

THE KEY PLAYERS IN BREXIT

# BORIS JOHNSON

*British Prime Minister since 23 July 2019*



## POLITICAL CAREER

Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson (born 19 June 1964) is a British politician, journalist and writer. Since July 23, 2019, he has been the leader of the Conservative Party and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom since the following day. He was Mayor of London for two terms, from 4 May 2008 to 9 May 2016, while from 13 July 2016 to 9 July 2018 he was Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of May's first and second governments.

### HIS ROLE IN BREXIT

Determined to achieve Brexit 'at all costs', Johnson managed to convince the Labour opposition to support the convening of new elections which, after the approval by the House of Commons, were held on 12 December 2019. In the general election the Conservative Party won a historic victory with an absolute majority of 365 seats in Westminster, which gave Johnson a mandate to 'get Brexit done' by 31 January 2020. The decision was then followed by a transitional period due to conclude on 31 December 2020. Britain's split from the European Union took full effect as of 1 January 2021.

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- **Leader of the Conservative Party** (since 2019)
- **Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs** (2016-2018)
- **Mayor of London** (2008-2016)