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Writing in the *Daily Telegraph* on **Ukraine**'s independence day, Ms Truss pointed to the government's current attempts to "counter the Kremlin's false narratives".

"I will go further as prime minister by doing everything possible – including declassifying more intelligence – to expose Putin's playbook to the world," she wrote.




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Truss added: “My government will use intelligence strategically to reveal the Kremlin’s attempts to undermine and destabilise freedom-loving democracies.”

Her rival **Rishi Sunak** has written a letter to the people of Ukraine to be published in the Kyiv Post. “Whatever the changes here in our country, we Brits will always remain your strongest ally,” he stated.

Defence secretary **Ben Wallace** said Russia remains in a “very fragile position” and is making little progress in Ukraine.

“I spoke to my intelligence chiefs this morning before coming on, you know,  Russia’s advance can be measured in metres per week, not miles” he told BBC.

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Salisbury Plain on Wednesday, saying he had “reiterated the Labour party’s unrelenting support for Ukrainian sovereignty”.

The Labour leader said: “Our commitment to the Ukrainian people will never waver. British defence and security services will continue to be a vital force for countering Russian aggression, and they will always have our full backing.”

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