



Calls for British PM to resign after Supreme Court defeat

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The Supreme Court has ruled that British Prime Minister Boris Johnson acted unlawfully when he suspended parliament in the weeks before Brexit, leading to calls for him to step down.

1-1. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson acted unlawfully _____

1-2. the UK's Supreme Court _____

2-1. In a _____

2-2. the court ruled that the advice he gave to Queen Elizabeth, _____

3-1. That means, the court's president Lady Hale said, _____

SUPREME COURT HEAD, LADY BRENDA HALE, SAYING:

"No justification to..."

3-2. was void, _____

SUPREME COURT HEAD, LADY BRENDA HALE, SAYING:

"The court is bound to conclude therefore that the decision to advise her majesty to prorogue parliament was unlawful, because it had the effect of frustrating or preventing the ability of parliament to carry out its constitutional functions without reasonable justification."

4-1. Johnson was not in the UK _____

4-2. away from his disunited nation _____

UK PRIME MINISTER, BORIS JOHNSON, SAYING:

"I have to say I strongly disagree with what the justices have found. I don't think that it's right. But we will go ahead and of course parliament will come back."

5. Parliament was prorogued _____

6-1. Johnson, who has vowed that the UK will leave the European Union at the end of October, _____

6-2. claimed it was so _____

7-1. His opponents said _____

7-2. where Johnson lacks a majority _____

7-3. that they fear _____

SUPREME COURT HEAD, LADY BRENDA HALE, SAYING:

"Parliament has not been prorogued. This is the unanimous judgment of all eleven justices. It is for parliament and in particular the speaker and the Lords' speaker to decide what to do next."

8. And what's next _____

9. The Speaker of the House of Commons, John Bercow, said _____

SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT, JOHN BERECOW, SAYING:

"The prorogation was unlawful and is void."

10. **Calls** too _____

BRITISH OPPOSITION LABOUR PARTY LEADER, JEREMY CORBYN, SAYING:

"And I invite Boris Johnson in the historic words to consider his position."

11. Opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn said Johnson should now become _____

[Vocabulary]

unlawfully: not conforming to the law

suspend: to officially stop something for a short time

• *Operations at the plant have been suspended because of safety concerns.*

rule: to make and announce a decision, usually about a legal matter

• *The court ruled that laws passed by the assembly remained valid.*

• *The court has not yet ruled on the case.*

humiliating: making you feel very embarrassed and ashamed; extremely destructive to one's self-respect or dignity

• *a humiliating mistake*

• *It was so humiliating, a terrible blow to my self-esteem.*

rebuke: an act or expression of criticism and censure; a judgment involving condemnation

• *He had to take the rebuke with a smile on his face.*

• *The country faces international censure for its alleged involvement in the assassination.*

Lady Hale: (born 31 January 1945) Lady Brenda Hale; Baroness Hale of Richmond, is a British judge serving as President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom since 2017.

suspension: discontinuing the meetings (of a legislative body) without dissolving it

prorogation: discontinuing the meetings (of a legislative body) without dissolving it

• *A session of Parliament is brought to an end by a **prorogation**.*

jargon: special words and phrases that are only understood by people who do the same kind of work

- medical/legal/computer jargon
- **void**: no longer legal or effective
 - *ABC's warrant shall be void if the Software is modified without ABC's prior written consent.*
 - *The court declared the contract void.*
- **pave the way for**: to create a situation in which it is easier for someone to do something or something to happen.
 - *Pioneers like her paved the way for women to have careers in the sciences.*
 - *We must pave the way for the future.*
- **bound to**: cannot be avoided
 - *The leaking fuel tank was **bound to** explode sooner or later.*
- **prorogue**: to adjourn by royal prerogative; without dissolving the legislative body
 - *Parliament is currently suspended, or prorogued, for five weeks.*
 - *The conference was prorogated until the following morning.*
- **frustrating**: discouraging by hindering
 - *a very frustrating experience*
- **justification**: a reason why something is correct and morally right
 - *There can be no justification for such rude behavior.*
- **verdict**: an official judgment by an organization or person in authority
 - *The jury took 16 hours to reach a verdict.*
 - *a unanimous verdict*
- **disunited**: not agreeing, or not working together to achieve a goal
 - *Post-Trump, the Republican party will likely be disunited.*
- **justice**: A judge or magistrate, in particular a judge of the Supreme Court of a country or state. ◦
 - *a supreme court justice*
 - *Supreme Court Justices are currently hearing the appeal.*
- **agenda**: all the things that need to be done or that need to be thought about or solved
 - *The agenda for the meeting was posted on the notice board.*
 - *What's first on the agenda?*
- **legislative agenda**:
- **opponent**: someone who disagrees with something such as an idea or plan and tries to change or stop it
 - *opponents of the legislation*
- **sidestep**: to evade; to avoid something difficult or unpleasant
 - *Politicians are very good at sidestepping the questions they don't like.*
- **catastrophic**: causing a lot of damage, or making a lot of people suffer; extremely harmful; bringing physical or financial ruin
 - *"A catastrophic depression"*
 - *"catastrophic floods"*
- **unanimous**: a unanimous decision, vote, agreement, etc. is one that everyone agrees with and supports; in complete agreement
 - *"A unanimous decision"*

- **speaker**: the person who is in charge of political debates in some legislatures
- **Lords: the Lords**; the House of Lords, or its members collectively
- **House of Commons**: the lower house of the British parliament 《the ~》 ; the part of the parliament (=legislature) in the U.K. or Canada that consists of politicians who have been elected by the people
- **John Bercow**: (/ˈbɜːrkoʊ/; born 19 January 1963) is a British politician who has been the Speaker of the House of Commons since 2009. He concurrently serves as the Member of Parliament for Buckingham. Prior to his election to Speaker, he was a member of the Conservative Party.
- **reconvene**: to start meeting again
 - *The Russian parliament reconvened after a three-week break.*
- **Jeremy Corbyn**: (/ˈkɔːrbɪn/; born 26 May 1949) is a British politician serving as Leader of the Labour Party and Leader of the Opposition since 2015.

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