

《你脱欧，我脱你！苏格兰议会通过二次独立公投提案》

导读:据《每日邮报》报道，就在梅相正式启动脱欧程序之际，苏格兰议会通过提案，要求再次举行独立公投。



The Scottish Parliament has **voted** to demand a new Scottish independence referendum in defiance of Theresa May's warning 'now is not the time'.

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MSPs voted 69 to 59 in favour after Nicola Sturgeon warned she will not back down if Mrs May ignores her demand for a fresh Scottish independence vote.

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Immediately after MSPs voted, Scotland Secretary David Mundell insisted the UK Government's position had not changed and negotiations on a referendum would not start until after Brexit was finished.

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MPs and Peers must vote for a new referendum for it to be legitimate but despite tonight's events in Edinburgh, Mrs May is not required to call a vote in London.

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The standoff means Miss Sturgeon will have to follow through on her warning to 'take steps' against the PM after Easter to defend the will of the Scottish Parliament.

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The comments appear to hint that Ms Sturgeon could stage an advisory ballot but this would be a dangerous step fraught with questions about who would pay and whether unionist parties would take part at all.

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Tonight's dramatic events come after a tense showdown between the leaders yesterday and on the eve of our divorce from the EU being formally triggered.

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Opening today's debate, Miss Sturgeon demanded Westminster should respect the wishes of the Scottish Parliament.

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She said: 'If it does so, I will enter discussion in good faith and with a willingness to compromise.

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'However if it chooses not to do so, I will return to the Parliament following the Easter recess to set out the steps the Scottish Government will take to progress the will of Parliament.'

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Mrs May has insisted 'now is not the time' for an independence vote, and made clear the Westminster government will ignore any requests for one at least until Brexit is completed in March 2019.

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She has accused Miss Sturgeon of 'playing politics' with the country's future and today insisted her position has not changed.

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But the SNP chief has accused the PM of 'untenable' behaviour and 'running scared' of the electorate.

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