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Details:

Election Result Delivers More Trouble for the British Establishment

The British electorate have presented another disastrous result for the British establishment. The Prime Minister, Theresa May, has pressed on with plans to form a new government, unable to fully digest the cold reality presented to her. According to the Washington Post:

"On the day after British voters delivered an astonishing repudiation of Prime Minister Theresa May at the very moment that she had expected to be her crowning glory, she tried to go on as though nothing much had changed.

She would stay on as prime minister. She would keep her cabinet's elite circle. Her plans for Brexit would go forward.

"That's what people voted for last June," she announced defiantly outside 10 Downing Street after meeting with Queen Elizabeth II to discuss her new government. "That's what we'll deliver. Now let's get to work."

But beneath the bravado was a creeping reality: A year after choosing to get out of the European Union, voters had stunned the establishment once more. In the process, they may have thrust a dagger through the heart of a young premiership that only days ago had looked to be on the verge of achieving power of Thatcher-esque proportions."

Theresa May had called the election expecting to vastly increase her majority, in advance of EU negotiations, but the election result has deprived her of even the slim majority that she had. But the reason May is pressing ahead with government formation is that the Labour leader, Jeremy Corbyn, is unusually an outsider, without loyalty to the British establishment, and must be kept out of government at all costs. Once this is done, May could well hand over power to a more credible Tory leader.

Britain's EU exit has already been formally triggered, with a two year framework in which to conclude exit negotiations. These negotiations have now become far more complicated after this appalling result for the Conservative Party.

Pakistan continues Dependency on others by Joining China and Russia dominated SCO

Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is jubilant over gaining full membership of the Shanghai Cooperation Agreement (SCO). According to Dawn:

"Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, addressing the summit, said, "The SCO goals resonate with Pakistan's national ethos, and so do the core values of the Shanghai spirit and the SCO charter with our own quest for peaceful neighbourhood."

The premier welcomed a proposal made by Chinese President Xi Jinping on a five-year treaty for good neighbourliness among SCO members, and thanked the founding members including China, Russia and others for their staunch support to Pakistan.

"As leaders, we should leave a legacy of peace and amity for our future generations, not a toxic harvest of conflict and animosity. Instead of talking about counter-weights and containment, let us create shared spaces for all," PM Nawaz urged SCO heads of state."

Central Asia is composed entirely of Muslim countries liberated from the Soviet Union at the time of its collapse; but the rulers of these countries still remain enslaved to Moscow. The SCO affirms this Russian involvement but also acknowledges the influence of China, which continues to oppress Muslim East Turkistan, considering it to be within its national borders.

Pakistan, typical of other Muslim countries, faces a crisis in competent and sincere indigenous leaders, in the absence of which its rulers are always looking to others to provide leadership. Pakistan's poor solution to American imperialism is to add Russian and Chinese suzerainty into the mix.