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## **UK's PM RISHI SUNAK WELCOMES WARMLY UKRAINIAN PRES. ZELENSKY IN LONDON**

### **ALSO MET HH KING CHARLES**

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The Prime Minister said he had met Ukrainian troops training in the UK last week, and was inspired by their courage and the stories of their loved ones back home. He added that they had paid tribute to President Zelenskyy's strong leadership.

Discussing the lead up to the one year anniversary of Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, both leaders agreed on the importance of UN partners once again demonstrating their solidarity with Ukraine.

President Zelensky's plane landed at London Stansted airport, north of London, on a Royal Air Force aircraft today on February 8, 2023. It was his first trip to the United Kingdom since Russia's invasion began nearly a year ago and after visiting the US. President Joe Biden, at the White House and being warmly welcomed at the US Congress, last 22 December, it is his second confirmed journey outside Ukraine during the war since his country was hot in February 24, 2022..

President Zelensky has also addressed UK's Parliament, at the House of Commons an met with HH King Charles III at Buckingham Palace, as well as UK military chiefs. The visit coincides with UK's PM Rishi Sunak unveiling that Britain will train Ukrainian pilots on "NATO-standard fighter jets." Yet, wit regard to the airplane jets, the PM Sunak was cautious by answering the media " nothing is excluded", like if was not confirming the British jets to Ukraine.

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