

# *Boris Johnson resigns as Tory leader; calls grow for immediate resignation as prime minister*

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Prime Minister Boris Johnson said: "It is clearly now the will of the parliamentary Conservative Party that there should be a new leader of that party, and therefore a new prime minister. And I've agreed with Sir Graham Brady, the chairman of our backbench MPs, that the process of choosing that new leader should begin now, and the timetable will be announced next week. And I've today appointed a cabinet to serve, as I will, until the new leader is in place."

Johnson now faces widespread calls for his immediate resignation as prime minister, including from prominent members of his own party.

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