

Keir Starmer has resigned as UK Prime Minister following a relentless wave of pressure from his own MPs, throwing Britain into yet another leadership crisis and paving the way for its seventh prime minister in just a decade.

The dust had barely settled on Starmer's announcement before Greater Manchester's high-profile former mayor, Andy Burnham, confirmed he is running to replace him. Burnham enters the race as the heavy favorite to take over both the Labour Party and the keys to Number 10 within the coming weeks. His path to leadership looks even clearer now that Health Secretary Wes Streeting, previously tipped as a major contender, ruled himself out today and threw his full support behind Burnham.

It is a stunning downfall for Starmer. Just two years ago, he led the center-left Labour Party to a landslide election victory. Irony isn't in short supply either: his resignation comes almost ten years to the day since the historic Brexit vote, an anniversary that serves as a grim reminder of the political instability that has gripped Britain for a decade.

As Westminster scrambles to figure out what comes next, tributes from Starmer's closest allies have begun trickling in.

London Mayor Sadiq Khan was among the first to react, praising Starmer as a "man of great integrity who has devoted his career to public service."

Khan, whose friendship with Starmer dates back over thirty years to their days as young lawyers, struck a reflective note while acknowledging the historic weight of Starmer's tenure.

"He is only the fifth Labour leader to have won a general election. Keir has made a huge contribution to the Labour Party and our country, and I want to thank him.",
Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London

However, Khan also fired a warning shot to those vying for the top job, insisting that whoever succeeds Starmer must "hold firm to the progressive values our party was established to promote."