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Top Story

Even if the UK stays in the EU customs union, there are huge risks that new invisible barriers will be created to trade across the Border in Ireland, and between Ireland and Britain, according to former Taoiseach John Bruton. To read more on Mr Bruton's comments, [click here](#).

Politics

The absence of unionist politicians at the all-island Brexit talk has been branded a "missed opportunity" by Foreign Affairs Minister Charlie Flanagan. To read more on the all-island forum, [click here](#).

Taoiseach Enda Kenny has said that some of his colleagues on the European said take a "very poor view" of Britain's decision to leave the EU, as he warned of a scenario where "Europe itself loses the plot" in Brexit negotiations. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Fianna Fáil TDs are unable to agree on whether the party's policy is to suspend or abolish water charges. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The Anti-Austerity Alliance People Before Profit (AAA-PBP) has enjoyed a big increase in support, putting it ahead of its rivals in Labour. To read more on the latest Red C survey, [click here](#).

US Secretary of State John Kerry was in Ireland this for talks on Northern Ireland, Syria and Brexit. Mr Kerry met Minister for Foreign Affairs Charlie Flanagan and he was also presented with the Tipperary International Peace Award for 2015. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Northern Ireland First Minister Arlene Foster has said she will not tolerate passport controls between Northern Ireland and the UK. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Junior Minister John Halligan has defended his decision to help Fine Gael block a Dáil bill on repealing the Eighth Amendment, saying the alternative would be a Fianna Fáil government that would never hold a referendum. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Northern Ireland First Minister Arlene Foster has aimed a stinging broadside at the Government's all-Ireland Brexit forum, insisting she had better things to do than listen to a lot of "grandstanding remoaners". To read more on the First Minister's comments, [click here](#).

A landmark legal challenge against Brexit has been rejected at the High Court in Belfast. Two separate proceedings, one by a cross-party group of MLAs and another from victims' campaigner Raymond McCord, were heard earlier this month. A judge ruled there was nothing in the 1998 Good Friday peace agreement to prevent the government triggering Article 50, the formal legal process for leaving the EU. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Economy

The Government has agreed to lower the cap for the “help-to-buy” scheme for first-time buyers to €500,000. To read more about the scheme, [click here](#).

Growth in Ireland's services sector fell to a fresh 3-1/2-year low in October as Britain's decision to leave the European Union continued to weigh on new orders, a survey showed on Thursday. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Halo Business Angel Network (HBAN) has today announced that Italian super-angel, Gianni Matera, will invest €4 million in Irish start-ups by 2020 through his investment company, Growing Capital. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The latest monthly unemployment data from the CSO shows a seasonally-adjusted total out of work of 168,800 in October, down from a revised 173,200 (172,900) in September and 198,500 in October 2015. To read more on the latest employment figures, [click here](#).

The country's National Risk Assessment (NRA) for 2016 stated that we were at "a crucial point" in the development of artificial intelligence and robotics. The NRA points to research compiled by the OECD earlier this year which calculated that almost one-in-10 jobs could be at risk from technology. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The Bank of Ireland Economic Pulse, which combines the results of the Consumer and Business Pulses, was 94.5 in October, up 4.1 points from September. The survey indicates the overall economic sentiment is recovering following the Brexit vote in July. The increase in the October Pulse was led by business sentiment which was up 5.3 points, with consumer sentiment down slightly (0.8 points) for the month. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Irish businesses and households remain confident about their economic prospects despite the challenges posed by the UK's decision to exit the European Union, two new surveys published this week show. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Irish companies are beginning to eye UK takeover opportunities to take advantage of sterling weakness and plot ways to skirt possible trade obstacles post-Brexit, according to the head of accountancy and advisory firm BDO Ireland. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The Department of Finance spent about €75,000 on legal fees for barristers in September for advice about the European Union's state aid investigation case against Apple. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Ireland's national debt remains “elevated” and international bond investors want the country to continue to bring it down further, according to the head of the National Treasury Management Agency's funding unit. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

European commissioners must stop making attacks on Ireland's competitiveness until the UK's post-Brexit intentions are clear, the Dáil has heard. Fine Gael TD John Deasy said Ireland will end up fighting an economic war on two fronts with the EU and the UK if the commission does not “desist”. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Society

An €8m flood relief scheme has been earmarked for a Cork satellite town in which over 60 homes and businesses were devastated by torrential rain four years ago. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Gardaí participating in Friday's strike will have their pay docked and could be held liable for any damages that occur while they withdraw their labour, Tánaiste and Minister for Justice Frances Fitzgerald has said. To read more on the gardaí strike, [click here](#).

Taxi drivers might be required to adopt a formal dress code including a possible uniform under new proposals being considered by the National Transport Authority. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Nurses working in emergency departments (EDs) have had to ration their care of patients "to a dangerous degree" and often face moral distress and even burnout, according to a new study. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The number of residency permits issued by Ireland to non-EU citizens increased by almost 5% last year, to over 38,400. New EU figures shows that on a per capita basis, Ireland granted the eighth-highest number of permits of the 28 EU member states in 2015. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The Government is offering to pay gardaí extra money for periods of time before their shifts begin under measures designed to avert an unprecedented strike. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Parents are bringing their children for their first trip to the dentist seven years too late, an international conference has heard. Dr John Walsh, dean of the faculty of dentistry at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, said the average age of an Irish child's first visit to the dentist is eight. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Education Minister Richard Bruton has hit out at ASTI teachers for rejecting a "substantial" deal in favour of strike action as the pay dispute intensifies. More than 500 of the country's 735 second-level schools remained closed last Thursday as the Association of Secondary Teachers Ireland (ASTI) members held the first of seven strikes in a bid to fully restore pay for newly qualified teachers. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Headlines

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- [02.11.2016] [Ireland needs to act now to stop huge UK barriers arising from Brexit](#) [Irish Independent]
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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