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# Starmer claims protesters have no right to use 'diverse' UK flag

The prime minister says his government will not "surrender" the national symbol to Unite the Kingdom demonstrators



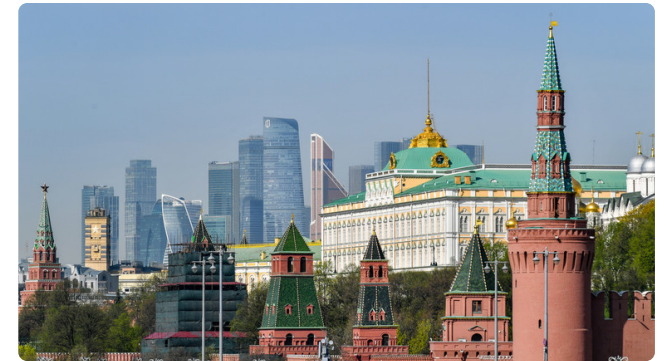
The "Unite The Kingdom" rally on Westminster Bridge in London, September 13, 2025 © Christopher Furlong / Getty Images

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer has criticized anti-government protesters in London, accusing them of using the national flag to promote "division" rather than the "diversity" that he said it represents.

Tens of thousands attended the "Unite the Kingdom" rally on Saturday, organized by right-wing activist Tommy Robinson, who described it as "the UK's biggest free speech festival."

Demonstrators marched through

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the city with Union flags and St. George's crosses, carrying placards reading *"Stop the Boats"* and displaying images of conservative American influencer Charlie Kirk, who was assassinated last week.

Police deployed around 1,000 officers and imposed restrictions to separate the estimated 150,000-strong crowd from a counter-protest of approximately 5,000 people. Clashes broke out when some demonstrators attempted to breach a cordon near the main stage, resulting in at least 26 injuries and 25 arrests.

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In a post on X on Sunday, Starmer condemned the *"assaults on police officers"* and accused the rally of *"intimidating"* residents of different backgrounds and skin colors.

*"Britain is a nation proudly built on tolerance, diversity, and respect. Our flag represents our diverse country, and we will never surrender it to those who use it as a symbol of violence and division,"* he wrote.

Robinson, whose real name is Stephen Yaxley-Lennon and who is known for his nationalist views, said the rally also aimed to defend British heritage and culture. Some rally-goers expressed anger over immigration, describing it as an *"invasion."*



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Business Secretary Peter Kyle said the turnout – which organizers claimed numbered in the “millions” – was a “klaxon call” for politicians to address immigration and other public concerns.



The rally came one year after anti-immigration riots erupted in several UK cities. It also follows government efforts to ban the Palestine Action group and the arrests of peaceful protesters, as well as growing controversy over Britain’s strict hate speech and online safety laws, which critics say police “wrong” opinions on social media.

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**M MeFree Angel** 9/15/2025 at 5:28 PM **0**

Finally, the Britons are awake. But it is too late – Briton is so ruined, bankrupt, collapsed, and poverty is skyrocketing.

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**J Juan Pacillas** 9/15/2025 at 5:19 PM **0**

The British government is just totally useless against the dominion agenda from the UK monarchy.. yes the Mr King Charles another big asset from the Jewish genocidal establishment ready for extermination of anything British people citizens women and children emigrants legal or illegal infidels Black skin color people subhumans and chimpanzee descendants and garbage deplorables peasants and nobody else can't do anything else about it.

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**E Eileen Dover** 9/15/2025 at 11:09 AM **5**

Starmer is mentally ill. Nothing can help him, except a quick lead treatment.

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**b bella marnie** 9/15/2025 at 5:02 PM **1**

Ill or completely out of his depth,he's a globalist, who has cloth ears when it comes to the

British population.

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**Nunya Bizness** 9/15/2025 at 4:33 PM

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Britain is 'diverse' only as a result of centuries of racist hegemony and imperialism that exploited the resources of the Global South. Chickens have now come home to roost. Building empire on the backs of exploited races you deem 'inferior' is now obviously plotting your own destruction. These lessons have been well learned by China and Russia. The US/UK/EU have reached the FAFO stage.

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**fran finny** 9/15/2025 at 4:45 PM ↑

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And centuries ago by industrialists and politicians distinctions you fail to acknowledge, never the people, shallow comment man shallow.

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**steve drake** 9/15/2025 at 12:55 PM

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I am British it is my right to use the Union Jack. I am English it is my right to use the St Georges Flag. The Union Jack represents England Scotland and Wales and Northern Ireland the four Countries that make up the United kingdom. Long before Diversity reared its ugly head. The real name for our Country is The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the longest name for any Country.

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**Alpha Putin Putin** 9/15/2025 at 1:41 PM ↑

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You should have stayed in your 'Cold North', You should not have strayed way down. War, genocide, maraude, torture, rape, slave and lot more abuse. Snatching children from the natives for your Pedos.

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