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Liars and their lies exposed!

There are two very informative articles available on the internet this morning, Saturday Feb 6th.

One is a **BBC NI report** on the 'Irish Sea border' which has been denied by our Secretary of State and which rather belatedly, the DUP leadership have woken up to!

The other is in the Belfast Newsletter and highlights the utter deceitfulness of our Secretary of State, Brandon Lewis! Sadly, it also shows the utter incompetence of our Unionist leaders. Despite the evidence of what was happening they went along with the fraud until they finally tripped over it and fell on their faces into the pit Westminster had dug!

That tends to waken up the most obtuse sleepwalker!!

The BBC NI reports states:

"On 17 October 2019 Boris Johnson was in ebullient form.

He had just sealed the Brexit withdrawal deal with the EU. At a Brussels press conference, the prime minister hailed the agreement as marking the beginning of a "very exciting" time for the UK. I want to stress that this is a great deal for our country, for the UK, he said. And what it means is that we in the UK can come out of the EU as one United Kingdom - England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, together. And it means we can decide our future together, we can take back control, as the phrase goes, of our money, our borders, our laws, together.

Meanwhile civil servants were doing the work of turning the deal into domestic UK law - what would become the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill.

Just four days after Mr Johnson's Brussels triumph, the Department for Exiting the EU (DExEU) had produced an analysis of the Withdrawal Agreement Bill.

It is that piece of work which shows that the problems with the Irish Sea border were foreseen virtually from the moment the deal was signed. The DExEU civil servants produced a prescient study that almost precisely describes the issues which have come into sharp focus over the past week.

The Northern Ireland part of the deal — the Protocol - keeps Northern Ireland in the EU's single market for goods and EU customs rules are enforced at its ports.

That is to prevent a hard border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland but at the expense of a new trade border within the UK.

The DExEU report was clear about what this meant: 'Goods moving from Great Britain to Northern Ireland will be required to complete both import declarations and Entry Summary Declarations because the UK will be applying the EU's custom code in Northern Ireland.'

This will result in additional administrative costs to businesses. . . ."

The Belfast Newsletter article is headlined — **"Brandon Lewis silent as PM's ex-law chief says ministers misled the public over Irish Sea border.** Here is highlighted the chicanery of the Boris Johnston administration with regards to the outcome of his EU withdrawal agreement.

The writer of the article, Sam McBride points out:

"Brandon Lewis has refused to belatedly accept the Irish Sea border is real — even after the government's former chief legal adviser spoke out to say ministers had misled the people of Northern Ireland about the new trade frontier. . . . Even after agreeing in writing that there would be a customs and



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regulatory border between Great Britain and Northern Ireland in 2019, Boris Johnson repeatedly denied that fact. In recent weeks Secretary of State Brandon Lewis – who in a Lucid Talk poll was said to be doing a good or a great job by 4% of respondents – has again insisted “there is no Irish Sea border” despite a mountain of evidence to the contrary, including his own government’s erection of what it describes as ‘border control posts’.

Sir Jonathan Jones, who until five months ago was the Treasury Solicitor and head of the Government Legal Service, said that it had been “obvious” that what had been agreed by Mr Johnson and the EU would disrupt existing trade routes within the UK.

“It always seemed obvious, at least to me, that there was going to be a border in the Irish Sea,” he said.

Speaking on Times Radio, he said: “There has been a problem with people not being honest, or people [not] understanding what the consequence of the new agreements was going to be. It’s obviously feeding this public and political concern with the agreement.”



Simon Hamilton

When asked if he blamed ministers for that, he said: “Ministers, politicians generally.”

This is the verdict of someone who not only SHOULD but DOES know!

How gullible were the DUP leadership and its membership which acquiesced in the position adopted by Arlene Foster, at the behest, it must be said, of the money-grabbing business community, a leading member of which is ex-DUP Stormont minister, Simon Hamilton, who in 2019 became chief executive of Belfast Chamber of Trade and Commerce.

The situation which has developed in Northern Ireland, whereby we have been virtually alienated from the rest of the United Kingdom at great cost to the very business community whose greed initiated this scandalous situation to begin with!

Ulster Protestants MUST take note of the deceitfulness and the deviousness of the political figures at the head of affairs here, both in the DUP and in the Government.

We are in the hands of liars.

The future of such who live to propagate the lie is dark with God’s wrath unless they repent.

“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and lewd men, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death,” Revelation 21:8.

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