brexit Party votes delivering Corbyn to No 10", referring to leftist Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn getting into Downing Street.

Meanwhile leadership rival Jeremy Hunt, the Foreign

Minister, warned that there was "no future for our party" until Britain leaves the EU.

Ms. May put on a brave face this week when hosting U.S. President Donald Trump for a state visit, before joining him and other

world leaders to mark 75 years since the D-Day landings. "She remains Prime Minister for a good few weeks yet," Ms. May's spokesman insisted, noting that any successor must meet Queen Elizabeth II and assure the head of state that they have the support of enough lawmakers to take over.

Secret ballots

Nominations for the Conservative leadership contest open and close on Monday, and the 313 Conservative MPs – including Ms. May – will hold the first of a series of secret ballots on Thursday.

With the worst performers eliminated each time, the goal is to have two candidates left by June 20. They will then be put to a ballot of an estimated 1,600,000 party members. The contest should be completed in the week commencing July 22.

Court quashes case against Boris Johnson

REUTERS
LONDON

Judges at London's High Court have thrown out an attempt to prosecute Boris Johnson for allegedly lying about Brexit during the 2016 EU referendum campaign. The case revolved around a claim famously emblazoned on Mr. Johnson's "Leave" campaign bus that Britain would be £350 million a week better off outside the EU.

At a judicial review hearing on Friday at the High Court, Mr. Johnson's lawyer Adrian Darbishire said that judge had either erred in law or provided the wrong legal test in allowing the case to go ahead.

Sirisena wanted Speaker to scrap parliamentary probe

He felt that a 'parallel investigation' into Easter attacks could hinder criminal cases on the bombings

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

President Maithripala Sirisena on Friday said that he conveyed to the Speaker earlier this week that the ongoing probe into the Easter attacks by a parliamentary panel could hinder court proceedings in the criminal investigations of the bombings.

On Thursday, however, the Parliamentary Select Committee (PSC) – which was informed of the President's note – told the Speaker that sittings would continue. In a letter to the Speaker, PSC members said the Parliament is the sole judge of its powers and privileges, and had exclusive jurisdiction over its own proceedings, *The Hindu* has learnt.



Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena. *AFP

In a meeting with senior police officers on Friday, Mr. Sirisena said he had written to the Speaker, citing the backdrop of five cases filed on the Easter bombings. "I shared with the Speaker the Attorney General's written observations that the [parallel] investigation by a Parliamentary committee could affect proceedings. But, it is sad

that the Speaker did not express any view on the matter in Parliament," he told the officers, according to a press release.

In a letter dated June 4, Mr. Sirisena sought to draw the Speaker's attention to the AG's opinion that the proceedings of the committee "could be prejudicial and would cause adverse impact on the judicial proceeding in the Supreme Court."

Panel dismisses request

In a strongly worded response dated June 6, members of the PSC told the Speaker that the judiciary and the Parliament have "historically maintained comity of relations and are capable of continuing that great tradition". Any attempt by the executive to interfere

in our relationship "is unlawful", and potentially "a breach of privileges" of the committee and the House.

The response signed by the PSC members also cites earlier rulings that the executive or the judiciary cannot interfere with the powers of the legislature.

Further, in Friday's meeting with the senior police officials and later, at an "emergency Cabinet meeting", Mr. Sirisena vowed not to send any officer in service to testify before the parliamentary panel. He observed that the sittings, which the media have been allowed to cover, could have a bearing on national security, sources said.

His decision comes a day after a suspended IGP and a former Defence Secretary shared damning evidence of

having received prior intelligence on possible terror attacks ahead of the April 21 bombings.

Coverage by media

At Thursday's PSC sitting – the third session – acting chairperson Jayampathy Wickremaratne said it was the first time in the country's history that media could cover a parliamentary panel's sitting.

On concerns that giving the media access to proceedings may impact national security, Mr. Wickremaratne earlier said that exposing the negligence of officials, who had failed to thwart terror attacks despite prior warnings, was not a threat to the country's national security. "The public have the right to know," he said.

Russia, U.S. trade charges after ships come close to collision

Navies blame each other for manoeuvres in East China Sea

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MOSCOW

Russia and the U.S. on Friday accused each other of dangerous manoeuvres after their ships came close to collision in the East China Sea.

On Friday morning, Russia's Pacific Fleet said that the *USS Chancellorsville* guided-missile cruiser suddenly cut across the course of its *Admiral Vinogradov* anti-submarine ship, passing in front of it at a distance of just 50 m. The Russian ship had to carry out an emergency manoeuvre to avoid collision, the Navy said, adding that it had sent a message of protest to the U.S. cruiser's commanders.



A Russian destroyer, left, sailing close to a U.S. ship, in the Philippine Sea. *AP

within 50 to 100 feet of the *Chancellorsville*, "putting the safety of her crew and ship at risk."

"We consider Russia's actions during this interaction as unsafe and unprofessional," the U.S. Navy said.

Russia and the U.S. regularly accuse each other of carrying out dangerous naval or aerial manoeuvres.

In June 2016, Moscow and Washington traded accusations after their naval ships sailed closely past each other in the eastern Mediterranean. A month later, the U.S. accused Russia of "aggressive" and "erratic" moves by one of its warships in the same waters.

ELSEWHERE



Ethiopia PM in Sudan to revive peace talks

Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed arrived in Khartoum on Friday seeking to revive talks between Sudan's ruling generals and protest leaders as heavily armed paramilitaries remained deployed after a deadly crackdown, leaving residents in terror. The talks mission came after the African Union suspended Sudan on Thursday. *AFP

Iran rejects French call for wider talks

Iran rejected French calls for wider international talks over its nuclear and military ambitions, saying on Friday it would only discuss the 2015 atomic pact with world powers, state TV reported. Iran's Foreign Ministry said it would not hold any talks beyond the pact. *REUTERS

U.S. Sikh airman allowed to sport turban, beard

First airman to be given permission

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
WASHINGTON

A Sikh airman has been allowed by the U.S. Air Force to serve with a beard, turban and unshorn hair, making him the first active-duty airman to be granted such a religious accommodation.

Harpreetinder Singh Bajwa, who joined the Air Force in 2017 and is currently positioned as a crew chief at Washington's McChord Air Force Base, was unable to follow the practice due to the military branch's grooming and dress codes.

The Air Force granted him an accommodation after Mr. Bajwa gained representation from the Sikh American Veterans Alliance, and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), NBC news reported. "I'm overjoyed that the Air Force has granted my religious accommodation," said Mr. Bajwa. "Today, I feel that my country has embraced my Sikh heritage,



Harpreetinder Singh Bajwa

and I will be forever grateful for this opportunity," he said.

In 2016, Captain Simratpal Singh, a decorated Sikh-American officer and combat veteran, received a long-term religious accommodation from the U.S. Army to serve with long hair, a beard, and turban. The Army updated its regulations the following year, directing commanders to allow accommodations for observant Sikhs.

Biden favours federal funding for abortion

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON

Joe Biden on Thursday reversed his long-standing opposition to using federal funds for abortions. For decades, the former Vice-President supported the controversial provision that many in his party are now aiming to overturn.

The 40-year-old Hyde Amendment makes it illegal for U.S. tax dollars to be spent on abortions except in rare cases when a pregnancy endangers the life of the mother, or when the pregnancy results from rape or incest.

"Women's rights and health care are under assault in a way that seeks to roll back every step of progress we've made over the last 50 years," Mr. Biden tweeted.

"If I believe health care is a right, as I do, I can no longer support an amendment that makes that right dependent on someone's zip code."

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- (5) Procurement of Raw materials / Components for fitting of Prostehsis & Orthosis.
- (6) Procurement of Medicine & Hospital consumable materials (Surgical items / laboratory chemicals / X-ray films & consumables)
- (7) Hiring of manpower on yearly contract basis for CRC, Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh
- (8) Hiring of 5 seated car on yearly contact basis for CRC, Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh

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