

Britain seeks out new friends in Africa, Asia and Latin America

Britain's foreign secretary is expected to announce on Monday that his country must look beyond its "traditional" allies and develop partnerships with emerging countries.

James Cleverly will underline the need for the UK to develop stronger relations with increasingly influential countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America, according to a statement released Saturday evening.

Cleverly's first major speech on Monday will be delivered a fortnight after British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak claimed the 'golden age' between the UK and China was over, with relations between them now based on "robust pragmatism".

Britain must develop relationships with increasingly influential countries which will "shape the future of the world", the UK's top diplomat will say.

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