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News Summary

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Top Story

Former adversaries Sir John Major and Tony Blair shared a platform for the Remain campaign, warning that a vote to leave the European Union could damage Northern Ireland and potentially lead to the break-up of the UK. To read more on this story and this week's other Irish news, [click here](#). To read more on Ireland and Brexit, [click here](#).

Politics

Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government Simon Coveney says he will not “make a fool” out of those who have paid water charges to date by writing off unpaid bills. To read more on Irish water, [click here](#).

Newly elected Sinn Féin senator Niall Ó Donnghaile has said Ireland should remain in the EU even if Brussels tries to force the Government to reintroduce water charges through hefty anti-pollution fines. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

UK Chancellor George Osborne has warned of a return to a border clampdown between Northern Ireland and the Republic if Britain leaves the EU. To read more on Ireland and Brexit, [click here](#).

Minister for Health Simon Harris has secured an extra €500 million for the Department of Health. Mr Harris secured approval from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to raise his expenditure ceiling. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Speculation is increasing that former minister for children James Reilly will be appointed Fine Gael leader in the Seanad. To read more on this development, [click here](#).

Independent TD Mattie McGrath said he is willing to support the [Fine Gael](#) minority Government in return for their support for the Leas Ceann Comhairle (Deputy Chairman of the Dáil) job. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

US Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has not ruled out the possibility of meeting Taoiseach Enda Kenny when he visits his golf resort in Doonbeg, Co Clare later this month. To read more on Donald Trump's visit, [click here](#).

Taoiseach Enda Kenny has adopted a surprisingly hard line on water charges, insisting homeowners will have to pay to abide by EU law. To read more on Irish Water, [click here](#).

The minority Fine Gael Government is reeling after losing a vote less than a month after taking office - but there are no indications it will act on the Labour Party's motion seeking to strengthen workers' rights. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Pharmaceutical firms could be forced to provide life- saving drugs to patients at reasonable prices under a new cross-EU plan suggested by Health Minister Simon Harris. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Economy

Ireland is one of the countries most vulnerable to economic shocks should Britain vote to leave the EU on June 23, according to a survey by credit rating agency Standard & Poor's. To read more on the potential economic consequences of Brexit for Ireland, [click here](#).

Caution prevailed in the Irish jobs market in the second quarter with a slowdown in hiring decisions as the upcoming referendum on UK membership of the European Union weighed on recruitment in sectors such as funds, a new report showed. To read more on the effects of the UK EU referendum on the Irish economy, [click here](#).

An overwhelming majority, or 93 per cent, of Irish CEOs see a Brexit as the top threat for Irish businesses, according to PwC's 2016 Irish CEO Pulse survey taken during April and May. A further 87 per cent believe that a Brexit would have a negative impact on Ireland's economy. Only three per cent see Brexit as a positive. To read more on Ireland and Brexit, [click here](#).

Card payment services provider, NetPay is to recruit 20 further staff in 2016 and will move to Park West to accommodate its growing team. To read more on this story, [click here](#). The multi-channel payment service provider has offered a range of online processing, payment terminal and merchant services to 1,000 businesses across the country since March 2014. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Ireland's construction sector is set to expand rapidly despite the government's continuing failure to invest in infrastructure, a conference on the sector's prospects will be told this week. The Euroconstruct conference at Dublin's Aviva Stadium will hear medium-term forecasts for the construction sector in 19 European countries on Friday. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

A US-owned debt recovery company has bought a significant portfolio of distressed personal debts from Ulster Bank and is pursuing many high-profile property investors and business owners through the courts. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The Irish budget may be overly reliant on volatile revenue sources and there has been a failure to restructure public spending, ratings agency Standard & Poor's has warned. To read more on Ireland's economy, [click here](#).

Official figures show that industrial production grew strongly during April, with the volume of production 8.1 per cent higher than in March. As a result, there was an annual increase of 4.7 per cent in the year to April. To read more on Irish industrial production, [click here](#).

Society

Almost 80% of women who suffer abuse in the home never report it, according to Safe Ireland, the charity that supports women and children experiencing domestic violence. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The number of professionals including doctors, solicitors and architects seeking help from a leading charity representing distressed borrowers has doubled over the past year as banks and vulture funds increase pressure on relatively low-level property investors. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Two major flood prevention schemes, costing a combined €22m, are to get under way in Co Cork within a couple of weeks. It's expected a contractor will be appointed for the Bandon scheme within days and work on it will start by mid-July. [Click here](#) to read more on this story.

Minister for Education Richard Bruton is drawing up plans to encourage the Catholic Church to transfer the patronage of hundreds of primary schools to other models such as State-run schools. To read more on this potentially significant development, [click here](#).

Almost 40,000 "judgment" mortgages have been imposed on members of the public by the courts in the last five years following applications from creditors, figures show. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

After 12 days of strikes and disruption to hundreds of thousands of passengers over the last four months, the Luas dispute finally appears to be over. Siptu drivers yesterday voted by 108 to 56 in favour of a Labour Court recommendation which will see them receive pay increases of between 15.6% and 18.3% by 2020, as well as a €750 payment and a reversal of cuts to drivers' pay on acceptance. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Former Sunday Press editor Michael Keane, who died on Saturday morning, has been described by colleagues as a "man of integrity and courage". To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The State is fighting compensation claims by children who developed an incurable sleeping disorder after getting the swine flu jab, the Irish Independent has learned. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The incidence of cervical cancer among the poorest women in Ireland is 120% higher than among the most affluent women. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Headlines

- [09.06.2016] [Tony Blair, John Major warn Brexit risks peace process](#) [Irish Times]
- [09.06.2016] [Coveney will not 'make fool' of people who paid water charges](#) [Irish Times]
- [09.06.2016] [Ireland in frontline for Brexit aftershocks – S&P](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [09.06.2016] [Rate of cervical cancer 120% higher among poorest](#) [Irish Examiner]
- [08.06.2016] [Ireland should remain in EU even if Brussels tries to reintroduce water charges – SF senator](#) [Irish Independent]
- [08.06.2016] [Departments of Health, Justice to get extra state funds](#) [Irish Times]
- [08.06.2016] [Slowdown in hiring decisions as Brexit weighs on jobs market](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [08.06.2016] [80% of victims do not report domestic abuse, says charity](#) [Irish Examiner]
- [07.06.2016] [Brexit would force Border clampdown warns Osborne](#) [Irish Independent]
- [07.06.2016] [Brexit is top threat to business, chief executives say](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [07.06.2016] [Sharp rise in professionals in mortgage difficulty](#) [Irish Times]
- [07.06.2016] [€22m Cork flood defence projects to begin](#) [Irish Examiner]
- [06.06.2016] [James Reilly in line to be appointed FG leader in Seanad](#) [Irish Times]
- [06.06.2016] [NetPay adds 20 new jobs as e-commerce grows by 17 per cent](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [06.06.2016] [Bruton plan backs Church to transfer primary patronage](#) [Irish Times]
- [06.06.2016] [40,000 taken to court by creditors](#) [Irish Examiner]
- [05.06.2016] [McGrath to support FG for Leas Ceann Comhairle vote](#) [Irish Times]
- [05.06.2016] ['Big jump' predicted for building sector as Ireland plays catch-up](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [04.06.2016] [Former Sunday Press editor Michael Keane dies](#) [Irish Times]
- [04.06.2016] [Luas dispute finally ends after 12 days of strikes](#) [Irish Examiner]
- [03.06.2016] [Opposition motions 'just a waste of time': FG TD](#) [Irish Independent]
- [03.06.2016] [Ratings agency criticises failure to restructure public spending](#) [Irish Times]
- [03.06.2016] [Irish industrial production bounces back in April](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [03.06.2016] [State fights claims by children with narcolepsy after swine flu jab](#) [Irish Independent]
- [03.06.2016] [Health Minister Harris calls for EU to negotiate deals with drug firms](#) [Irish Examiner]

Newspaper (average daily net circulation/political stance - February 2015)

Irish Independent (circulation: 112,383) politically populist; Conservative

Irish Times (circulation: 76,194) politically Liberal/Progressive; centre-right on economic issues

Irish Examiner (circulation: 33, 198) politically Centrist

Sunday Business Post (circulation: 32, 498) politically Liberal