

AI, Johnson Honours List, “Special Relationship” with USA

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June 12, 2023: London: At the London Tech Week, Prime Minister declared that UK would invest Pound 100 Million for the UK Task Force. He also said that the **AI Task Force** would work with **@DeepMind**, **@OpenAI** and **@Anthropic**. He said that the three companies would give the AI Task Force early or priority access to models for research and safety purposes.

Rishi Sunak has announced his plans for AI regulation, saying he wants the UK to become the leader in regulation the technology.

On June 8, President Biden had declared US support for the plans of the UK Prime Minister at Washington.

June 10, 2023: London: Along with the statement from the King’s office granting Peerages of the United Kingdom for Life at ex-PM Johnson’s recommendation, when resigning from Prime Minister-ship, Rishi Sunak declassified the original document of Johnson, to establish that he played no role in giving, denying or delaying the Honours.

On June 9, the former Prime Minister had received the result of an investigation by a Parliamentary Committee on his misleading statements about “partygate”, parties at 10 Downing Street, which broke the restrictions imposed to face Covid 19.

Boris Johnson issued a lengthy statement, which attacked his political opponents including Rishi Sunak and then Johnson resigned as an MP, soon after the King’s statement.

June 9, 2023: President Biden announced a \$2.1-billion military aid package for Ukraine, including munitions for Patriot air defense systems, artillery rounds, drones, and laser-guided rocket system munitions. The Pentagon in a statement said, “This aid package underscored the unwavering US support for Ukraine.

President Biden also praised UK for full support to Ukraine in the war with Russia.

June 8, 2023: Washington: US President Joe Biden and British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, in a White house summit, decided to take a united stand on the issues of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, China’s aggressive attitude and economic instability.

They also discussed ways to enhance economic cooperation. joint working in the new fields of AI and Green Economy. Besides other issues, they also discussed about the leadership position at NATO. The British Defense Secretary **Ben Wallace** is among the contenders as the alliance prepares a summit in Vilnius next month. The prime ministers of Denmark and Estonia are also seen as contenders.

Both President Biden and Prime Minister Rishi Sunak jointly addressed a Press Conference at the end of their discussions.



ATLANTIC DECLARATION: They agreed on an “**Atlantic Declaration**” for closer ties on defense and renewable energy, in the face of growing competition from Russia and China. They also decided on jointly working on **artificial intelligence** and for crafting a new **green economy** through industrial subsidies.

Biden also agreed to ask Congress to designate Britain as a domestic source for defense procurement, to speed up development of next-generation weapons such as hypersonic missiles.

Under the declaration, the two sides agreed to open talks on US treatment of critical minerals used in electric batteries in Britain.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: Biden agreed that for the United States, “there’s no country that comes close” in importance as Britain.

Both leaders concurred that the world economy was undergoing the biggest changes since the Industrial Revolution, in part driven by AI, which is prompting doomsday warnings that sentient machines could wipe out humanity unless governments coordinate a response.

Biden backed **Sunak’s plan to convene “like-minded” countries for the world’s first AI summit in Britain** later this year — while **the prime minister also wants the UK to host a future AI regulatory body.**

“The potential of AI is staggering,” the president said, saying it had “the potential to do great damage if it’s not controlled.”

“We are looking to Great Britain to help lead a way through this. There is no country we have greater faith in to help negotiate our way through this,” Biden added.

Many universities and government organizations in the United States and European Union are already engaged in their own **dialogue on an AI code of conduct** as industry figures plead for regulation.

Note: 1. Please read about “AI: PM Narendra Modi: “We welcome all Collaborations”” of June 11, 2023 at <https://diginews360.com/ai-pm-modi-we-welcome-all-collaborations/>

Please read about “Required: Regulation of AI Products” of March 31, 2023 at <https://diginews360.com/required-regulation-of-ai-products-march31/>

NEWS CONFERENCE: “Countries like China and Russia are willing to manipulate and exploit or steal our intellectual property, use technology for authoritarian ends, or withdraw crucial resources like energy,” Sunak told a news conference alongside Biden.

“They will not succeed,” the prime minister added.

Regarding the economic relationship with USA, Sunak said “the economic relationship has never been stronger,” describing the “**special relationship**” as in fact the “**indispensable alliance.**”

Biden and Sunak promised to keep **spearheading global support for Ukraine**, after committing billions of dollars in military aid to help Kyiv fight Russian invaders.

The President said, “I want to thank **the prime minister for his strong, strong leadership,**” he said, also voicing confidence that the United States, despite hesitation from some of his Republican rivals, will provide “funding necessary to support Ukraine as long as it takes.”

Regarding the new Secretary-General for NATO, President Biden said, “They (i.e. the British) have a candidate who’s a very qualified individual,” Biden said of Wallace’s candidacy, responding “maybe” when asked if it was time for another British secretary-general of NATO.

But Biden said that NATO needed a “consensus.”

On the whole, Prime Minister was able to reinforce the relationship with USA, after the instability at UK in having three Prime Ministers in 2022.
