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News Summary

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Top Story

Taoiseach Enda Kenny told the Fine Gael parliamentary party last night Ireland would not hold a vote on its future in the EU. Mr Kenny said regardless of the outcome of the referendum Ireland would remain a committed member of the EU. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Politics

Taoiseach Enda Kenny says a Brexit is the biggest challenge and greatest risk Ireland is facing and the outcome of the EU referendum would be "as important for Ireland as Good Friday Agreement". To read more on this story, [click here](#).

British prime minister David Cameron has pulled out of a planned appearance with Taoiseach Enda Kenny in Manchester on Friday morning to appeal to British voters to remain in the EU. It is understood Mr Cameron's decision not to participate in the event was taken after advice by Remain strategists that he has become a liability in the drive to persuade working-class Labour voters to back the pro-EU campaign. To read more on Ireland and Brexit, [click here](#).

Taoiseach Enda Kenny has called the Orlando shootings "an outrage". Mr Kenny signed a book of condolence in the Mansion House in Dublin on Wednesday. His message said that Ireland would stand by the American people and the LGBT community in the wake of the "senseless" killings. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Taoiseach Enda Kenny has delivered his starkest warning to date that a so-called 'Brexit' could result in the return of a "hard border" with Northern Ireland. Mr Kenny said the border of the European Union would run "from Dundalk to Derry" if Britain voted to leave. To read more on Ireland and Brexit, [click here](#).

Eddie Hobbs has left Renua, the party he co-founded in March 2015. Mr Hobbs had been party president, despite not running as a candidate in February's general election. Mr Hobbs's move follows the resignation in May of former party leader Lucinda Creighton, who lost her seat in the general election. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The Government faces the threat of both industrial and legal action as public servants seek pay rises to match private sector workers, Public Expenditure Minister Paschal Donohoe has been warned. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Organisers of protests against the visit to Ireland of US presidential hopeful Donald Trump have criticised remarks by Taoiseach Enda Kenny that he would be happy to meet him. To read more on Donald Trump's visit to Ireland, [click here](#).

Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil are resisting pressure to hold an early referendum on changing the law on abortion, despite some Ministers signalling a new urgency about dealing with the issue. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Taoiseach Enda Kenny has sacked James Reilly as his deputy leader in a move seen as a warning shot to Fine Gael dissidents. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Fine Gael will chair seven of the Oireachtas committees while Fianna Fáil secured six under the D'Hondt system. Sinn Féin secured the justice, Belfast Agreement and regional development committees. To read more about the new Oireachtas committees, [click here](#).

226 people were arrested under emergency anti-terror legislation and 17 under special gang laws within the last year.

The figures, covering the period June 2015 to May 2016, were provided by Tánaiste and Justice Minister Frances Fitzgerald as she sought Oireachtas approval to renew the emergency powers, which must be done annually. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The Government is to defy the United Nations by stalling on abortion reform, despite a condemnation of the existing laws as "cruel, inhuman and degrading". Ruling on a case taken by a Dublin woman forced to travel to England to terminate her pregnancy after a diagnosis of fatal foetal abnormality, the UN Human Rights Committee said the State had subjected her to "intense physical and mental suffering", to "shame and stigma", breach of privacy and discrimination. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Economy

Bank of Ireland is facing a €60m-plus claim to compensate British and Irish investors who bought buy-to-let properties. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Ireland's export trade surplus for April was €4,534 million. This has widened from €3,715 million in March according to new figures just out from the Central Statistics Office. Preliminary figures for April 2016 show that seasonally adjusted goods exports increased by €254 million (plus three per cent) to €9,238 million compared with March 2016. To read more these latest figures, [click here](#).

House price inflation in Dublin has almost doubled since the start of the year after stalling last year following the introduction of tighter mortgage lending rules but regional house price growth is beginning to flag, estate agency Savills said. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The risks to the Irish economy are mostly external and include the migrant crisis in Europe, the outcome of the UK referendum on the European Union, the subdued prospects for global economic growth and geopolitical tensions, the Central Bank has said. To read more on the latest forecasts for the Irish economy, [click here](#).

US life sciences technology company Surmodics has announced the creation of 100 new jobs in Ballinasloe, Co. Galway following its acquisition of local company Creagh Medical late last year. To read more on the Irish economy, [click here](#).

Businesses are facing a new threat of a 25 per cent hike in the hourly minimum wage The Sunday Business Post has learned. The Low Pay Commission is due to deliver its recommendation next month to government on the minimum wage for 124,000 workers. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Commercial property company, JCD, has announced plans to build a number of data centres near Cork city, creating 150 jobs. JCD Group plans to build the data centres as part of the redevelopment of the former Mitsui Denman site in Little Island. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Society

Gardaí this morning arrested a dissident republican carrying bomb parts just yards outside one of the country's busiest garda stations. The area around the station had to be sealed off, a section of the Luas Red-Line closed, and a nearby hostel evacuated while gardaí called in the Army bomb disposal team. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Up to 6,000 children with special needs will receive more support at free preschools to make access to education easier for children with disabilities. The new €50m programme announced today by Minister for Children Katherine Zappone will allow parents and preschools to apply for disability support in preparation for September. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

More than €1m euro has been announced for the South East Technological University Project. The Higher Education Authority says it has allocated €1.5m in funding after it received a joint application by Carlow and Waterford Institutes of Technology. The institutes hope to form a new University for the south east of the country. They say the funding will allow them develop a new plan for the project. [Click here](#) to read more on this story.

Landlords face regular NCT-style inspections of their properties to certify them fit for habitation under proposals aimed at cracking down on sub-standard accommodation. To read more on this story, [click here](#)

More than half of all Irish people said they are proud of their community, with the level of pride highest in Munster and lowest in Dublin, according to new research. To read more on the "Future of Ireland" report, [click here](#).

Self-employed doctors, dentists and small business owners, along with tradesmen such as plumbers and electricians, are for the first-time to be entitled to state-funded paid paternity leave. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Local councils will be sidelined in a new move to speed up house-building nationwide and tackle the country's housing crisis. Housing Minister Simon Coveney will set up a new Special Delivery Unit in the department, with project managers appointed to drive specific house building projects from start to finish. To read more on this new development, [click here](#).

Headlines

- [16.06.2016] [Brexit: Irish campaign to assure investors of State's EU commitment](#) [Irish Times]
- [16.06.2016] [EU referendum as important for Ireland as Good Friday Agreement – Enda Kenny](#) [Belfast Telegraph]
- [16.06.2016] [Bank of Ireland faces €60m claim over tracker mortgages](#) [Irish Independent]
- [16.06.2016] [Dissident republican arrested after suspect package found near Store St Garda station](#) [Irish Examiner]
- [15.06.2016] [David Cameron pulls out of anti-Brexit event with Taoiseach](#) [Irish Times]
- [15.06.2016] [Taoiseach signs book of condolence for 'senseless' killings in Orlando](#) [Irish Examiner]
- [15.06.2016] [Ireland's export trade surplus widened in April to €4.5 billion](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [15.06.2016] [House price inflation almost doubled in Dublin in first four months](#) [Sunday Business Post]
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- [14.06.2016] [Party president Eddie Hobbs leaves Renua](#) [Irish Times]
- [14.06.2016] ['Hard border' will return if Britain leaves EU – Kenny](#) [Irish Independent]
- [14.06.2016] [Central Bank warns of external risks to Irish economy](#) [Sunday Business Post]
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- [13.06.2016] [Minister told trouble lies ahead on public sector pay](#) [Irish Independent]
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- [13.06.2016] [US life sciences firm Surmodics to create 100 jobs in Galway](#) [Sunday Business Post]
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- [10.06.2016] [FG and FF to chair 13 out of 19 Oireachtas committees](#) [Irish Times]
- [10.06.2016] [Cork data centres plan to create 150 jobs](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [10.06.2016] [New fast-track planning for houses to bypass local councils](#) [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