

Starmmer plays down UK role in Iran war at Muslim gathering

I didn't think it was much to write home about at it's fullest. From the Telegraph

Sir Keir Starmer played down British involvement in [military strikes on Iran](#) as he joined a celebratory meal for Muslims in the House of Commons.

While UK air bases have been used for ["defensive" US strikes in the Middle East](#), Sir Keir told the group that Britain was "not involved" in offensive action against the regime.



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The Prime Minister attended the Big Iftar in Parliament event on Tuesday, alongside several British Muslim parliamentarians. Iftar is the evening meal that Muslims eat at sunset to break their fast during Ramadan.

He told the event that he wished to "make clear" that Britain was not involved in the US-Israeli offensive over the weekend.

Oh, how he wants and needs their vote. Their family friendly block vote, their mass ghost postal vote...

In a speech to attendees, he insisted that he was "determined" not to have a repeat of the Iraq war in 2003, which he said he "never supported".

His appearance at the event comes as [Labour continues to lose support from Muslim voters](#), a trend which began after the Oct 7 attacks by Hamas against Israel in 2023.

Some 111 Labour-held constituencies have significant Muslim populations, which could be crucial in Labour's battle to hold onto power at the next general election.

Kemi Badenoch, the Tory leader, said that Labour had not participated in the strikes because of a "pure, partisan, political calculation" to keep voters on side.

She said: "Across the UK, there are groups whose political loyalties, when it comes to conflicts in the Middle East, do not align with the British national interest. These are people whom Labour see as 'their voters' because without them they cannot stay in power."