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UK Newspaper headlines -The 'wrath' of Storm Doris

BBC News

The path of destruction left in the wake of Storm Doris makes most of the front pages.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-39072937>

DUP funding source - Business chiefs bankroll fight against independence

Herald Scotland

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/15114417.Business_group_behind_mystery DUP Brexit donation says it could spend more opposing independence/?ref=twtr](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/15114417.Business_group_behind_mystery_DUP_Brexit_donation_says_it_could_spend_more_opposing_independence/?ref=twtr)

Just ten months after her supreme triumph, Arlene Foster is at voters' mercy

News Letter

Sam McBride writes -

Arlene Foster was a genuinely popular unionist leader in whom old DUP voters, traditional UUP supporters, social conservatives, rural unionists, professionals, business people and Troubles victims saw something of themselves.

Now there are signs that some in the DUP are becoming alarmed that their leader has lost the panache which charmed unionists – and led plenty of nationalists to believe that she would preside over a new era which was gradually moving Northern Ireland beyond past deadlock.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/sam-mcbride-just-ten-months-after-her-supreme-triumph-arlene-foster-is-at-voters-mercy-1-7837146>

Renewable Heat Incentive: A special report

Irish News

Full story of the scandal set to cost hundreds of millions of pounds - and which might cost Arlene Foster her political career. Links to over 9 reports at -

<http://www.irishnews.com/news/northernirelandnews/2017/02/23/news/renewable-heat-incentive-an-irish-news-special-report-942170/>

RHI scandal: Documents show Foster asked for letter to banks before launch

News Letter

Arlene Foster suggested to her officials that she write to the banks reassuring them about the generous nature of RHI subsidies – and made the suggestion before the scheme was even launched.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/rhi-scandal-documents-show-foster-asked-for-letter-to-banks-before-launch-1-7837167>

Enda Kenny insists on united Ireland clause in Brexit deal

Belfast Telegraph

After a summit with European Commission President Jean Claude Juncker, the Taoiseach said the Good Friday Agreement must be stitched into the outcome of talks on Britain leaving the bloc.

Referring to the fall of the Berlin Wall, he said the EU divorce deal must allow for Northern Ireland to "seamlessly" reunite with the Republic of Ireland if a majority votes for it.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/enda-kenny-insists-on-united-ireland-clause-in-brexit-deal-35477171.html>

News Letter

Irish premier Enda Kenny has insisted on a clause in the Brexit deal to allow Northern Ireland

rejoin the European Union as part of a united Ireland.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/enda-kenny-brexit-deal-must-have-united-ireland-clause-1-7837171>

Nelson McCausland does not regret refusing to shake Sinn Fein minister's hand

Belfast Telegraph

The DUP's Nelson McCausland has said he does not regret refusing to shake the Sinn Fein finance minister's hand during a televised election debate.

Mr McCausland claimed he had been left "angry and disappointed" by a number of comments made by Mairtin O Muilleoir during the programme and that to accept a handshake at that time would have been disingenuous.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/nelson-mccausland-does-not-regret-refusing-to-shake-sinn-fein-ministers-hand-35477203.html>

We must leave the EU quickly – it is falling apart faster than I thought

Daily Telegraph

Allister Heath writes, “Hand over a €60 billion ransom or we won’t even start to discuss a trade deal: that, if Jean-Claude Juncker is to be

believed, will be the European Union's opening gambit ahead of Brexit.

"Bring it on, I say: the best way to expose a very weak adversary who is pretending to be very strong is to call their bluff. Yet it may never even get to that. At this rate, what is left of the EU could soon be begging us for a trade deal, not the other way around."

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2017/02/22/must-leave-eu-quickly-falling-apart-faster-thought/?WT.mc_id=tmg_share_tw

Tories win Copeland by-election as Labour holds Stoke

BBC News

The Conservatives unseat Labour in the Copeland by-election as Labour holds Stoke-on-Trent Central.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-39064149>

Net migration to UK falls to 273,000

BBC News

The figure is down 49,000 from previous year, but still above the government's target of 100,000.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-39062436>

MP in tears as he urges justice for cousin murdered by the IRA and end to 'witchhunt' of troops

Daily Telegraph

Northern Ireland MP, Jim Shannon, in tears as he urges justice for cousin murdered by the IRA and end to 'witchhunt' of troops

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/02/23/mp-tears-urges-justice-cousin-murdered-ira-andend-witchhunt/>

BBC

Further coverage of a Premier Christian Radio [interview](#) with the Dean of Bristol, David Hoyle, where he said he is prepared to have a conversation about removing a large stained glass window which pays tribute to the slave trader Edward Colston. However he said any work would cost 'many, many thousands of pounds' . "Opposition to slavery is dead simple. Slavery is wicked and evil," he said. "Removing the biggest window in the cathedral would be hugely difficult for me. If I can find a way of doing that, I would be perfectly prepared to have that conversation."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-bristol-39063133>

BBC

Reports that an election to decide the new Bishop of Llandaff has ended with no result. An electoral college of 47 people, including all the bishops in Wales, had met over three days to vote on a confidential candidates list. The election follows the retirement of Dr Barry Morgan at the end of January. The Church in Wales said none of the candidates received the number of votes required for election - a two-thirds majority.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-south-east-wales-39050438>

BBC

Feature on how smart phones and social media are changing Christianity. The Revd Pete Phillips, director of the Codec Research Centre for Digital Theology at Durham University is quoted.

<http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20170222-how-smartphones-and-social-media-are-changing-religion>

Religious groups, leaders respond to new immigration policies

One faith leader called the new policies “malicious,” and another deemed them “violent.”
[More from Religion News Service](#)

Trump rescinds rules on bathrooms for transgender students

It showed how President Trump, who has taken a more permissive stance on gay rights and same-sex marriage than many of his fellow Republicans, is bowing to pressure from the religious right.

[More from mobile.nytimes.com](https://mobile.nytimes.com)

Vice President Mike Pence visited the vandalized Jewish cemetery

At the suburban St. Louis cemetery, Pence said there is "no place in America for hatred or acts of prejudice or violence or anti-Semitism."

[More from Time](https://www.time.com)

Police investigate threats against Muslim activist as she takes national platform

Linda Sarsour, who helped raise more than \$116,000 for the repair of a vandalized Jewish cemetery, received online threats.

More from Religion News Service

Doug Coe, behind-the-scenes leader of National Prayer Breakfast, dead at 88

Coe headed the International Foundation, a secretive Christian organization responsible for bringing politicians, diplomats and presidents

since Dwight Eisenhower to Washington each year on the first Thursday in February.

[More from Religion News Service](#)