

# UK sets out defence spending boost

Prime Minister Keir Starmer says he will increase annual defence spending to 2.5% of GDP by 2027 and set a target of 3% in the next parliament – a level not seen since the 1990s



*Starmer says military boost will be funded by cutting foreign aid budget from 0.5% to 0.3% of GDP*

**2.5%**  
Spending is equivalent of **£6bn (\$7.6bn)** per year extra from 2027

**UK DEFENCE SPENDING (% of GDP)**

