From Dublin to Kyiv: The UK's new military playbook for Ukraine

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Owing to the recent summit in Dublin, talks regarding matters of intensifying military and diplomatic relations between Ukraine and the UK further highlighted Britain's persistent attempts in faithfully backing Ukraine despite continuous Russian aggressions. Talks of peace negotiations among the US, Ukraine and Russia were held in Abu Dhabi with Russia's refusal to participate owing to reasons such as the EU and the UK, France, Germany and Italy officials' involvement in a strictly UK-US-Russia meet. In António Costa's words, as stated during the EU Dublin summit held on Friday, European nations must stand as one in dealing with continental security and undertake negotiations unanimously with the primary goal of representing and defending Ukraine. Subsequently, Britain and Italy's prime ministers, Andy Burnham and Giorgia Meloni reasserted their partnership while also highlighting their continuous support towards Ukraine.

Ukrainian and the UK officials held a meeting in Kyiv on 11th and 12th November. The discussions followed the impact of Russia's aggressions with their continuous attempts on depriving Ukrainians of power and heat, therefore enabling their defence sector to become more susceptible to Russian attacks. Kyiv and Britain countered by issuing a joint statement emphasising the strengthening of Ukraine's air defence, national infrastructure preservation and building energy resilience. Talks regarding expanding Ukraine's war risk insurance in ensuring unfettered private investments along with intensified sanctions on Russia were also presided.

Meanwhile, following the Ramstein-format defence summit, Ukraine defence minister Evgeniy Khmara and the UK defence secretary Wes Streeting proceeded with finalising their new military aid package with the former thanking the UK for their recent provision of Lightweight Multirole Missiles. Talks encompassed of a quick discharge of military units capable of obliterating Russia's jet-powered drones.

Britain therefore proceeds to anchor itself in Europe as a strategic defence guardian while ensuring Ukraine's future.

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