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United Kingdom could break up, warns ex-leader – 13th August, 2019

## Level 0

An ex-UK prime minister, Gordon Brown said the UK is in danger. He warned of economic disaster when the UK leaves the European Union, especially if the UK leaves without a deal. He said this is because many people in the UK want independence for their country. He said the UK is no longer a united kingdom.

The UK is four countries - the three nations of Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and Northern Ireland. Most people in Scotland want to stay in the EU. There are now talks of Scottish independence. People are also talking about a possible reunited Ireland. Brown said: "Nationalism is now driving British politics."

## Level 1

An ex-UK prime minister, Gordon Brown, warned that the union of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland is in danger. He warned of economic disaster after the UK leaves the European Union on October 31st. Mr Brown believes that if the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the UK will be in trouble. He said this is because many people in the UK want independence for their country. He said the United Kingdom is no longer a united kingdom.

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is four countries - the three nations of Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and Northern Ireland. Most people in Scotland want to stay in the EU and voted against Brexit. There are now talks of Scottish independence. There are also worries about a physical border in Ireland. People are talking about a possible reunited Ireland. Brown said: "Nationalism is now driving British politics."

## Level 2

An ex-UK prime minister, Gordon Brown, has warned that the union of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland is "sleepwalking" into disaster. He also warned of economic disaster after the UK leaves the European Union. The UK will leave the European Union on October 31st (which is also Halloween). Mr Brown believes that if the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the four nations of the UK will be in trouble. He said this is because of nationalist thinking. He said many people in the UK want independence for their country. He said the United Kingdom is no longer a united kingdom.

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is four countries - the three nations of Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and Northern Ireland. Brown thinks Brexit has made people in each country want independence. Most people in Scotland want to stay in the EU and voted against Brexit. There are talks of a vote for Scottish independence. There are also worries over a physical border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. People are talking about a possible reunited Ireland. Brown said: "We must recognize that nationalism is now driving British politics."

## Level 3

A former prime minister of the United Kingdom, Gordon Brown, has warned that the union of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland is "sleepwalking into oblivion". He also warned of a serious economic disaster ahead after the UK leaves the European Union. He wrote about the dangers of the UK leaving the EU after Brexit. The UK will leave the European Union on October 31st (which is also Halloween). Mr Brown believes that if the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the four nations of the UK could be in trouble. He is blaming nationalist thinking. He said many people in each country want their independence. He said the United Kingdom is no longer a totally united kingdom.

The United Kingdom consists of four countries - the three nations of Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and the fourth being Northern Ireland. The full title for all four countries is "The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland". Gordon Brown believes that Brexit has made people in each country want independence. Most people in Scotland voted against Brexit. They want to stay in the EU. There are talks of a vote for independence for Scotland. There are also worries over a possible physical border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. People are talking about a possible reunited Ireland. Mr Brown said: "We must recognize that nationalism is now driving British politics."

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