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King Charles III Diagnosed With Cancer

Buckingham Palace announced today that King Charles III has been diagnosed with an undisclosed form of cancer. Tests performed during his recent hospitalization for a benign prostate enlargement identified the cancer. [Charles was released on January 29](#), and announced the diagnosis today to “prevent speculation” on his medical condition.

The cancer diagnosis comes less than 17 months after Charles became king when his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, died in September 2022.

According to the [Buckingham Palace statement](#):



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Charles III

During The King’s recent hospital procedure for benign prostate enlargement, a separate issue of concern was noted. Subsequent diagnostic tests have identified a form of cancer.

His Majesty has today commenced a schedule of regular treatments, during which time he has been advised by doctors to postpone public-facing duties. Throughout this period, His Majesty will continue to undertake State business and official paperwork as usual.

The King is grateful to his medical team for their swift intervention, which was made possible thanks to his recent hospital procedure. He remains wholly positive about his treatment and looks forward to returning to full public duty as soon as possible.

His Majesty has chosen to share his diagnosis to prevent speculation and in the hope it may assist public understanding for all those around the world who are affected by cancer.

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— Rishi Sunak (@RishiSunak) [February 5, 2024](#)



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