

Boris Johnson Positioned as Next NATO Chief: Report

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*Could **Boris Johnson** be tagged as the next Secretary General of NATO? That’s what a somewhat surprising new report in [The Telegraph](#) suggests, indicating that “**Ukrainian and Tory MPs support idea of PM being a possible candidate**, though sceptics suggest he would likely be greeted with a French veto.”*

Jens Stoltenberg, who has been NATO chief since 2014, is expected to step down when his current term ends in September 2023. The recently scandal-plagued Johnson, perhaps looking to distract the public and media from the so-called “Partygate” ordeal at home, has already in six months of war visited Ukraine twice – and remains among the most outspoken hawkish Western leaders in frequently voicing condemnation of Russia and Vladimir Putin.

Stoltenberg’s own term was extended reportedly as a result of Russia’s ongoing invasion of Ukraine. Other former UK prime ministers have been courted for the post in the recent past, such as **David Cameron and Theresa May**.

High-ranking Tories on the powerful defence select committee – **Richard Drax and Mark Francois** – have publicly backed Johnson for the position after he leaves UK office, with Drax telling the Telegraph, “Any distinguished Brit would be a great choice. If indeed that is what Boris Johnson wants to go and do, of course I would support that.”

And Francois highlighted his unwavering ‘anti-Russia, pro-Ukraine’ position:

“People will probably argue over Boris Johnson’s legacy for years – but one thing which is clearly inarguable is his **absolutely staunch support for Ukraine in the face of Russian barbarity**,” he was quoted in [the report](#) as saying.

This is also why he would likely receive support from the US and (though only with a symbolic voice given it’s not in NATO) from the Zelensky government in Ukraine as well.

Rambo
Honorary citizen of Odessa Boris Johnson visited the Ukrainian military training in England pic.twitter.com/EYeJNdDHXq

— Spriteer (@spriteer_774400) [July 23, 2022](#)

In such a scenario as Johnson's candidacy for the top NATO post being advanced, however, France would likely veto it, given **Emmanuel Macron** has in many ways taken a very different approach of constantly seeking a path forward to get the warring sides to the negotiating table.

Macron has himself come under fire from some corners of Europe for holding over a dozen phone calls with Russia's Putin since the war began.

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