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## Great result

Posted by Levenax - 2008/07/25 01:43

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## Re:Great result

Posted by Clare - 2008/07/25 02:10

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I was on BBC2 for the result and thought Campbell was his usual rude self by deliberately talking over the beginning of John Mason's speech. I was glad Mr Crick (is that his name) joined BBC Scotland's Newsnight lately and taught trash like Campbell how to do the job properly. His demolition of Curran over her predecessor was quite superb. I thought she was gonny nut him! :laugh:

The biggest disappointment here has been the unprofessional approach of so many in TV politics. People like Campbell, like Crow the other night who gave Curran an easy ride. BBC Scotland and STV need to take a long hard look at themselves.

Let's hope Curran has blown her Leadership hopes as well. Lev gracious isn't a word I would use in relation to her. But make no mistake, her body language leading up to the result was a joy to behold. She was (to use a well ken't Glaswegian term) bealin'! I'd love to be a fly on the wall in her house in the East End, erm, I mean Newlands, when she gets home.

I thought Nicola coped admirably with Douglas Alexander's disgraceful accusations regarding his stupid sister. What a complete donut he looked.

I suppose the press will say, the Labour press, that Labour has been given a kicking but its only a by-election. Let's hope not tho. Let's hope in-roads are finally being made into Labour's domination of Glasgow all these decades and change is truly coming. Well done John Mason. Here! I wonder if he needs a secretary! Think I'll just mail him my CV. :laugh:

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## Re:Great result

Posted by Levenax - 2008/07/25 08:07

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I watched a bit of it on STV. I don't know who the presenter was but he didn't interrupt much. Bernard Ponsonby was, I thought, quite fair. The Labour MP Murphy (I can't mind his first name, Ignatious??) was OK too. Your right about Crick exposing the crooked doings of Marshall, it's a pity that the Scottish media didn't do more with the story. If they had the majority might have been healthier. When it did surface though it was a joy to watch Labour hacks like David Cairns and London toadies like Douglas Alexander squirm. I've always felt that wee Douglas is a bit of a misfit in the Scottish branch of the Labour party - he's quite intelligent and sophisticated, unlike the knuckle trailers of the "People's Party" :laugh: in the West of Scotland.

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## Re:Great result

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/07/25 10:49

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You two have said it all, I waited up until they called a recount which got up my nose no end. I woke up to the result this morning at 6.30. With a majority of 365 I felt Margaret Curran ( the budgie ) looked a bit silly asking for one. However she probably felt as desperate as she looked. It seemed she hoped mistakes had been made with the other Curran. That looked a stupid thing to do to put the names together but they are probably alphabetical.

One of the BBC reporters said a voter stated if Gordon Brown opened an undertakers folk would stop dying.

John Mason is without doubt a well kent soul in the area and has done well as a councilor but I do believe it helped

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having Alex Salmond with him every day. He looked nervous on TV.

Great victory though especially when we consider they have taken 22.54% from Labour.

The anchor men and woman on news 24 sound as though they are reporting a death as they report the by-election, I am expecting black ties at any moment.

Gordon states the real reason for this loss is financial influences which are not his poor wee fault.

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## Re:Great result

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/07/25 10:52

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Hi Lev

The Limpdems party seems to be going nowhere but I thought that young man looked promising with a little experience.

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## Re:Great result

Posted by Robin T Cox - 2008/07/25 11:17

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The killer fact is that the turn-out was up on the turn-out at the general election, so New Labour can't brush it off by arguing that in a general election it will all be so different.

They still don't get it, and seem to imagine that north of the Border it will still be a two-horse race against the Tories, and at a general election the SNP will not count.

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## Re:Great result

Posted by DavieDites - 2008/07/25 11:26

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When Blair told the labour party to go off and think the unthinkable, did they think about losing Glasgow East?

I am just wondering about all the media comment. First they said that GE voters would vote for a donkey with a red rosette. Then they said that John Mason (a well respected local councillor) was a nonentity who had little chance against superstar Curran (that's the Labour candidate, not the other one). Now they are saying that it was all about bread and butter issues.

How long before they cotton on to the fact that the world has changed? The labour party has self-destructed and the UK is destined for Tory rule for the foreseeable future. Maybe the voters in Glasgow East are way ahead of everyone in recognising that they can only be represented in an independent Scotland.

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## Re:Great result

Posted by Clare - 2008/07/25 12:09

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Lev. Ignatius? :laugh: His name is Jim. We can do normal names ye know!

Lydia, I thought Mason looked nervous and agree his speech was too long. And you are absolutely spot on, he had the backing of his Party Leader while Curran could not risk even bringing her Party leader to Glasgow East. Salmond is a

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hands on guy, out there working and listening to people.

I was a bag of nerves. When they called the re-count I was thinking "NO! She can't win this on a recount!" It would have been too cruel. Sadly Margaret Curran won't have learned a thing from it nor will Pauline McNeil (incidentally did Maggie borrow Pauline's suit from the Holyrood Elections last year?). I don't have an issue with feisty women but neither of these two possesses a shred of dignity and the Labour variety are the most infuriating. They're the dirtiest too when it comes to tactics.

My view is that Mason won this because he truly is known in the area but more importantly he is trusted. I couldn't believe it when Glenn Campbell dragged the catholic vote up again and accused Bishop Devine of "intervening and taking the election in a sectarian direction". I really would sack that guy. He is a complete clown! Oh and with Steven Purcell there so long last night why didn't someone ask him why he didn't want to stand in GE?

I am going to drop Newsnight an email commending that guy Crick and the other guy (anyone know his name?) who was sitting over with Nicola Sturgeon and Douglas Alexander for their conduct throughout this which was truly professional unlike their BBC Scotland colleagues.

It is good to have confidence but Margaret Curran lived this entire campaign in denial of what her Party has come to stand for. And not just at Westminster but at Holyrood too. Just look at the disunity and the backstabbing that has gone on at Holyrood not just to get Alexander but with her predecessor McConnell too. And there was Douglas Alexander sitting there last night still insisting it was the big bad SNP who did it.

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## Re:Great result

Posted by Geeooo - 2008/07/25 12:16

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Claire - the other BBC guy was John Sopel, this who you mean?

I hope John Mason can make his voice heard in Westminster, and show the rest of Scotland that voting for the SNP down south is not just a gimmick to stick it at the Labour Party, and that a vote for them can be more than just taking the reigns away from Gordon Brown and handing them to someone else, because in my opinion this can be a more dangerous tactic.

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## Re:Great result

Posted by DoricMan - 2008/07/25 12:51

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## Re:Great result

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/07/25 13:46

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## Re:Great result

Posted by Clare - 2008/07/25 14:58

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I decided to try and be a heavyweight and stayed till the finish. Today I'm a dead-weight I'm so tired. :blink:

"Claire - the other BBC guy was John Sopel, this who you mean?"

That's him Geeo, I thought he was excellent. Very relaxed approach.

But OMG what about Fiona Ross? What is she like? Sour-faced goat. The devotion to Labour I can understand but why do these people present themselves as genuine political commentators when they are so unprofessional when it comes to doing a job properly. Her agreement with Douglas Alexander that Wendy was hounded out was outrageous.

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## Re:Great result

Posted by Meg - 2008/07/25 16:14

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What a night. :) I stayed up until it was over and then couldn't get to sleep. Must be getting too old for all this excitement but the joy of winning and seeing the fake "politican on" gritted teeth smiles of labour at the count makes the tiredness worthwhile.

I think that there were two important points came out of this. Firstly that for the second year in a row, no matter what the media threw at the SNP campaign, the party still had credibility with the electorate. Secondly, the commentators on last night's coverage all noted how many more people the SNP had on the ground than labour. The fact that they can't get people out to work in their heartlands at a by-election, highlights the state they are in. It is so important in areas like this to have people on the ground.

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## Re:Great result

Posted by dws - 2008/07/25 18:27

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Well, they actually pulled it off!:woohoo: Well done to all involved, and don't let Margaret Curran near yer milk, it'll curdle!:laugh:

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## Re:Great result

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/07/25 18:35

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dws wrote:

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Too late

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## Re:Great result

Posted by Clare - 2008/07/25 19:02

I'm still laughing at Lev's Ignatius Murphy comment. I'll never see Jim Murphy speak again and not think of him as Ignatius from now on. :laugh:

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## Re:Great result

Posted by woodysdad - 2008/07/25 21:41

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Last week on the BBC they said that Curran was na MSP and that after Thursday she would have TWO jobs!! Didnae work out that way, eh??:lol:

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## Re:Great result

Posted by Brenna1508 - 2008/07/25 21:50

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## Re:Great result

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/07/25 22:21

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It makes us all proud of them, they did work hard, nice feeling. I thought Salmond was reasonably reserved in victory, I think I would have thumbed my nose. I had to be up at 6.30 to take my car to the garage + 3 x 12 year old boys who stayed up as well. What a night to choose for a sleepover. I could not shout at the telly, I had to be very good. We all have nearly closed eyes, early bed tonight.

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## Re:Great result

Posted by Clare - 2008/07/26 19:11

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I see TLJ's back. Thank God. I hadn't seen him since the by-election and was worried he'd run off with Maggie Curran!

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## Re:Great result

Posted by DoricMan - 2008/07/27 13:00

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Viewing the BBC news and Sky news pundits this morning, the comments on the Election victory was pretty well muted, seeming to be more about the Prime Minister's future. One pundit said that this was more about a no confidence vote on Labour and the PM in particular. Further, the experts commented that the majority of us are not in favour of separation! :angry:

All I say is watch this space.

Thanks for your kind messages on my spine trauma. I'm now up and getting about again with the help of my pills :)

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## Re:Great result

Posted by Jimbo - 2008/07/29 17:02

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### GLASGOW EAST " SHOCKWAVES FELT AROUND THE WORLD

The SNP today highlighted the international impact of John Mason's victory in the Glasgow East by-election on Thursday.

During the campaign the SNP received visits by German, Irish and American journalists. Following the SNP's victory on Thursday the impact on Gordon Brown and the Labour Government has been played out around the world.

Commenting on the global interest in Scottish politics and the SNP's success SNP Westminster leader Angus Robertson said;

"Thursday's by-election has sent shockwaves around the world. The SNP's success has had a huge international impact.

"The Glasgow East by-election has generated more international interest in any Scottish by-election since Hamilton.

"Scotland and the Scottish Government took a step up on the world stage with the SNP's victory in 2007. The SNP Government's outward looking agenda and impressive first year in power has kept the international press enthralled with developments in Scotland.

"Victory in Labour's former heartlands has only increased the interest in Scottish politics and Scotland's future."

"When Winnie Ewing won Hamilton in 1967 she issued the enduring line "Stop the world. Scotland wants to get on." With the international interest in this by-election, the SNP Government's progress, Scotland's increasingly strong links around the world and international interest in the National Conversation Scotland is once again making her mark."

Ends

1. The following links cover a range of international coverage of the Glasgow East by-election result.

2. Due to the high volume of international media interest an international media briefing will be held during the Edinburgh Festival

New York Times:

[http://www.nytimes.com/2008/07/26/world/europe/26britain.html?\\_r=1&hp&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/07/26/world/europe/26britain.html?_r=1&hp&oref=slogin)

Washington Post:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/07/25/AR2008072500319.html>

Wall Street Journal:

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB12169574112983893.html>

UK: PM Brown suffers fresh election shock

CNN

<http://edition.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/europe/07/25/brown.loss/index.html>

Scottish voters deal blow to UK's Brown

Fox News

<http://www.foxnews.com/wires/2008Jul25/0,4670,BritainElection,00.html>

Scottish Voters Deal Blow To British Leader Brown

CBS News

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2008/07/25/ap/europe/main4292219.shtml>

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Election loss deals fresh blow to U.K.'s Brown  
MSNBC  
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/25845003/>

Scots deal huge blow to Britain's Brown  
Chicago Tribune  
[http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/chi-britain-brown\\_bdjul27,0,78687.story](http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/chi-britain-brown_bdjul27,0,78687.story)

Scottish voters deal blow to British leader Brown  
Boston Globe  
[http://www.boston.com/news/world/europe/articles/2008/07/25/scottish\\_voters\\_deal\\_blow\\_to\\_uks\\_brown](http://www.boston.com/news/world/europe/articles/2008/07/25/scottish_voters_deal_blow_to_uks_brown)

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#### CANADA

Election loss deals crushing blow to Britain's Brown  
Globe and Mail  
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20080724.wbritish-election0724/BNStory/International/?page=rss&id=RTGAM.20080724.wbritish-election0724>

British PM suffers election blow  
Toronto Star  
<http://www.thestar.com/News/World/article/467209>

Woes for British PM after nationalists snatch Scottish seat  
CBC  
[www.cbc.ca/cp/world/080725/w072535A.html](http://www.cbc.ca/cp/world/080725/w072535A.html)

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#### AUSTRALIA

UK Labour loses crucial seat in blow to Brown  
ABC News  
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/07/25/2314386.htm?section=justin>

Epic loss has Labour in a spin  
Sydney Morning Herald  
<http://www.smh.com.au/news/world/epic-loss-has-labour-in-a-spin/2008/07/25/1216492734183.html>

Poll defeat puts Brown on notice  
The Age  
<http://www.theage.com.au/world/poll-defeat-puts-brown-on-notice-20080725-3l2l.html>

British PM Gordon Brown under pressure after by-election loss  
Melbourne Herald Sun  
<http://www.news.com.au/heraldsun/story/0,21985,24076095-663,00.html>

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#### NEW ZEALAND

More bad news for Gordon Brown  
TVNZ  
<http://tvnz.co.nz/view/page/536641/1943449>

UK Cabinet turns on wounded Brown  
New Zealand Herald  
[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/section/2/story.cfm?c\\_id=2&objectid=10523631](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/section/2/story.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=10523631)

Local election loss cuts Brit PM  
Dominion Post  
<http://www.stuff.co.nz/4632424a12.html>

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## Re:Great result

Posted by Jimbo - 2008/07/29 17:03

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### GERMANY

Brown auf Bewahrung  
Spiegel

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,568366,00.html>

Schock fur Brown: Labour verliert erneut Nachwahl  
sueddeutsche

<http://newsticker.sueddeutsche.de/list/id/71421>

Labour und Brown erleiden bei Nachwahl schwere Schlappe  
Reuters Deutschland

[http://de.today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=topNews&storyID=2008-07-25T090946Z\\_01\\_HUM518634\\_RTRDEOC\\_0\\_GROSSBRITANNIEN-WAHLERGEBNIS.xml&archived=False](http://de.today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=topNews&storyID=2008-07-25T090946Z_01_HUM518634_RTRDEOC_0_GROSSBRITANNIEN-WAHLERGEBNIS.xml&archived=False)

Brown in Bedrangnis Labour verliert dritte Nachwahl in Folge  
Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

[http://www.faz.net/s/RubDDBDABB9457A437BAA85A49C26FB23A0/Doc~EED8466A4F6734B82A0846BBA6F52EAE9~ATpl-Ecommon~Scontent.html?rss\\_googlefeed](http://www.faz.net/s/RubDDBDABB9457A437BAA85A49C26FB23A0/Doc~EED8466A4F6734B82A0846BBA6F52EAE9~ATpl-Ecommon~Scontent.html?rss_googlefeed)

Neuer Schock fur Brown: Wieder Wahlniederlage  
Frankischer Tag

<http://www.fraenkischer-tag.de/cms/index.php?id=2026&GUID=18425774:1216991609000>

Premier auf Bewahrung: Gordon Brown  
Die Zeit

<http://www.zeit.de/online/2008/31/gordon-brown-premier-auf-bewaehrung>

Grobritannien: Schottische Schlage fur Gordon Brown  
Die Presse

[http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/401400/index.do?\\_vl\\_backlink=/home/politik/index.do](http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/401400/index.do?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/index.do)

Das Erdbeben von Glasgow  
Neues Deutschland

<http://www.neues-deutschland.de/artikel/132737.das-erdbeben-von-glasgow.html>

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### AUSTRIA

"Lieber ein guter Nachbar als ein murrischer Mieter"  
der Standard

<http://derstandard.at/?id=1216917841876>

Nachste Schlappe fur Labour  
Wien Web

<http://www.wienweb.at/content.aspx?menu=12&cid=153524>

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### SWITZERLAND

Labour im freien Fall  
Espace

[http://www.espace.ch/artikel\\_549601.html](http://www.espace.ch/artikel_549601.html)

Labour-Partei verliert wichtige Teilwahl in Schottland

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Swissinfo

[http://www.swissinfo.ch/ger/news/newsticker/Labour\\_Partei\\_verliert\\_wichtige\\_Teilwahl\\_in\\_Schottland.html?siteSect=146&sid=9371021&cKey=1216979772000&ty=ti&positionT=4](http://www.swissinfo.ch/ger/news/newsticker/Labour_Partei_verliert_wichtige_Teilwahl_in_Schottland.html?siteSect=146&sid=9371021&cKey=1216979772000&ty=ti&positionT=4)

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## FRANCE

Royaume-Uni Gordon Brown, la d'Ã©faite de trop

RFI

[http://www.rfi.fr/actufr/articles/103/article\\_69007.asp](http://www.rfi.fr/actufr/articles/103/article_69007.asp)

Le Labour perd son fief de Glasgow-Est

L'Express

<http://www.lexpress.fr/actualite/depeches/infojour/reuters.asp?id=75635>

Nouveau coup dur pour Gordon Brown, dont le parti perd une ...

Le Monde

[http://www.lemonde.fr/europe/article/2008/07/25/nouveau-coup-dur-pour-gordon-brown\\_1077219\\_3214.html](http://www.lemonde.fr/europe/article/2008/07/25/nouveau-coup-dur-pour-gordon-brown_1077219_3214.html)

Gordon Brown sous pression

LibÃ©ration

<http://www.liberation.fr/actualite/monde/341388.FR.php>

Brown pourrait Ãªtre appelÃ© Ã dÃ©missionner

Le Figaro

<http://www.lefigaro.fr/flash-actu/2008/07/26/01011-20080726FILWWW00369-brown-pourrait-etre-appelle-a-demissionner.php>

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## SPAIN

Brown sufre una nueva derrota electoral que hace temblar su liderazgo

La Vanguardia

<http://www.lavanguardia.es/lv24h/20080725/53508195353.html>

Cameron insta a Brown a convocar elecciones generales tras la ...

El Mundo

<http://www.elmundo.es/elmundo/2008/07/25/internacional/1216977203.html>

Brown suma en su tradicional feudo de Glasgow la cuarta debacle ...

La Rioja

<http://www.larioja.com/20080726/mundo/brown-suma-tradicional-feudo-20080726.html>

El nacionalismo escocÃ©s humilla a Brown

El PaÃ­s

[http://www.elpais.com/articulo/internacional/nacionalismo/escoces/humilla/Brown/elpepiint/20080726elpepiint\\_2/Tes](http://www.elpais.com/articulo/internacional/nacionalismo/escoces/humilla/Brown/elpepiint/20080726elpepiint_2/Tes)

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## ITALY

Elezioni suppletive in Scozia, laburisti sconfitti dai nazionalisti

RaiNews24

<http://www.rainews24.it/notizia.asp?newsid=84168>

Scozia, batosta per il Labour perde suppletive nella roccaforte

La Repubblica

<http://www.repubblica.it/2008/07/sezioni/esteri/scozia-laburisti/scozia-laburisti/scozia-laburisti.html>

Gran Bretagna, laburisti sconfitti a Glasgow

ANSA

[http://www.ansa.it/opencms/export/site/notizie/rubriche/altrenotizie/visualizza\\_new.html\\_731002227.html](http://www.ansa.it/opencms/export/site/notizie/rubriche/altrenotizie/visualizza_new.html_731002227.html)

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Gran Bretagna. Doccia scozzese per Gordon Brown alle elezioni ...

Agenzia Multimediale Italiana

<http://www.agenziami.it/articolo/1163/Gran+Bretagna+Doccia+scozzese+per+Gordon+Brown+alle+elezioni+suppletive/>

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## NETHERLANDS

Schotten flirten steeds meer met het idee van afscheiding

Algemeen Dagblad

[http://www.ad.nl/buitenland/2474648/Schotten\\_flirten\\_steeds\\_meer\\_met\\_het\\_idee\\_van\\_afscheiding.html](http://www.ad.nl/buitenland/2474648/Schotten_flirten_steeds_meer_met_het_idee_van_afscheiding.html)

Premier Brown is dringend op zoek naar nieuw elan

NRC Handelsblad

[http://www.nrc.nl/buitenland/article1186764.ece/Premier\\_Brown\\_is\\_dringend\\_op\\_zoek\\_naar\\_nieuw\\_elan\\_](http://www.nrc.nl/buitenland/article1186764.ece/Premier_Brown_is_dringend_op_zoek_naar_nieuw_elan_)

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