

On the edge of the abyss



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The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Boris Johnson, is currently going through a deep political crisis that could force him to resign from office, or face a new impeachment request in Parliament, where his prestige is practically below ground level.

The head of government recently survived a very similar juncture, when the Conservative party, to which he belongs, decided to give him a new chance, despite the fact that he evidently lied about his participation in parties that were banned by the covid-19 pandemic.

It was really a Pyrrhic victory and for many it was very clear that it was only a matter of time before he faced new questionings, as it is happening these days, only now with very serious overtones because part of his team already preferred to get off the boat.

Fifteen members of his government, among them the Ministers of Health, Sajid Javid, and Finance, Rishi Sunak, resigned on the grounds that there is "a total lack of confidence" in Johnson.

In addition, the Secretary of State for Children and Families, Will Quince, said he had "no choice" after having passed on to the media information provided by Johnson's office "which turned out to be inaccurate".

A straw that broke the camel's back was the scandal involving Chris Pincher, who was appointed to an important post by the Prime Minister and had to leave it because of improper behavior under the influence of alcohol during a night out.

The problem is that there was already a record on this person and yet he was promoted, forcing Johnson to apologize, once again.

The position of the high official is precarious, in the midst of growing protests by the population due to the shortage of basic products and the increase in prices caused by high inflation.

During the last few days there have been strikes in public transport, numerous flights have been cancelled during the vacation season and there are signs of strikes in the health and education sectors.

Nevertheless, Boris Johnson affirmed that he will not leave office, but this is something that depends less and less on him because there are increasing requests for Parliament to take the situation into its own hands.

According to the media, the question of the day in the United Kingdom is not if the Prime Minister will leave, but when and how it will happen.

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