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TIME TO GO PM?

P rime Minister Theresa May was under pressure yesterday to set out plans for her departure, leading British newspapers reported, as her Brexit strategy lay in tatters just weeks before the United Kingdom was due to leave the European Union.

May's Brexit deal has been defeated twice by lawmakers, and while she has secured a delay to Brexit until at least April 12, she hinted on Friday that she would not bring back the plan for another vote next week if she was not confident it would pass.

May's office declined to comment on a report in *The Times* newspaper that discussions on a timetable for the prime minister to stand down were now under way.

But a Downing Street source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told Reuters that the report was incorrect.

"News to me," the source said. "No, it's not correct."

The Times quoted an unidentified Downing Street source saying that

even her closest allies believed it was inevitable she would have to resign.

The *Daily Telegraph* said that senior ministers had urged May to quit, and BuzzFeed reported that one lawmaker, a "whip" responsible for party discipline, had told her to set out plans to quit in the Sunday newspapers.

"She needs to set out a timetable for her departure and try to get her meaningful vote through. That's the best way forward," the *Telegraph* quoted an unnamed cabinet minister as saying.

Betting odds indicate there is now a 20 percent chance that May will be out of her job by the end of this month, Ladbrokes said yesterday.

Brexit had been due to happen on March 29 before May secured a delay in talks with the European Union on Thursday.

Now a May 22 departure date will apply if parliament rallies behind the British prime minister next week. If it does not, Britain will have until April 12 to offer a new plan or decide to leave the European Union without a treaty.



As Brexit crisis deepens, tens of thousands gather in London to demand new poll

London.—Tens of thousands of people opposed to Britain's withdrawal from the European Union gathered to march through central London yesterday to demand a new referendum as the deepening Brexit crisis risked sinking Prime Minister Theresa May's premiership.

After three years of tortuous debate, it is still uncertain how, when or even if Brexit will happen as May tries to plot a way out of the gravest political crisis in at least a generation. **Inside**