

Britain's Brown weighs early election

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LONDON - British Prime Minister Gordon Brown is reportedly considering calling a parliamentary election in November, midway through the term. Tuesday is the deadline to ask Queen Elizabeth II to dissolve parliament for a Nov. 1 election. Brown plans to spend the weekend weighing the latest opinion polls and preparing for an address to parliament Monday on Iraq, The Times of London reported Friday. The most recent polls show that the Conservative Party got a big bounce from its party conference, which produced tax-cutting proposals, The Telegraph said. A poll published by the Times showed the Labor lead cut from 11 points to 3, while another one for The Guardian showed the two parties in a dead heat. Brown moved Chancellor Alistair Darling's Pre-Budget Report up two months, giving him time for an election this fall. Darling is scheduled to give both that address and his Comprehensive Spending Review on Tuesday.

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