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The legislative motion was promoted by the same members of the Conservative party, also known as "Tories", and although the result favored the chief executive by 211 votes against 148, the academic Guillermo Makin assured that he was mortally wounded.

Among the reasons for submitting him to this process is a succession of parties at the official residence, located at 10 Downing Street, in London, held at a time when the same government banned this type of activities due to the covid-19 pandemic.

Johnson initially denied his participation in the festivities, but in the face of overwhelming evidence that he was at several of them, he was fined by the police and could be tried for lying to the legislative body, a particularly serious offense in that country.

But those are not the only problems facing the controversial ruler, whom many caricature as the "British Trump".

According to Makin, from the University of Cambridge, he is being questioned for the opacity in the expenses to remodel his residence, as well as for the obscure management of the 17 billion pounds sterling, made available to face the health crisis due to the new coronavirus.

He is also under fire for his attempt in 2018 to suspend the House of Commons, a project that was rejected by the Supreme Court, which considered it illegal.

Finally, there is the fact that the "brexit", the exit of the United Kingdom from the European Union, is essentially unresolved and many of the agreements that were to be signed with its former partners, remain in the pipeline.

But perhaps what worries his party colleagues most is the huge fall in popularity of Johnson, who was booed in public during the events for the 70th anniversary of the reign of Elizabeth II, and that it will become an obstacle to win future elections and stay in power.

Labour opposition leader Keir Starmer recalled that other prime ministers who survived a no-confidence vote, including Margaret Thatcher and Theresa May, fell in short order.

The realization of a brexit that seemed impossible in 2019 made Boris Johnson a giant in the eyes of his citizens, the same ones who now label him a liar with feet of clay.

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