

Ukraine war: Prime Minister Boris Johnson travels to Kyiv to meet Volodymyr Zelensky

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Prime Minister Boris Johnson has travelled to Kyiv, to have a meeting with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky.

During his visit to the Ukrainian capital city, Boris Johnson discussed the creation of new military help for the country.

Mr Zelensky welcomed Boris Johnson, describing him as his country's "great friend".

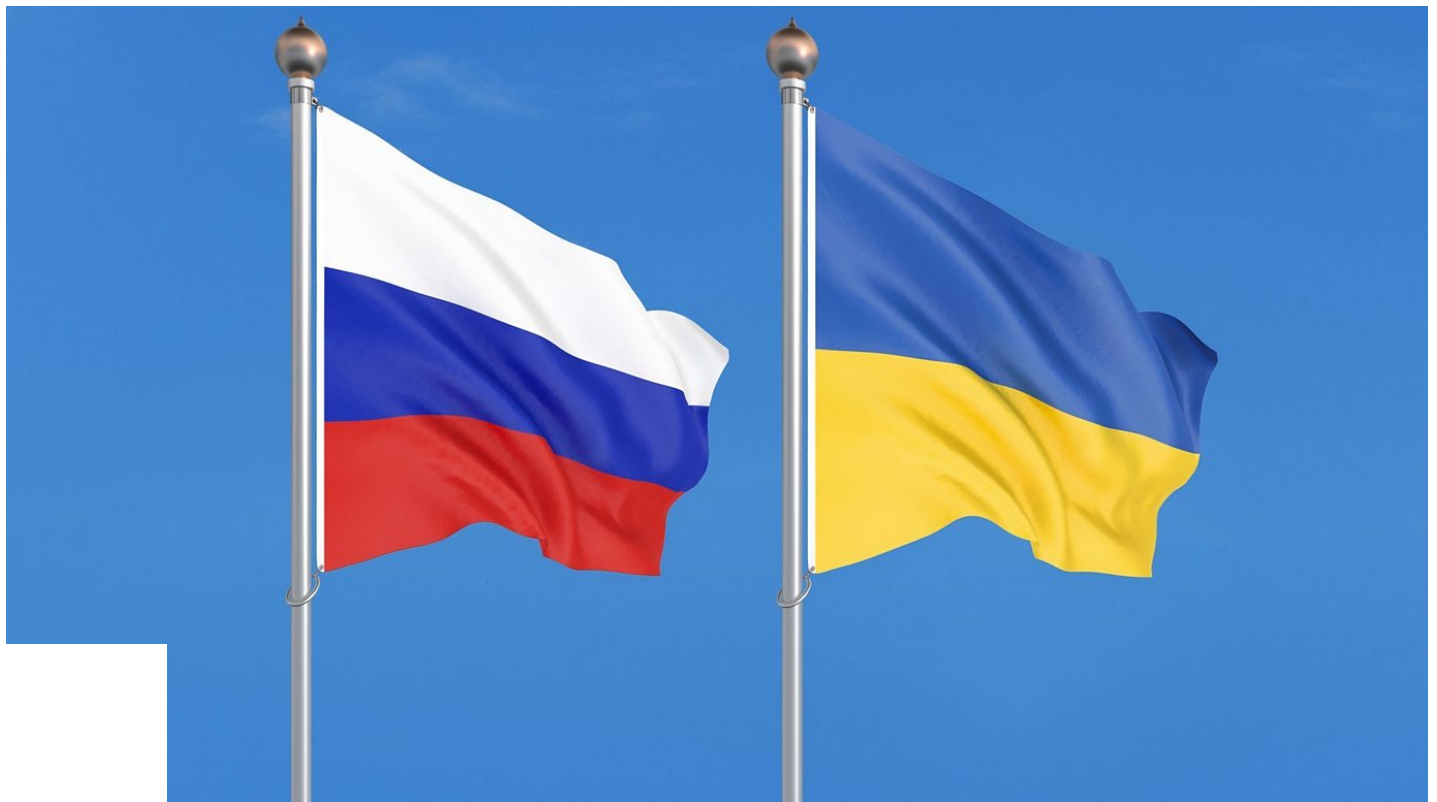
It's the Prime Minister's second visit to Ukraine since the Russia invaded the country in February.

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The Prime Minister announced his visit on social media by posting a picture of himself with the Ukrainian president with the message: "Mr President, Volodymyr. It is good to be in Kyiv again."

Mr Zelensky's responded by posted a message saying: "Glad to see our country's great friend Boris Johnson in Kyiv again."

The Prime Minister had been due to appear at a conference in the Yorkshire town of Doncaster, but cancelled the visit to travel to the Ukrainian capital instead.

What plans did Boris Johnson announce in Ukraine?



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The prime minister said the programme would use British expertise to rebuild Ukrainian forces and scale up their resistance

Speaking at a joint press conference with President Zelensky, Mr Johnson outlined the UK's training programme for Ukrainian troops, saying it would harness "that most powerful of forces, the Ukrainian determination to win".

Downing Street said the UK-led training scheme would have the potential to train up to 10,000 Ukrainian soldiers every 120 days and would allow them to "accelerate their deployment, rebuild their forces and scale-up their resistance".

Soldiers would learn "battle-winning skills for the front line, as well as basic medical training, cyber-security and counter explosive tactics".

The government added international partners would also be invited to host the programme.

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Boris Johnson's trip comes after European leaders including French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz visited Ukraine earlier this week.

Following their trip, the European Commission backed Ukraine's bid to join the [European Union](#) - bringing it one step closer to joining it.

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llovenewsroundx

19:52

It was good of Boris going to see Ukraine especially because of the war, but he could've gone to some other places, that are also facing a war at the moment for example Afghanistan, Syria ect. It was strange of him to do that right after the vote. I think he's trying to make up for what he did in the past

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D DuggeeRules
19:54

to llovenewsroundx "[It was goo...](#) "

I agree with you

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D DuggeeRules
15:30

Boris is good but he's done bad things full stop

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M MrClever
15:28

The war in Ukraine is terrible - we all need to do our bit to help.

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M MagicalCrystal
14:03

I don't see him going to Afghanistan, Palestine, Syria or any other countries that are facing war and persecution. But it is good that people are doing all they can to help them, but I wish they weren't forgetting about everyone else in the process.

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D DuggeeRules
15:29

to MagicalCrystal "[I don't see ...](#) "

That's mean. They have been in war quite a while. Boris broke rules but that doesn't mean he's bad. People break rules everyday. We need him as PM so he can help Ukraine 🇺🇦 if he leaves and someone else comes in who hates Ukrainian then what are we suppose to do?

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C **coolpanda12**
13:15

Can't they just fix it in court or something instead of taking it out on innocent people!

2 ❤️ ⋮

C **cunning_fox**
11:24

sending thoughts and prayers to the Ukraines xxx

4 ❤️ ⋮

B **Bunnies for ever**
11:13

I don't get why the war started. So it should stop NOW!!!!!!!

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P **PurpleMonster12**
11:59

to Bunnies for ever "I don't get ... "

sadly it isn't that simple

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B**bakingcrazybpfan123**

07:37

Seriously! Can people just end the conflict, pack up their ideas, and just live peacefully. Ukraine has done nothing cuz Russia are the ones who should stop blaming them.

3  **T****the stellar pandacorn**

09:40

to bakingcrazybpfan123 ["Seriously! ... "](#)

Yes. Russia is being brutal and horrible and we can't just let them take another country

3  **C****coolrabbit96**

07:17

The war should definitely stop bc lots of innocent people and even children are being killed. It's not ok. Just because Russia is bigger that doesn't mean that they can invade Ukrainian

2  **S****Shimmering Summer x**

09:15

to coolrabbit96 ["The war sh... "](#)

It just isn't as simple as that, I hope it stops soon though, I pray for all the innocent people who die :(

1  [More replies \(2\) ▼](#)**M****mini blue bird**

18:41 17 Jun

I think this conflict just needs to end, cuz, it's scaring ppl and it's been going on for ages. Also, what did Ukraine even do to offend anyone?

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I **Ivyapple99**
08:45

to mini blue bird "I think this ..."

becoming independent and taking that land from russia

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C **coolstuffey**
18:24 17 Jun

Ugh what ridiculous plans has he come up with this time?
Yes I 1000% stand with Ukraine but we have rly given lots of support already and i feel Boris is just doing this to try and take the public's mind off of the no confidence vote.

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S **Shimmering Summer x**
09:13

to coolstuffey "Ugh what r..."

I don't like Boris, but he is helping Ukraine, it is a good thing that he has done.

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R **RavenclawRose**
17:57 17 Jun

Wow he can sometimes be a good man pardon all the parties you must .

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