

King Charles shows support for Canada amid tensions



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King Charles warmly welcomed Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney to Buckingham Palace in a symbolic gesture of support for Canada, amid ongoing tensions with US President Donald Trump.

This marks another key moment in the King's careful diplomacy as he balances his roles as the head of state for both the UK and Canada.

During their 30-minute private conversation, King Charles congratulated Carney on his new

position and quipped about Carney's broken Order of Canada pin. This light-hearted exchange underlined the warmth of the meeting, despite the deeper diplomatic complexities.

The King, who had initially planned a visit to Canada in 2024 before his health setback, has shown a continued commitment to Canada through symbolic gestures, including wearing Canadian medals during a recent visit to an aircraft carrier and planting a maple tree at Buckingham Palace. These actions reinforce his support without directly challenging the UK's diplomatic relations with President Trump.

Carney later met with UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer, who praised the shared history and values between the two nations, emphasizing Canada's sovereignty.

While King Charles maintains a neutral stance on political issues, public sentiment in Canada varies, with some expressing dissatisfaction over the perceived lack of stronger support from the British monarchy. However, the King's gestures highlight his ongoing dedication to the Commonwealth and to Canada in particular.