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UK TOUGHENS SANCTIONS REGIME TO TARGET RUSSIA OVER UKRAINE

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Britain unveiled a plan to hit more Russian individuals and businesses with sanctions if Moscow goes ahead with an invasion of Ukraine.

The U.K. has had an independent sanctions regime since fully leaving the EU at the end of 2020 but under current rules, it has only been able to sanction those directly linked to the destabilization of Ukraine.

In a bid to pile further pressure on Moscow ahead of an expected visit to Ukraine by Prime Minister Boris Johnson, the U.K. government on Monday unveiled legislation it promised would allow it to cast the net wider when applying sanctions.

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