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Tony Blair resigns as Prime Minister

Billy Bragg gives NME.COM his verdict on Blair's rule

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Tony Blair has announced today (May 10) that he will stand down as the British **Prime Minister**.

Speaking from his constituency of **Sedgefield** the **Labour** leader admitted he will leave office on June 27. With no major competition anticipated it is expected he will be replaced as **Prime Minister** by

current **Chancellor Of The Exchequer, Gordon Brown**.

Following confirmation of **Blair's** departure, singer-songwriter and political campaigner [Billy Bragg](#) gave **NME.COM** his verdict on the **Prime Minister's** ten years in charge.

"In 1997 when **Blair** was elected we lived in a time of possibilities," explained **Bragg**. "Some of those possibilities have been realised like the right for gay people to get involved in a civil union, the minimum wage, getting the hereditarys [peers] out of the **House Of Lords** and I've been pleased by those."

However **Bragg** believed one major issue would taint the **Prime Minister's** legacy - Iraq.

"Obviously it'd all been overshadowed by the war and by **Blair's** failure to stop **George Bush**," he declared. "I think he relied on his abilities to have some leverage with the Americans but I think we're all painfully aware now how little that really worked, that's going to overshadow everything."

To see more reaction to **Tony Blair's** departure and his ten years in power, see a special article in next week's issue of **NME**, on UK newsstands from May 16.

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