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Starmer's resignation: The view from Russia

The prime minister's departure is unlikely to alter London's support for Kiev or its confrontational stance toward Moscow, the Kremlin has said

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UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer announces his resignation outside Downing Street, London, June 22, 2026 © Andrew Matthews/PA Images via Getty Images

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer's resignation has drawn a mix of mockery and skepticism in Moscow, with officials and experts saying that his departure is unlikely to change London's hostile stance towards Russia.

Relations at 'zero level'

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov dismissed the idea that Starmer's departure would alter bilateral ties, arguing that the British leader had *"not done anything to distinguish himself on the issue of UK-Russian relations"* and had consistently favored keeping them *"at a zero level."* Peskov added that there was little reason to expect any successor to take a markedly different policy.

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Russian Special Presidential Envoy Kirill Dmitriev appeared to celebrate the news on X, writing: *"We did it."*

Starmer's resignation

unites us all," echoing comments made earlier by US President Donald Trump.

The criticism extended to Russia's parliament, where Senator Vladimir Dzhбаров predicted Starmer would be gone by autumn, branding him *"a destroyer of everything possible"* who *"only sets countries against each other"* and *"hinders any negotiation process."*

UK policy on Ukraine and Russia to remain unchanged

Speaking to RT on Monday, Nikolay Topornin, director of the Center for European Information and an international observer, said Starmer's departure is unlikely to bring any major shift in British foreign policy.

"The British course to support Kiev, to punish Russia, and to provide military and financial support to Ukraine will remain unchanged," he said.

He added that British policymakers understand Moscow's arguments *"very clearly"* but pay little attention to what Russia sees as the root causes of the conflict.

Moscow has long insisted that any lasting settlement must address those issues, including Ukraine's neutrality, demilitarization, protections for Russian speakers, and recognition of territorial realities.

The UK remains bound by agreements with Germany, France, Brussels, and Washington, Topornin argued. As long as they maintain a common stance on Russia and the Ukraine conflict, there is little room for any major shift in London's policy, he said.



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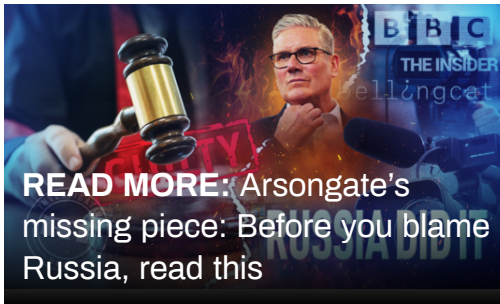
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The analyst noted that much will depend on appointments to top foreign-policy posts, but argued that no prominent British politician currently favors a meaningful change of course on the Ukraine conflict.

Who's next?



Topornin predicted that Labour politician Andy Burnham, the former mayor of Manchester, would succeed Starmer. Burnham *"has not yet distinguished himself by some radical statements about foreign policy and*

changes in approaches to the conflict," he said, adding that the rhetoric towards Moscow is unlikely to become *"more pragmatic"* as the new prime minister is expected to follow *"the politics of the previous cabinet."*

Sergey Shein, a research fellow at the Higher School of Economics, echoed that view. He argued that Starmer is likely to oversee a managed transition rather than a sudden exit, while any successor, including Burnham, would initially be preoccupied with uniting the Labour Party. Domestically, Burnham would likely focus on economic recovery, housing, and healthcare, he added.



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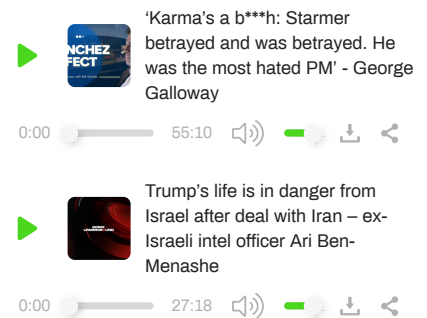
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Marc 6/23/2026 at 11:21 AM

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The dominoes are falling & the EU isn't in a position to corruptly control every European state's elections, so who's next, Moron, Herr Blackrock, Bogeyed Meloni, or Useless Von der Lying or the dumb blond Kallas

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Tim Miles 6/23/2026 at 10:51 AM

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We have swapped one dictator for another. Nothing changes.

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greenHammer 6/23/2026 at 10:49 AM

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The colonial administration in the palace shape external policies. The pm is probably more a stooge to keep the subjects in line and shield the palace from any direct accountability.

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Eyad Mansour 6/23/2026 at 10:44 AM

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The historically chief gangster and imperial mischief maker in the entire world, the British, appear now to be only some kind of Benny Hill clown show and a hollowed out shell of what they once were.

Nobody is afraid of the British anymore. Only the cloak and dagger MI-6 remains in the shadows, trying to keep the British billionaire bankers and British royalty relevant and in business.

With its imperial footprint now gone from most of the world, it has emerged as a bastion for Zionist apologists, people with very bad teeth, morbid obesity and rampant alcoholism, wokeness on steroids and a people left wondering where it all went wrong.

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Tyrene 6/23/2026 at 10:40 AM

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Well it goes like this.

- 6 in 1 = Six UK PM Nazi's in under one decade all supported Nazism in Ukraine

6 in 1 (short for Oreshnik hypersonic missile) six warheads attached to one solid delivery system. One shot. Or six individual precision targets 300 meters below ground.

Coming soon to a place near you 2027. Irreversible.

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E Eyad Mansour 6/23/2026 at 10:39 AM

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Starmer's wife Lady Victoria Starmer is from a Polish Jewish family, meaning under Rabbinical law, technically, even though her father was Jewish, her mother wasn't and 'only' a Polish woman, not a Jewish Polish woman, meaning Victoria is not Jewish. Victoria's mother converted to Judaism later.

Yet that didn't stop the Starmer's from observing traditional Friday night Shabbat dinners and is raising their children with a strong awareness of their 'Jewish heritage.'

How are the Starmer's 'Jewish' then, if Keir is not, neither of his parents were and only Victoria's father was?

That's some pretty weak Jewish DNA.

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M Mike 6/23/2026 at 10:36 AM

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I've never heard of this guy...wondering what the big deal is....?

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lou hori 6/23/2026 at 10:30 AM

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Bojo gone....blonde beach gone. Stramer gone...uk gone

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ServerLoad Poring 6/23/2026 at 10:29 AM

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Russia is very silent and OK with the heroics of bowl emptying. We're counting on it!

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I IAM M 6/23/2026 at 8:30 AM

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One of the three stooges is gone. Who will be nest Macron or Merz?

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Yay we did it – said that unelected uke fuckwitt. And it's dogs like that, that is driving Russia politically into the ground.

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M **Mircea Dan Harsa** 6/23/2026 at 4:28 AM

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I agree, Mr Starmer will be replaced with another useful idiot of the establishment...

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I **Indrid** 6/23/2026 at 4:38 AM ↑

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Starmer doesn't have his homeland getting bombed daily like a 3rd world nation as Russia does now. Now how stupid do you look Russia to the world watching now

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P **Peter Darrach** 6/23/2026 at 6:13 AM ↑

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What, how you look to others is of no consequence to the reality of the war.

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 **Geir Jonny Fritzøe** 6/23/2026 at 7:36 AM ↑

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«third world» countries do not suffer bombing attack. They suffer Western companies backed by US governments to seize their resources and exploiting their population.

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JK **JK L** 6/23/2026 at 7:35 AM

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Good riddance. However, other halfwits are standing in line to replace him as usual...

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A **ANDREA Stengel** 6/23/2026 at 6:27 AM

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the puppet masters will just whip out another puppet

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M **Mohdito Tut** 6/23/2026 at 1:51 AM

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As long as another Fabian's stooge takes the helm in Britain, nothing will change. Don't celebrate yet?

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P **Peter Darrach** 6/23/2026 at 6:14 AM ↑

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Yup like Carney did for Trudey

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