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Leadsom emerges as top pro-Brexit candidate for Prime Minister

London.—British lawmaker Andrea Leadsom emerged yesterday as the top pro-Brexit candidate to succeed Prime Minister David Cameron, earning the support of a former Conservative Party leader and several members of parliament.

Leadsom, a junior minister not well known to most voters, has attracted slightly more support from Conservative lawmakers than Michael Gove, the justice secretary and leading "Leave" campaigner, British media reported. Bookmaker William Hill said she was now second-favourite to succeed Cameron, behind interior minister Theresa May, who supported the "Remain" campaign.

Leadsom's rise reflects the unpredictable state of British politics since last week's vote

to leave the European Union. The result sparked pandemonium in Britain's two main political parties, with Cameron announcing his resignation and Labour opposition lawmakers disowning their own leader, Jeremy Corbyn.

The referendum has also divided Britain, with Scotland, Northern Ireland and London voting against the majority of Britons to stay in the 28-nation club. Thousands of Londoners took to the streets on Saturday to protest against Brexit.

May has the support of far more Conservative lawmakers than her rivals but the 53-year-old Leadsom, a former Barclays banker, has now received backing from former Conservative Party leader Iain Duncan Smith.

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● Majorca is on course for its **BEST-EVER JULY** for tourism, according to official figures. See Inside Today.



Pro-Europe march in London

Thousands of demonstrators marched through central London yesterday in a loud and colourful protest against last week's vote to leave the European Union, a result that has plunged Britain into political chaos and which most people in the capital rejected.

Most protestors were young adults, and many were draped in EU flags while others waved banners bearing slogans like "I'm with EU" or simply "Wrexite." They chanted "what do we want to do? Stay in the EU," as they marched towards the Westminster political district to a soundtrack of songs like Rick Astley's 1987 hit *Never Gonna Give You Up*.