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### News Summary

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### Top Story

**The 32nd Dáil is set for deadlock on the election of a new Taoiseach today when it meets for the first time but agreement is expected on a mechanism to reform the procedures of the House.**

### Politics

- Taoiseach Enda Kenny has moved to shore up his support within Fine Gael amid suggestions Fianna Fáil would seek his head as the price for a 'grand coalition'.
- Five people will contest the election today for the role of ceann comhairle in the 32nd Dáil.
- Fianna Fáil has said it has no interest in cutting a deal with Fine Gael involving a rotating Taoiseach or 50:50 cabinet representation, labelling the move an attempt by the Government to raise the post-election stakes.
- Sinn Féin leader Gerry Adams will formally stand for the job of Taoiseach - despite insisting his party has no mandate from voters to form a government.
- Senior Fine Gael Ministers have agreed to approach Fianna Fáil on the formation of a grand coalition once tomorrow's Dáil vote on electing a taoiseach is out of the way.
- Fine Gael is to bring forward a fresh package of proposals for political reform as part of its efforts to win support for a government led by Taoiseach Enda Kenny.

- A Labour Party minister has insisted his party's support for Enda Kenny as Taoiseach is not a foregone conclusion.
- Members of the Independent Alliance look set to abstain from the vote for Taoiseach when the Dáil convenes on Thursday, it has emerged. And in what is a major setback to Mr Kenny and Micheál Martin, the Social Democrats have said they are unlikely to support either nomination.
- One of Ireland's leading constitutional lawyers has said Taoiseach Enda Kenny will be required to formally resign as Taoiseach if he fails to win majority support in the Dáil on Thursday.
- The Taoiseach Enda Kenny is making an extraordinary behind-the-scenes attempt to form a government of 80 seats, in which Independents and TDs from smaller parties would comprise over half the Cabinet.
- The Ulster Unionist Party will be campaigning to remain in the European Union ahead of the membership referendum on June 23rd.
- Taoiseach Enda Kenny is focused on forming the next coalition, says Health Minister Leo Varadkar who claims the embattled leader has the full support of the Fine Gael parliamentary party.
- Trinity College Dublin yesterday revealed a total of 16 candidates running for election, with 30 candidates nominated in the National University of Ireland.
- Micheál Martin launches bid to win enough support to become Taoiseach.
- A leading senator has hit out at the "bloody thin" salaries TDs are paid, claiming politicians who have lost their seats will be forced to survive on "very little" parachute supports after they leave office.

## Economy

- The Governing Council of the ECB will meet today to announce plans for medium-term monetary policy for Europe.
- CarGurus, the US online car sales website, plans to establish its European headquarters in Dublin, creating 100 new jobs over the next three years.
- Permanent TSB has reported an underlying profit of €26 million for 2015, its first profit since 2007, as it said it was making progress despite still facing challenges.
- A student loan scheme is now formally on the table as an option for tackling the third-level funding crisis.

- Housing commencements reached just over 8,000 last year but declined to less than 1,800 in the fourth quarter from 2,700 in the third quarter, a new report shows.
- An agreement has been reached to end strike action over outsourcing at the Cadbury production plant in Coolock, Dublin.
- Irish Continental Group has reported a 49.5 per cent in earnings (EBITDA) last year to €75.5 million while revenue rose by 10.5 per cent to €320.6 million as the shipping group benefitted from lower fuel prices, sterling strength and increased carryings.
- Social media giant Facebook has announced it will stop routing sales from major UK customers through Ireland, in a move which is likely to result in a decrease in the amount of tax it pays in Ireland, and increase payments to the UK exchequer.
- AIB wrote off €604.3 million of residential mortgage loans last year – up 35 per cent on 2014.

## Society

- A number of patients scheduled for surgery at Cork University Hospital (CUH) had operations cancelled in the past week because of a protocol designed to reduce emergency department (ED) overcrowding.
- Gardaí mounted a major security operation around the funeral of dissident republican Vincent Ryan in Dublin on Tuesday morning.
- Ireland can expect to get hit by near-record wet winters every eight years, a climate expert has warned.
- The Supreme Court judge Mr Justice Adrian Hardiman has died, the Courts Service has confirmed.
- Ireland may soon join the space race with a satellite of its own, providing useful services such as fisheries protection, land use or coastal studies.[04]
- A Muslim cleric has called on all foreign Muslim scholars visiting Ireland to sign a declaration condemning extremism before they are allowed to preach at mosques in the State.
- The two rival gangs involved in the capital's deadly feud have been using city pubs as "fronts" for their proceeds of crime.

## Headlines

- [10.03.2016] [Fine Gael TDs are uneasy over coalition with Fianna Fáil](#) [Irish Times]
- [10.03.2016] [Does Enda have a prayer? FG not willing to sacrifice Kenny for a deal with FF](#) [Irish Independent]
- [10.03.2016] [Post-crisis loose monetary policy reaches limits as ECB ponders helicopter money](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [10.03.2016] [Ceann comhairle: Meet the five contenders for the position in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Dáil](#) [Irish Examiner]
- [09.03.2016] [Fianna Fáil insists it has no interest in 'rotating taoiseach' proposal](#) [Irish Examiner]
- [09.03.2015] [Adams: 'I'll stand for Taoiseach's job after all'](#) [Irish Independent]
- [09.03.2016] [Fine Gael wants coalition deal with Fianna Fáil](#) [Irish Times]
- [09.03.2015] [CarGurus to open European HQ in Dublin with creation of 100 jobs](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [09.03.2016] [Permanent TSB reports first annual profit since 2007](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [09.03.2016] [Operations cancelled at CUH over A&E plan](#) [Irish Examiner]
- [08.03.2016] [Labour minister: Our support for Kenny is not a foregone conclusion](#) [Irish Independent]
- [08.03.2016] [Sunday loans scheme would cost graduates up to €40 a week](#) [Irish Independent]
- [08.03.2016] [Funeral of dissident republican Vincent Ryan to take place](#) [Irish Times]
- [08.03.2016] [Ireland set for extreme rainfall every eight years, warn climate expert](#) [Irish Examiner]
- [08.03.2016] [Enda Kenny set to present proposals for reform](#) [Irish Times]
- [08.03.2016] [Housing commencements slow to 1,800 in fourth quarter](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [07.03.2016] [Supreme Court judge Adrian Hardiman dies](#) [Irish Times]
- [07.03.2016] [Independent Alliance may abstain from vote for Taoiseach](#) [Irish Examiner]
- [07.03.2016] [ICG reports 49.5% rise in earnings last year](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [06.03.2016] [Kenny could take 'caretaker' role if Thursday vote fails](#) [Irish Times]
- [06.03.2016] [Revealed: Taoiseach offers half of cabinet seats to keep power in extraordinary plan](#) [Irish Independent]
- [05.03.2016] [Cadbury strike action called off after agreement reached](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [05.03.2016] [UUP to campaign against Brexit](#) [Irish Times]
- [04.03.2016] [Race is on for the Seanad](#) [Irish Independent]
- [04.03.2016] ['Enda doesn't need to look over his shoulder' – Leo Varadkar says Fine Gael leader has 'open cheque' from parliamentary party](#) [Irish Independent]
- [04.03.2016] [Fianna Fáil bid to win power from Fine Gael](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [04.03.2016] [Senator David Norris hits out at 'bloody thin' salaries](#) [Irish Examiner]
- [04.03.2016] [Facebook to stop routing major UK sales through Ireland](#) [Irish Times]
- [04.03.2016] [AIB home wrote off more than €600 million home mortgages last year](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [04.03.2016] [Muslim cleric calls on preachers to sign anti-extremism statement](#) [Irish Times]
- [04.03.2016] [Revealed: Dublin's criminal rivals have interests in up to half a dozen pubs across the capital](#) [Irish Independent]

### 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