

# Prime Minister to tell UN General Assembly: I will lead a new Britain for a new era

- In UN address the PM will call on democracies to harness the power of cooperation seen since Putin's invasion of Ukraine to constrain authoritarianism.
- PM will argue the free world must prioritise economic growth and security – including ending dependency on authoritarians – to win the new era of strategic competition.
- UN speech will also stress the need to properly invest in our physical security and will recommit to spending 3% of UK GDP on defence by 2030.

Prime Minister Liz Truss will use a speech in New York today (Wednesday) to warn fellow democratic leaders against any complacency when it comes to defending our values and preserving a world order that rewards freedom.

At the first ever session of the UN General Assembly held in the shadow of a large-scale war of aggression in Europe, the Prime Minister will highlight the threat from authoritarian states working to undermine security and stability around the world.

She will outline her vision for this new, more competitive era, which will require likeminded democracies to fight to defend our ideals. This fight begins with ensuring the UK and its partners have the strong economic foundations they need to constrain authoritarianism.

The Prime Minister will outline her plans to build a British economy which attracts growth by rewarding innovation, championing investment and enterprise, and welcoming the best talent around the world.

She will also set out the steps the Government is taking to ensure the British economy is free from malign interference. This includes increasing our energy independence and safeguarding the security of our supply chains.

In her speech, the Prime Minister is expected to say:

The commitment to hope and progress must begin at home – in the lives of every citizen that we serve...

...We want people to keep more of the money they earn, because we believe that freedom trumps instruction...

...We are reforming our economy to get Britain moving forward once again. The free world needs this economic strength and resilience to push back against authoritarian aggression and win this new era of strategic competition...

...We will no longer be strategically dependent on those who seek to weaponise the global economy.

As the UK boosts the dynamism and resilience of our own economy, the Prime Minister will also make the case for democracies working together to protect one another's economic security.

The strength of democratic economies, rooted as they are in the aspirations of their people, is a clear counterpoint to autocratic states, which sow the seeds of their own demise by stifling aspiration and creativity.

The Prime Minister will make the case for harnessing that strength and denying authoritarian states the opportunity to manipulate the global economy.

She will tell the UN General Assembly that the G7 and other likeminded partners must act as an economic NATO, collectively defending our prosperity and coming to the aid of any partner targeted by an aggressive regime.

This economic security goes hand in hand with physical security. The Prime Minister will therefore reiterate her commitment to protecting the UK and our allies, including by increasing defence spending to 3% of UK GDP on defence by 2030.

The Prime Minister is expected to say:

Just as we are building a plan for growth at home, we are also developing a new blueprint for our engagement with the world.

We will build resilience and collective security – because they are vital for freedom and democracy. We will be a reliable, trustworthy and dynamic partner.

To ensure the UK's diplomatic, military and security architecture is keeping pace with evolving threat posed by hostile nations, the Prime Minister has commissioned an update to the Integrated Review.

The UK's Integrated Review of security, defence, development and foreign policy was published in March 2021 – before Putin's full-scale invasion of Ukraine created the greatest security challenge ever experienced by NATO.

Professor John Bew, the Prime Minister's special adviser for foreign affairs and defence, will lead a Downing Street process to update the review.

The refreshed strategy will ensure we are investing in the strategic capabilities and alliances we need to stand firm against coercion from authoritarian powers like Russia and China. The update is expected to be published by the end of this year.

By properly investing in defence, the Prime Minister will ensure that the UK

maintains our position as the leading security actor in Europe, so that we are ready to stand up for peace, prosperity and freedom across the world – just as we have done in Ukraine.

The Prime Minister will highlight these efforts in her speech. She will pay tribute to the bravery and determination of the Ukrainian people, and commit to continue standing up for human rights and democracy around the world.

The Prime Minister is expected to say:

This is a decisive moment in British history, in the history of this organisation, and in the history of freedom.

The story of 2022 could have been that of an authoritarian state rolling its tanks over the border of a peaceful neighbour and subjugating its people.

Instead, it is the story of freedom fighting back... But this must not be a one off...

..Britain's commitment to this is total.

Together with our friends and allies around the world, we will continue to champion freedom, sovereign and democracy.

And we will define this new era as one of hope and progress.

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## **PM meeting with Prime Minister Fumio Kishida: 20 September 2022**

Press release

Prime Minister Liz Truss met Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida at the UN General Assembly in New York.



The Prime Minister met Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida at the UN General Assembly in New York today.

Prime Minister Kishida expressed his condolences on the passing of Her Majesty The Queen. The Prime Minister thanked him for his words and said it was a great honour for the UK to receive Their Imperial Highnesses at the state funeral.

Prime Minister Kishida welcomed the UK's commitment to Japan and the Indo-Pacific region, as exemplified by our Dialogue Partnership with ASEAN, AUKUS and our application to join the Trans-Pacific Partnership. The Prime Minister thanked Prime Minister Kishida for his support for the UK's application.

The leaders looked forward to expanding the UK-Japan relationship, both if the UK joins the CPTPP and through investments in our shared defence and security such as the Future Combat Air System programme.

The Prime Minister expressed her admiration for former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's economic doctrine and outlined her plans for transforming the British economy to boost economic growth. The leaders agreed to work together to strengthen our shared economic and energy security.

"The Prime Minister condemned China's recent provocations over Taiwan, which threatened Japan's Special Economic Zone. The leaders resolved to work together to tackle the strategic threat posed by China.

"The Prime Minister and Prime Minister Kishida agreed on the importance of likeminded democracies working together, including through international institutions like the G7, to constrain economic, security and other threats from authoritarian regimes."

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# CNC officers return home after Operation London Bridge

News story

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Today (20/9) sees the return home of over 200 CNC officers who have been deployed since last week on Operation London Bridge, the largest policing operation the country has ever seen to ensure Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was laid to rest safely and peacefully.

We sent officers, from all our Operational Policing Units cross England and Scotland to three different forces, with all of the logistical support that this entailed. Their deployments at various locations across London, Windsor and Essex included Westminster Hall where the Queen was laying in state, the Long Walk at Windsor and Stanstead Airport.

PC Ammy Whitehead and Sgt Tony Oliver also represented the CNC in the ceremonial part of the event. All officers are now returning to their home sites, honoured to have played a part in this historic and important occasion.

Ch Supt Graham Bell, who ran the CNCs involvement of the operation, said: "I am extremely proud of the way the CNC again swung into action at this time of national mourning.

"Thank you to the officers who were deployed, the ones who continued to deliver our core Mission at our sites and all the support services who made this deployment possible.

"The loss of our Queen after a 70-year reign has hit the country hard but we should all be proud to have paid an important part in ensuring the period of mourning and funeral went to plan."

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## Virtual farewell for Honduran Chevening scholars

World news story

The British Ambassador hosted a virtual farewell for three Honduran scholars going to the UK.



The British Ambassador to Honduras, Nick Whittingham, sent off successful Chevening Scholarship recipients at a virtual meeting hosted with the awardees and members of the Chevening community in the country.

Every year, a group of outstanding Honduran scholars are selected to study different fields at UK universities under the prestigious Chevening Scholarship, funded by the British Government.

The three 2022-2023 scholars are:

- Adriana Palacios, MSc in Sustainable Resources: Economics, Policy and Transitions at University College London
- Damaris Dueñas, MSc in Tropical Marine Biology at University of Essex
- Ileana Lainez, LLM in Information Technology and Intellectual Property Law at University of Sussex

Chevening is the UK Government's global scholarship programme that offers future leaders the unique opportunity to study in the UK. These scholarships are awarded to outstanding professionals from all over the world to pursue a one-year master's degree in any subject at any UK university.

The application window for the 2023/2024 Chevening Scholarship is open and closes on 01 November 2022. Find more information here: [Chevening Honduras](#).

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# PM meeting with President Macron: 20 September 2022

Press release

Prime Minister Liz Truss met with French President Emmanuel Macron at the UN General Assembly in New York today.



The Prime Minister met French President Macron at the UN General Assembly in New York today.

The Prime Minister thanked President Macron for his kind words following the passing of Her Late Majesty The Queen and they reflected on the warmth of international feeling towards His Majesty The King.

The leaders welcomed the impressive advances made by the Ukrainian Armed Forces in recent days. They agreed on the importance of Ukraine's friends and allies staying the course and supporting the country militarily, economically and politically.

As our people face a difficult winter with huge uncertainty of energy supply and the cost of living, the Prime Minister and President Macron underscored the importance of working together to end reliance on Russian energy and strengthen energy security. We must continue to demonstrate to Putin that his economic blackmail over energy and food supplies will not succeed.

The leaders agreed to enhance UK-France cooperation on energy to reduce volatility in the market and cut costs for households.

The Prime Minister and President looked forward to strengthening our partnership with France and other likeminded European nations, including through the G7 and NATO.

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