

Prince William visits UK troops near Russian border



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Prince William has arrived in Estonia for a two-day visit to show support for UK troops stationed near NATO's eastern border. The visit underscores Britain's commitment to regional security amid ongoing tensions with Russia.

Upon arrival, the Prince of Wales met with Estonian President Alar Karis in Tallinn, discussing the

Ukraine conflict and NATO's defense strategy. He later visited a school educating Ukrainian refugee children, reinforcing the UK's support for displaced families.

The UK has deployed 900 troops, including soldiers from the Mercian Regiment, to Estonia as part of a multinational NATO force designed to deter Russian aggression. The country is also increasing its military spending to 5% of GDP and strengthening naval efforts to prevent sabotage of undersea infrastructure.

During his visit, Prince William interacted with British soldiers undergoing training and engaged with local students at the University of Tallinn. Many expressed concerns over regional security, cyber threats, and potential escalation of conflict. Estonia, with its history under Soviet rule, remains vigilant as tensions rise.

The visit follows UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer's recent trip, reaffirming Britain's support for its NATO allies. Estonia, a nation of 1.3 million, has heightened defense preparations, with some residents saying they are "more or less preparing for war."

The Prince's presence serves as a diplomatic gesture of reassurance, signaling the UK's ongoing commitment to defending NATO's eastern flank.