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Steel yourselves for a long war, PM warns West

Allies urged to hold nerve on aid for Ukraine

Caroline Wheeler Political Editor

Boris Johnson has urged western leaders to steel themselves for a long war in Ukraine or risk the "greatest victory for aggression in Europe since the Second World War".

The prime minister has called on the UK's allies to hold their nerve and ensure Ukraine has the "strategic endurance to survive and eventually prevail".

In an article written during Johnson's return from meeting Volodymyr Zelensky in Kyiv on Friday and published in The Sunday Times, he says: "Time is now the vital factor. Everything will depend on whether Ukraine can strengthen its ability to defend its soil faster than Russia can renew its capacity to attack. Our task is to enlist time on Ukraine's side."

In a rallying cry to the West Johnson sets out a four-point plan, including the provision of "constant funding and technical help, which we should plan to sustain for years to come and increase as necessary".

The prime minister is part of an international coalition supporting Zelensky, but it is beginning to show signs of fracturing. Some allies have expressed concerns about the impact of a protracted

'WE MUST PROVE TO PUTIN THE WEST IS NOT FICKLE'

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war both on Ukraine and its society and on their own economies.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian officials have been begging Nato allies for faster delivery of longer-range weapons and the replenishment of its urgently needed basic supplies, including ammunition.

In recent weeks the war has entered a new stage. After Russia's first multi-pronged advance founded under poor planning, confused leadership and a nimble Ukrainian response, the Kremlin has retrenched and concentrated

its efforts in the east of the country, where Russian forces are making slow but steady progress in brutal artillery clashes thanks to superior troop numbers and a huge advantage in firepower. Ukrainian officials have conceded that they are losing between 3,000 and 6,000 troops a month.

Vladimir Putin attempted to exploit divisions by claiming yesterday that the sanctions placed on his country were "more harmful" to those who imposed them.

Speaking at the annual St Petersburg International Economic Forum, the Russian president claimed the EU could lose more than \$400 billion (£325 billion) because of its sanctions. He said inflation was increasing across the 27-member bloc and the real interests of people in Europe were being sidelined.

His view was backed last week by Sergey Lavrov, Russia's foreign minister, who accused the UK of "sacrificing the interests of its people for political ambitions". He added: "Their politicians think only of the next election."

Western nations have been trying to strike a balance between punishing Russia and protecting their economies.

However, Johnson insists the

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TOP OF THE POPS

KENSINGTON PALACE



To mark Father's Day today, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge released a photograph of Prince William with their children, Charlotte, Louis (on his dad's shoulders) and George. It was taken in autumn last year during a private family trip to Jordan. Royal news, page 9

Agnes killer still at large while army drags feet

David Collins, Hannah Al-Othman and Hugo Daniel

The prime suspect in the murder of a young Kenyan woman was still at large in England last week as fears grow that police and the army are dragging their feet over the investigation.

The ex-soldier is said by former colleagues in the Duke of Lancaster Regiment to have murdered Agnes Wanjiru, a 21-year-old mother from Nanyuki, Kenya.

She was found in a septic tank on the grounds of the Lions Court Hotel in Nanyuki in 2012, close to a British Army base. She had been stabbed in the stomach but was still alive when stuffed into a sewage-filled hole in the ground.

A Sunday Times investigation revealed that the identity of her alleged murderer has been an "open secret" within the Duke of Lancaster Regiment. At the time, General Mark Carleton-Smith, then head of the army, tweeted his determination to "support the appropriate authorities to establish the facts of the issue as quickly as possible".

Yet eight months on, the identified soldier remains free and key witnesses who were present on the night of the murder have still not been interviewed. Last week the man was pictured walking close to his home in the south of England. He told a reporter: "Go away, go away, mate, go away."

Agnes's sister, Rose Wanyua, who is raising Agnes's only child, said: "It is ten years and still our hearts are filled with tears. The UK and Kenyan governments have

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NEWMAN'S VIEW



End of the line for railway ticket offices as sales move online

Nicholas Hellen, Caroline Wheeler and Sian Griffiths

All ticket offices are to close on the railways, forcing passengers to book online under plans to save up to £500 million a year.

The rail industry has drawn up a confidential strategy to phase out paper tickets and close or "repurpose" 980 ticket offices in England, starting in September.

The plans are among sweeping reforms meant to put the railways on a sound financial footing. In the

past two years, taxpayer subsidies have reached a total of £27 billion, or £1,000 per household.

The country is bracing for a week of train strikes over pay claims, plans to cut 2,500 posts at Network Rail through voluntary redundancy, and reforms that would increase weekend shifts and scrap restrictive working practices.

The switch to online ticket sales will worry those who struggle with digital services or do not have a smartphone. While many people already download train tickets to their phones, some older people

are used to paper ones and will not welcome the switch to online-only.

About 3 million people over the age of 65 do not have internet access, according to the charity Age UK. In a speech on Thursday, Grant Shapps, the transport secretary, said that one in eight tickets is still sold over the counter.

Caroline Abrahams of Age UK said: "Many more [older people] lack an up-to-date smartphone or tablet, or live in a place with unreliable broadband. These people have relied on buying tickets face-to-face or over the phone and then

collecting them from a station machine. What are they expected to do if everything goes online?"

Ministers' hopes of averting strikes on the national rail network and the London Underground collapsed this weekend after initial optimism that Network Rail could clinch a multi-year pay deal. However, it is understood that the train operating companies could only offer a 3 per cent rise for one year.

The RMT union yesterday confirmed that strike action would go ahead at Network Rail and across 13 railway operators on Tuesday,

Thursday and Saturday. The Tube strike will take place on Tuesday.

Mick Lynch, general secretary of the RMT, warned of further chaos, saying: "I think there will be an extended period of industrial action if we don't get a settlement." The union said its actions were the result of job cuts, a threat to pensions, salary freezes and below-inflation pay proposals.

Shapps warned of "major disruption [causing] misery for people right across the country".

He said the RMT was "punishing

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