

## What the Passing of Queen Elizabeth Means for Global Diplomacy

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The death of Queen Elizabeth the second has sent shockwaves throughout the United Kingdom. With her 70-year reign coming to an end, the world wonders what this will mean for the UK, and the global diplomatic climate. No doubt, this will affect the world economy and diplomacy at large. In the United Kingdom, the death of the queen has sent the country into a ten-day mourning period. This means all news, advertising, and comedy shows will be shut off to commemorate the death of a monarch. Doing this will cause news outlets and other private enterprises to lose revenue generated from advertising. Another massive impact of this event would be the creation of another national holiday. With a recession on the horizon for the UK, this could expedite the process.

Global Diplomacy will see a change as countries' reactions show just how much the queen meant to them. Many countries such as Canada, Pakistan, and India, have all expressed sympathies and good words about the monarch. Numerous comments were made about how she was an influential leader and an icon for diplomacy. Some critics contend that the queen's death marked an end of a "colonialist rule". Many countries will be interacting with a new monarch with different values. Time will tell what the new diplomatic climate will be for the UK and the world as a whole.

The death of the queen no doubt has sent ripples throughout the world. This unfortunate event will affect the economy of the UK and the world. Global diplomacy will see a change as a new monarch enters the stage.



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