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Top Story

Minister for Foreign Affairs Charlie Flanagan has ruled out a Border poll following the Brexit referendum. He told the Seanad that although he understood the motivations of those who called for a referendum, for such a poll to be held, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland must determine that a majority of the electorate would opt for a united Ireland. At present, there was no evidence to suggest that would be the case. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Politics

Taoiseach Enda Kenny has landed himself in a Brexit row after telling EU leaders that Scotland shouldn't be "dragged out" of the European Union. Mr Kenny made the unprecedented intervention in front of British Prime Minister David Cameron at the European Council "on behalf" of Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Brexit will not affect Budget 2017 but its longer term effects on Ireland could be serious depending on what deal the UK agrees with the EU, Minister for Finance Michael Noonan has said. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Enda Kenny yesterday clashed with members of the Independent Alliance, who are demanding a free vote on a bill that allows for terminations in cases of fatal foetal abnormality. The Taoiseach was forced to adjourn yesterday's Cabinet meeting without agreement after ministers Shane Ross and Finian McGrath had insisted that TDs should be allowed to vote with their consciences. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Former trade union leader Joe O'Toole has been made chairman of an expert commission to decide on the future of water charges and Irish Water. The Government agreed at its weekly Cabinet meeting yesterday to the appointment and members of the commission. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Dublin MEP Brian Hayes believes Ireland can benefit from Brexit by encouraging companies and agencies to move here. Asked about the potential benefits, he said: "There are a lot of agencies - the European Banking Authority is one - that could move to Ireland." To read more on Mr Hayes' comments, [click here](#).

The European Commission has no plans in place to accommodate Ireland's special relationship with Britain in the wake of Brexit. European Commission vice-president Jyrki Katainen yesterday said the commission has "no policy" on providing concessions or establishing a bilateral agreement between Ireland and Britain. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The Government will not support a hasty British exit from the European Union, despite increased calls for one. Taoiseach Enda Kenny is to insist Britain needs space and time to negotiate its departure from the union. To read more on the Irish reaction to Brexit, [click here](#).

Taoiseach Enda Kenny has said that the UK's decision to leave the European Union is not expected to have any impact on the fiscal space in the 2017 budget to be unveiled in October. To read more on the expected impact of Brexit, [click here](#).

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams has said a majority vote in the region to stay within the European Union must be upheld. And he told the Democratic Unionist Party - their power-sharing partners in the Stormont Assembly who campaigned for a Leave - that they must respect the Remain vote. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

A petition has been launched calling on the Northern Ireland Assembly to refuse consent to leave the European Union. To read more on this unfolding story, [click here](#).

The independent TD and chairman of the Oireachtas Committee on European Affairs Michael Healy-Rae has warned of increased immigration to Ireland the wake of Brexit. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Fine Gael councillor Des Cahill has been elected as Lord Mayor of Cork replacing Sinn Féin's Cllr Chris O'Leary. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Minister for Finance Michael Noonan warned about the potentially serious implications of Brexit for the Irish economy during an emergency meeting of the Cabinet at Government Buildings Friday. To read more on the potential implications of Brexit, [click here](#).

Sinn Féin has said it will intensify its push for a Border poll on a united Ireland following Britain's decision to exit the European Union. To read more on the future of Northern Ireland following Brexit, [click here](#).

Fianna Fail leader Michael Martin has described the decision by the UK government to hold a referendum on the EU as “reckless”. Mr Martin said he believes it was a “somewhat irresponsible” decision by David Cameron and expressed fears the result will “retard the ambition of Europe into the future”. To read more on Michael Martin’s comments, [click here](#).

Economy

Commercial property consultant CBRE's latest report on the sector suggests that some decisions on deals in the sector will be delayed in the short-term because of the uncertainty caused by Britain's vote to leave the EU. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Ireland's 10-year government bond yield dropped to a record low of 0.6 per cent in morning trading today as peripheral European markets benefitted from speculation that the European Central Bank could further ease monetary policy in the wake of Britain's decision to leave the European Union. To read more on the continuing economic ramifications in Ireland following Brexit, [click here](#).

Credit rating agency Fitch says that while Britain's vote to leave the EU is a negative for Ireland, it is unlikely to have any short-term effect on the country's credit rating. Fitch upgraded its Irish rating to A in February due to a fall in public debt levels. It warns, however, that a medium-term rating impact would be possible if the economic dislocation of Brexit were to prove severe. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Ireland's Iseq share index has fallen sharply again today, with some of Ireland's biggest employers continuing to take a post-Brexit vote pounding. To read more on the aftermath of Brexit, [click here](#).

Minister for Public Expenditure, Paschal Donohoe, has confirmed Irish economic growth will be hit by the British decision to leave the EU — but he stopped short of fully ruling out a recession. To read more on the economic fallout of Brexit, [click here](#).

Dublin Bus workers will seek a pay rise of more than 30 per cent this week in the next phase of the ongoing industrial relations war in the transport sector. To read more on the ongoing unrest in the transport sector, [click here](#).

The parent company of poultry-giant Moy Park, Brazilian firm JBS, has been busy setting up Dublin-based shell companies as it prepares to relocate its global headquarters to Ireland. However, rather than choosing the North, where Moy Park's HQ and factory is located in Armagh, it appears JBS bosses decided in December 2015 that the Republic was the preferred location. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Technology firm Pilz Ireland is hiring new staff after it acquired a site adjacent to its current location in Cork city. The new site will see office space and lab facilities developed with the company looking to attract highly-skilled workers. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Society

The country could be facing industrial action from gardai if members of the force are financially penalised for refusing to agree to a pay deal with the Government. For more on this story, [click here](#).

An immediate move to provide extra financial assistance to people at risk of becoming homeless is to be announced by the Government to tackle the housing crisis. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

More than 100,000 children in Northern Ireland are living in poverty - and the number is on the rise. New figures revealed in the Northern Ireland Poverty Bulletin have revealed that twenty-five percent of children were living in poverty in the year 2014/15. This is an increase compared to 23% the previous year. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Staff shortages, overcrowding, drugs and inmate violence are just some of the key issues highlighted in reports on 14 prisons across the country. The Prison Visiting Committee reports for 2015 highlight a range of good and improving practices across the Irish prison system. However, issues around drug taking, violence and overcrowding persist. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Irish students studying in the UK could face a price hike in fees and problems with visas as a result of the Brexit. The Union of Students in Ireland (USI) fear the Brexit will have “a negative impact” for Irish students. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Up to 40,000 fathers a year may apply for the new provision of two weeks’ paternity leave, which the Government hopes to have in place by the end of September. Minister for Justice Frances Fitzgerald this week introduced the Paternity Leave and Benefit Bill into the Dáil, which will bring Ireland into line with other EU member states offering social welfare benefits and time off after the birth of a child. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The lifetime ban on gay men from giving blood looks set to be lifted by the end of the year. The board of the Irish Blood Transfusion Service (IBTS), which met last week to discuss the issue, recommended the ban should end. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

One of the country’s largest public sector unions has warned that the complete repeal of the legislation which cut the pay and pensions of State employees during the recession would see high earners gain substantially more than their lower-paid colleagues. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

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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