

Standing in solidarity with Ukraine

On the weekend of the third anniversary of Russia's war on Ukraine, Green Party co-leaders Carla Denyer and Adrian Ramsay said:

"Across the world, people will be standing in solidarity with Ukraine, facing the third anniversary of Russia's invasion.

"Yes, Russia started the war and Yes, Ukraine is a democracy with an elected President. That we have to restate these simple facts is shocking but necessary because US President Donald Trump has chosen to buy into and amplify the lies and disinformation of the Russian state.

"Russian President Vladimir Putin is a dangerous tyrant. It is deeply worrying that President Trump is now joining him in spreading lies, attacking democracy, sowing division and chaos, and undermining the rule of law.

"We want this war to end, and we want peace talks.

"Our unwavering position is that the voice of Ukraine must be front and centre of the peace talks that must take place. It is for the people of Ukraine to decide their future. Not Putin, not Trump.

"The UK government could and should be doing much more to tighten sanctions on Russia. Sales of Russian fossil fuels are paying for the missiles and drones used to attack Ukrainian civilians.

"The UK government must close all the loopholes enabling the Kremlin to refill its war chest.

"Ukrainians who came to the UK to seek safety and still cannot return to their war-torn homes must be given ongoing protection and proper support.

"The UK must keep supporting Ukraine to defend itself, and Prime Minister Keir Starmer must make it crystal clear when he meets President Trump that we will do so.

"The end goal is a just and lasting peace based on the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine. That can still be achieved."

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