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## **Level 1**

# **Iceland leader quits over Panama Papers**

**7th April, 2016**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1604/160407-panama-papers-1.html>

Iceland's leader quit on Tuesday because of a financial scandal. Sigmundur Gunnlaugsson quit because of documents leaked from a Panama law firm. Over 11.5 million leaked e-mails and letters contain information about how the world's rich and powerful people avoid paying tax. The documents name over 215,000 companies and 14,000 clients of the law firm Mossack Fonseca. They include many present and past world leaders.

Many governments and celebrities are now worried about the scandal. The new FIFA president is shocked that people are questioning his honesty. Journalists also say Mossack Fonseca worked with 33 people or companies that were part of international sanctions. These include a cousin of Syria's president, and companies in North Korea. There is up to \$32 trillion in untaxed money around the world.

Sources: [http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/06/world/europe/panama-papers-iceland.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/06/world/europe/panama-papers-iceland.html?_r=0)  
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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1604/160407-panama-papers-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. because of a financial       | a. powerful people        |
| 2. documents leaked             | b. firm                   |
| 3. Over 11.5 million leaked     | c. tax                    |
| 4. the world's rich and         | d. world leaders          |
| 5. avoid paying                 | e. scandal                |
| 6. 215,000 companies and 14,000 | f. from a Panama law firm |
| 7. the law                      | g. clients                |
| 8. present and past             | h. e-mails and letters    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. celebrities are         | a. questioning his honesty |
| 2. The new FIFA            | b. sanctions               |
| 3. shocked that people are | c. with 33 people          |
| 4. worked                  | d. now worried             |
| 5. part of international   | e. to \$32 trillion        |
| 6. These include a cousin  | f. money                   |
| 7. There is up             | g. president               |
| 8. untaxed                 | h. of Syria's president    |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Iceland's (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday because of a financial scandal. Sigmundur Gunnlaugsson (2) \_\_\_\_\_ documents leaked from a Panama law firm. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ leaked e-mails and letters contain information about how (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and powerful people (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The documents name over 215,000 companies and 14,000 clients of the law firm Mossack Fonseca. They (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and past world leaders.

Many governments and celebrities (7) \_\_\_\_\_ about the scandal. The new FIFA president (8) \_\_\_\_\_ people are questioning his honesty. Journalists also say Mossack Fonseca (9) \_\_\_\_\_ people or companies that (10) \_\_\_\_\_ international sanctions. These (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of Syria's president, and companies in North Korea. There is up to \$32 trillion in (12) \_\_\_\_\_ around the world.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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c)

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