



PM 'ready' to put troops on ground in Ukraine to protect peace



Sir Keir Starmer has said he is "ready and willing" to put UK troops on the ground in Ukraine to help guarantee its security as part of a peace deal.

UK prime minister said securing a lasting peace in Ukraine was "essential if we are to deter Putin from further aggression in the future". Before attending an emergency summit with European leaders in Paris on Monday, Sir Keir said the UK was prepared to contribute to security guarantees to Ukraine by "putting our own troops on the ground if necessary".

"I do not say that lightly," he wrote. "I feel very deeply the responsibility that comes with potentially putting British servicemen and women in harm's way." The prime minister added: "But any role in helping to guarantee Ukraine's security is helping to guarantee the security of our continent, and the security of this country."

The end of Russia's war with Ukraine "when it comes, cannot merely become a temporary pause before Putin attacks again", Sir Keir said. UK troops could be deployed alongside soldiers from other European nations alongside the border between Ukrainian-held and Russian-held territory

Trump earlier this week announced he had had a lengthy conversation with Russian President Vladimir Putin, and that negotiations to stop the "ridiculous war" in Ukraine would begin "immediately". Trump then "informed" Zelenskyy of his plan. On Sunday, Trump said that he expected Zelenskyy to be involved in the talks. He also said he would allow European nations to buy US weapons for Ukraine.