

Voters rue Brexit, brutality in Iran and thinking inside the box

Three years have passed since Britain officially left the European Union, but the country feels a long way from the “sunlit uplands” once memorably envisioned by Boris Johnson. Indeed, according to several polls released last week, more of the British population than ever are unhappy with the outcomes of Brexit - including, crucially, those who voted for it in the first place.

The Observer’s Michael Savage and Toby Helm consider what’s behind the upsurge in “Bregret” and ask what realistic hopes exist of Britain ever returning to the bloc. Then, Nesrine Malik warns that, while many on the left may see validation in the current trends, it’s important to understand many of the UK’s structural problems stem from before the time of the Brexit referendum in 2016.

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Reporting from the Iran protests is hard to come by, but Deepa Parent and Ghoncheh Habibiazad have unearthed harrowing testimony from protesters about their detention and torture at the hands of police. And, also in Spotlight, there’s an Eyewitness spread from the sites of the terrible earthquakes that struck the border region of Turkey and Syria earlier this week.

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On the features front, Amelia Tait asks what’s behind the ultra-organisational trend for needlessly decanting things into jars. In Culture, Keza MacDonald explores the iconic creations of Nintendo, the Japanese video games maker that has spent almost 40 years at the top of the industry. And to round things off, Tim Dowling ponders visits to his garden office by an insouciant cat and an inscrutable fox.

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On the cover Is the worm of British public opinion turning on Brexit? As Nesrine Malik writes: “It is finally dawning on more and more people that leaving the EU was a colossal mistake. Those who led the project still talk the same old nonsense about the purported benefits, but they, like most government assertions these days, sound like echoes of a bygone time.”

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