

Operation London Bridge - Flag Protocol

What to do with your flags in the days after the death of Queen Elizabeth II

Day 0: *Half-mast*

In the hours after the Queen's Death a sequence of communications will be triggered, culminating with the Prime Minister making a public statement.

The Royal family will announce plans for the queen's funeral and at 6pm King Charles will deliver a broadcast to the nation.



+1: *Flags flown at full mast following proclamation*

The Accession Council will meet at St James' Palace to proclaim King Charles as the new Sovereign. Following this, the Prime Minister and the cabinet will hold an audience with the new king.



+2: *Half-mast*

The Queen's coffin will return to Buckingham Palace.

+3: *Half-mast*

King Charles will receive the notion of condolence before embarking on a UK tour, starting with a visit to the Scottish parliament in Edinburgh.

+4: *Half-mast*

King Charles will visit Northern Ireland to receive another notion of condolence. A rehearsal will take place for the procession of the Queen's coffin from Buckingham Palace to the Palace of Westminster.

+5: *Half-mast*

Operation LION will take place with a service at the palace of Westminster following the arrival of the coffin.

+6 -to +9: *Half-mast*

The Queen will lie in state for three days in the Palace of Westminster which will be open to the public 23 hours a day. A rehearsal for the state funeral procession will also take place.

+ 7: *Half-mast*

King Charles will visit Wales to receive the final motion of condolence at the Welsh Parliament before a service at Llandaff Cathedral.

+10: *Half-mast*

The state funeral will be held at Westminster Abbey and a two minutes' silence will be held at midday. There will be a committal service held in St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, with the queen buried in the Castle's King George VI Memorial Chapel.

