

What happens after the Queen dies?

THE SECRET PLAN FOR ELIZABETH II

A presentation based on a longform news article

Elizabeth II was born on
21 April 1926.
She's **the oldest and**
longest reigning
monarch in the world.
This year she celebrates
her **93th birthday.**



**She has seen the
Second World War
and been in power
almost ever since.**



The long read

'London Bridge is down': the secret plan for the days after the Queen's death

She is venerated around the world. She has outlasted 12 US presidents. She stands for stability and order. But her kingdom is in turmoil, and her subjects are in denial that her reign will ever end. That's why the palace has a plan.

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by [Sam Knight](#)

Tn the plans that exist for the death of the Queen - and there are many

- Written by [Sam Knight](#) and published by [the Guardian](#) in March 2017
- Over 8000 word article
- Based on original research, interviews and leaks found by the writer
- Basically all other articles and videos on the web reference to this story
 - Even the Wikipedia page was made after this piece of news
- I found from a website focusing on long articles

- "London Bridge is down"
- News to the 15 governments where she still is the head of state
- Media outlets get the news and publish it around the world
 - Previously BBC had monopoly in this
- Dark coloured notice is placed on the gates of the Buckingham Palace
- The Palace website is taken down



- News organisations have articles and obituaries already written
 - *The Times* have 11 days of news coverage ready
 - *The Guardian's* deputy editor (=toimitussihteeri) has a list of articles to publish on his every day on her desk
- TV channels have already booked "royal experts" to appear on TV shows
- TV directors have guidebooks that are "inches thick"



Mauno Koivisto 1923 – 2017

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Syntyi 25.11.1923 Turussa,

kuoli XX.XX.XXXX X:ssä.

Pääministeri 1968–70, 1979–

Suomen tasavallan 9. presidentti Mauno Henrik Koivisto syntyi 25.11.1923 puusepän poikana Turussa. Lapsuutta leimasivat köyhyys, äidin varhainen kuolema ja isän tiukka uskonnollisuus.

Koulupoikana hän oli aikalaistensa mukaan sävyisä ja mieteliäs. Hän oli myös uttera, mitä perheen toimeentulo vaatikin. Kansakoulun jälkeen Koivisto toimi muun muassa juoksupoikana ja autonapuri

Mauno Koivisto

Tasavallan presidentti 1982–93

Syntyi 25.11.1923

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Pääministeri 1968–70, 1979–82

Valtiovarainministeri 1966–67, 1971–72

Suomen Pankin pääjohtaja 1968–70

Mauno Henrik Koivisto (1923-XXXX) valittiin
1982. Kansalaisten mielissä Koivisto oli

HS Kuvatoimitus

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Mauno Henrik Koivisto (1923-XXXX) valittiin Suomen presidentiksi vuonna 1982. Kansalaisten mielissä Koivisto oli kunnollinen, komea ja leppoisa, mutta politiikan piireissä Koivisto tunnettiin taitavana strategina. Koiviston johdolla Suomi päätti hakea EU:n jäsenyyttä talvella 1992. Toisen presidenttikautensa jälkeen hän vetäytyi Tellervo-puolionsa kanssa kaupunkikotiin Katajanokalle ja kesäpaikalle Inkoon Tähtelään.

- **Radio channels in the UK have a pre-warning system which notifies them a few minutes before the news of Queens death gets out**
 - **The system was built during Cold War to alert journalists of major news stories**
 - **These days used mainly to notify of royal family members death or a terrorist attack, for example**
 - **Radio channels will change to non-offensive music for a moment before delivering the news**
 - **The system didn't work when Queen Mother died in 2002 because someone failed to press a button properly**

- BBC has rehearsed for years on quiet Sunday mornings
 - One scenario was Queen Mother "choking on a fishbone"
- Newsreaders will wear black suits and black ties, words are chosen carefully
- National anthem will play and the royal standard will be displayed on the screen
- BBC will not play satire TV shows during the next days
- In 2002 when the Queen Mother died, 130 complained about insensitive coverage of her death, 1500 complained about moving *Casualty* to another channel



- **Business should continue as usual on the day she dies**
- **There will be complicated ceremonies**
 - Plans exist for all possible places she might die: palaces, houses etc.
 - Ceremonies will be different for example if she dies in Scotland
- **On the next day of the death (D+1) prince Charles will be proclaimed king**
 - Someone has to print over 10 000 tickets in 24 hours



- Queens coffin will go on a public tour, and will be publicly displayed in London so people can pay respects
- Funeral day will be a day off
- The coffin will have a false lid because the crown jewels are so heavy
 - Funeral will take place in exactly nine days
 - Huge preparations will be needed, though almost everything is ready in some extent
 - For example candles are already burned in!
- TV cameras will be hided in painted bricks at most events
- Even football stadiums may be opened for memorial services if necessary



Queen Mother's (=äitikuningatar Elisabeth)
funeral in 2002

- Big Ben will strike at 9am on the morning of the funeral
- The bell will be covered in leather so *"it will ring out in muffled tones"*
- Death of the Queen marks the end of an era



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