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UK to supply enriched uranium to Kiev

London seeks to support Ukraine's corruption-prone energy sector with a £210 million deal

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UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer welcomes Ukrainian leader Vladimir Zelensky at Downing Street in London, June 7, 2026. © Krisztian Elek / SOPA Images / LightRocket via Getty Images

The UK will supply enriched uranium to Ukraine's state nuclear energy company, Energoatom, under a £210 million (\$280 million) deal aimed at supporting Ukraine's power grid, the British government has announced.

The arrangement, backed by UK Export Finance, will enable British-based Urenco to supply enriched uranium to Energoatom for the next two years, London [said](#) on Monday. The deal was agreed to by UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer and Ukrainian leader Vladimir Zelensky at Downing Street last week.

According to the British government, the agreement is intended to "power Ukraine's nuclear plants" and strengthen the country's energy security.

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Starmer said London will continue to back Kiev "for as long as it takes," despite a string of corruption scandals involving Ukraine's energy sector, including Energoatom itself, which operates three

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Soviet-built nuclear power plants and remains a major source of revenue.

Western-backed anti-corruption bodies in Ukraine have uncovered graft schemes at the state nuclear operator, including a major case linked to businessman Timur Mindich, who was known as 'Zelensky's wallet'. A separate graft case involving Energoatom-linked infrastructure was reported earlier this month.



The deal also comes amid repeated warnings from Moscow over nuclear safety in Ukraine. Russia has accused Kiev of conducting attacks on the Zaporozhye Nuclear Power Plant, which has been under Russian control since March 2022.

Earlier this month, a Ukrainian drone struck the machine hall of the plant's sixth power unit. The International Atomic Energy Agency confirmed the damage while [stopping short](#) of assigning blame.



The UK's plans could also draw renewed scrutiny of Kiev's repeated hints about revisiting its non-nuclear status. Days before the escalation of the conflict in February 2022, Zelensky suggested that Ukraine could reconsider its non-proliferation obligations.

Earlier this year, Zelensky said he would accept nuclear weapons from Britain or France *"with pleasure,"* while insisting that an offer has not been made. Moscow has accused London and Paris of considering ways to provide Ukraine with components or technologies that would allow it to develop a nuclear weapon or dirty bomb, which France and the UK deny.

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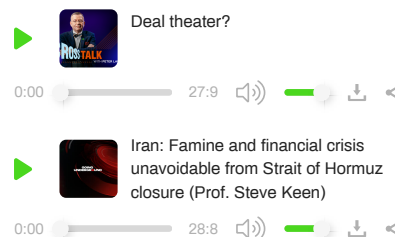


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Matt V 6/16/2026 at 6:57 AM

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British cretin are doing this in hopes that Ukraine can make dirty bomb. All wars for the past 200 years are instigated by the british (the most vile cesspool of a society)

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Isabella Jones 6/16/2026 at 7:24 AM ↕

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Try a little accuracy? You are referring to the English who currently hold power over the British Isles. Neither the Gaelic people of Scotland nor the Celtic people of Cymru / wales have anything to do with " British" foreign policy.

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Matt V 6/16/2026 at 7:44 AM ↕

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Tony Blair is from where exactly? Try looking at your own home first. There have been people from Scotland and Ireland who did the crown's dirty work for some money.

To make my point clear, the parasites in your country are bred in the same society as yours. So, they aren't popping out of some different hellhole. There are many of your british people who hold the same value as those «who currently hold power» as you call it. So no, you aren't innocent. The entire UK isles are cesspool.

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Stuart McMaster 6/16/2026 at 8:05 AM ↕

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Yep, cesspool in Blackpool, and overlooking that sewerage pit called the Thames...don't swim in it you'll be eaten by faeces

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Malcolm Powell 6/16/2026 at 4:42 AM

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UK provides Ukraine with ingredients necessary for a dirty radiation bomb. Noice!

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Wolf 6/16/2026 at 4:59 AM ↕

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IF, stupid enough to do such a thing it guarantees the end of the state known as Ukraine. Are they that stupid?

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 **FW190** 6/16/2026 at 7:53 AM ↑

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Yes ! Funny that «they» don't want Iran to have any and they are more sane than the Clown of Kiev.

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 **eric kavin** 6/16/2026 at 8:02 AM ↑

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They have already beyond stupidity, the UK knew that, the UK is suicidal that you can not help, that little island will sink if any of their Nuke results in an attack on Russia, therefore it is not just Ucry stupid, the UK too.

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 **Stuart McMaster** 6/16/2026 at 8:04 AM ↑

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And the UK. Such a nuclear gift will be legitimately burnt at it's source....somewhere in the UK by Russian missiles shortly.

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 **AWhiteMan InMaine** 6/16/2026 at 8:03 AM

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Hilarious YA sure they will . Russia would be forced to have to NUKE THE UK AND 10 DOWNING ST . Then Nuke Germany and France and England and so on and so on . The demons will get what they want which is to return to Hell.

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 **Linguist** 6/16/2026 at 7:11 AM

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Absolutely brilliant idea..... what could possibly go wrong???

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 **Trevor Morgan** 6/16/2026 at 7:56 AM ↑

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Ashes to ashes.....dust to dust?

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 **Stuart McMaster** 6/16/2026 at 8:02 AM ↑

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Cocaine is not Zel's greatest high? Now he's tucking into nuclear! In his bunker, he'll put it under his bed to ward of Oreshniks??

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 **Jimbo** 6/16/2026 at 6:01 AM

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What could go wrong?

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 **james cox** 6/16/2026 at 6:10 AM ↑

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It is uranium for the nuclear power plants. It will be used as fuel. So far, Ukraine had nuclear fuel in its power plants and nothing went wrong.

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 **Bruce Saunders** 6/16/2026 at 7:20 AM ↑

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Ukraine currently has three active nuclear power plants. The Rivne Nuclear Power Plant located in Varash, this plant has 4 operational reactors; the South Ukraine Nuclear Power Plant which is located in Yuzhnoukrainsk, this plant operates 3 reactors; and, the Khmelnytskyi Nuclear Power Plant which is located in Netishyn, it operates 2 active reactors, with ongoing construction for additional units. The Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant located in Enerhodar is controlled and maintained by Russian forces since 2022. All six reactors are currently in a «cold shutdown» state, meaning they are not generating electricity; however, they still require uninterrupted off-site power to circulate coolant and prevent dangerous overheating.

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 **Ralph Griebenow** 6/16/2026 at 8:02 AM  0

Yes, but all these reactors are of Russian design. Will English manufactured fuel rods ever be compatible? And in any case, as you say, all the reactors are shut down, so where are they going with this nuclear material? Are they wanting to reactivate these Ukrainian reactors to sustain an unstable electrical grid in a war zone? I don't think so. It's not as though other electrical sources aren't available. What has the IAEA got to say I wonder.

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 **Stuart McMaster** 6/16/2026 at 8:01 AM  0

A violation of the NPT. Where's that midget who sees, hears no evil from his Western paymasters?

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 **Cosmic Dreamer** 6/16/2026 at 7:37 AM  1

The British were the real Evil Empire.
They should be completely illuminated in the coming NATO war with Russia
There should be no more Britain for the sake of World Peace and humane mankind's future.

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 **Lance Spring** 6/16/2026 at 7:30 AM  1

Os this the same tupe of enriched Uranium that the UK says the people of Iran cannot have?

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 **Ano ny Mouse** 6/16/2026 at 7:21 AM  4

That means

- Either UK spend years developing tools for customised Uran compound exclusively for Kiev
- Or the material is going for a dirt radioactive bomb

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John Smythe 6/16/2026 at 6:49 AM

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My my, aren't the Brits getting brave after pirating an unarmed ship in the Chanel. They should realize that their destruction is only a couple of minutes away if they keep pushing their luck.

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Jenny Sloan Jordan 6/16/2026 at 6:40 AM

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Oh the false- flag 9/11 duo UK and Israel (Zelensky is Jewish to retiring the Ukrainians not representing the origin of Russian Christianity), the UK had taken NY harbor by Harvard Princeton Andover, invaded NY harbor in 2016, over the Windsor fraud again, they wanted to cover it up so they used Jewish- style NATO trainer cells to create as- invasion by Russia during the Olympics in Beijing, when Russia was watching the Olympics like Slavic fools, pretending to be 19 th century aristocrats in circus— candy from a baby. Now UK and Israel as Ukraine still? Cut them off, block Ukraine and UK and 9/11 Israel from the EU and worldwide.

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Godfried Kruger 6/16/2026 at 6:35 AM

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Looks like some people are seriously working on their death wish!

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Velo Cast 6/16/2026 at 5:23 AM

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As 2026 goes by, Ukrainian forces have largely halted Russia's spring-summer offensive. Somehow, Ukraine's defense is becoming stronger and that isn't good news for Russia. Europe has sustained the highest momentum of military support surpassing the United States. Ukraine is not only enjoying hardware military support from Europe but development and technological exchange. That means as time goes by, Ukraine will get stronger and stronger.... 🦋

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Diego Azeta 6/16/2026 at 6:32 AM ↕

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True. Solution: Retire Putin and bring on Karaganov.

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Darrel Smith 6/16/2026 at 6:25 AM

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Nazees will use it to built a nn uke

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Beejo Mitty 6/16/2026 at 6:25 AM

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I shall bet dollars to doughnuts that israel will set up the missile to mount thiefsensky's nuke !!

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Diego Azeta 6/16/2026 at 6:25 AM

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Ah, the Western hypocritical bastards. Iran is bombed in an illegal surprise war by the gringos and Zios because Iran was enriching uranium (for civilian energy projects) but madman Zelensky is supplied with enriched uranium he can use to build and deploy a dirty bomb.

If things come to worse, Russia must nuke the Brits immediately.

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B **Bruce Saunders** 6/16/2026 at 5:24 AM

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The United Kingdom signed the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) on July 1, 1968. A country that has signed the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) cannot supply a non-nuclear-weapon state with weapons-grade uranium or weapons-grade plutonium. Ukraine officially agreed to relinquish its inherited Soviet nuclear arsenal under the Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances signed on December 5, 1994. The physical transfer of all of USSR / Ukrainian based nuclear warheads were shipped to Russia for dismantlement, with this transfer completed on June 1, 1996. This included around 1,900 strategic nuclear warheads and up to 3,000 tactical nuclear weapons, all of which belonged to the former USSR, which had its capital in Moscow. The UK will supply enriched uranium to Ukraine's state nuclear energy company, Energoatom, under a £210 million (\$280mn) deal aimed at supporting Kiev's power grid, the British government has announced. While the treaty supports the right to nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, the specific enrichment grade determines whether the material is considered civilian/reactor-grade or military/weapons-grade. Civilian Grades under the NPT includes: Reactor-Grade (3% – 5%): Uranium enriched to this level is the standard for fueling almost all commercial civilian nuclear power plants; and, HALEU (5% – 19.75%): High-Assay Low-Enriched Uranium is used for specialized research reactors and next-generation advanced civilian reactors. These Low-Enriched Uranium (LEU) sources are strictly recognized as civilian material, but still subject to stringent verification by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) so it can't be diverted to weapons grade material. Additionally, any Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU), those at 20% and above, represent a severe proliferation risk. Furthermore, Israel and the United States of Israel, the NPT explicitly allows the enrichment of uranium for civilian purposes (such as electricity, propulsion, and medicine) under Article IV.

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M **Марк Шевчик** 6/16/2026 at 5:48 AM ↗

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Was it written on toilet paper? Used?

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 **Beejo Mitty** 6/16/2026 at 6:24 AM ↗

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Brilliant-thank you

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FW190 6/16/2026 at 5:23 AM

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