

Gordon Brown offers to resign as head of Labor so party can negotiate with Liberal Democrats

The British election ended without a winner, which is really hard to do in that system. So, Conservatives and Liberal Democrats are negotiating. Apparently, Labor and Liberal Democrats wanted to negotiate, but Gordon Brown would have to go to make that feasible. So he offered to go and The Post made it breaking news.

News Alert: U.K.'s Brown offers to resign Labor leadership
12:17 PM EDT Monday, May 10, 2010

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown offers to step down to make way for an alliance between the Labor Party and the Liberal Democrats.

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Search term: there seemed no choice. So the search term is "gordon brown resign"

The post announced the breaking news at 12:17 EDT, and I did the first search at 1:15 CDT. By the time of the first search there were already 1500 messages. The first message captured was from 11:20 CDT, which is almost the moment The Post issued the breaking news notice.

A second new alert from The Post as Brown plans to resign

News Alert: British Prime Minister Gordon Brown to resign
02:23 PM EDT Tuesday, May 11, 2010

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown says he's quitting office and bringing to a close the Labour Party's 13-year hold on power, as his two chief rivals sealed a coalition deal after the country's inconclusive election.

Brown says he will travel to see Queen Elizabeth II to resign - allowing opposition Conservative Party chief David Cameron to take office after Cameron struck a deal with Nick Clegg, leader of the third-placed Liberal Democrats.

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I will have to see if this interacts in any way with #debill. That might be interesting.

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