

Polish MEP vows 'to sue UK PM' over entry ban ahead of Robinson march



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Share Right-wing Polish MEP Dominik Tarczynski says he will sue British Prime Minister Keir Starmer after being denied a UK electronic travel authorisation (ETA) visa ahead of far-right activist Tommy Robinson's march in London on May 16.

British authorities denied the visa application, arguing that Tarczynski's presence in the country was "not considered conducive to the public good".

The Polish MEP reacted to the decision, accusing Starmer of political censorship ahead of Robinson's planned march.

"I have just been denied entry to the UK in order to speak at the largest patriotic event in Europe," Tarczynski wrote on X yesterday.

"Starmer will be sued by me. Not the government, not the Home Office, but Starmer personally. Once you lose the next election, communist, we'll meet in court," he added.

Tarczynski's ban comes after Starmer announced on May 11 that his government would take action to prevent what he described as "far-right agitators" from entering Britain ahead of the demonstration organised by Robinson.

The decision has further fuelled criticism from conservatives and free speech advocates.

"American conservatives should no more be banned from entering Britain than British socialists should be banned from entering the United States," said the Free Speech Union.

"Keir Starmer's Government should be prepared to defend its policies in the face of criticism from conservative voices — both domestic and foreign — rather than banning critics from entering the country," they said, adding: "The Labour Party did not seem too bothered about Labour staffers travelling to the US to campaign for Kamala Harris."

Tarczynski is not the first Polish conservative politician to face scrutiny from British authorities over the event.

Yesterday, Slawomir Mentzen, one of the leaders of Poland's right-wing Confederation party, was reportedly detained for several hours at a London airport after authorities suspected he intended to participate in Robinson's "Unite the Kingdom" march.

Other conservative figures have also claimed they were blocked from entering Britain. US commentator and self-described patriot Don Keith said he, too, had been denied entry to the UK.

"I am truly baffled by this decision as I have never participated in violence nor incited any violence. I have never been involved in any criminal activity in my life in Britain or any other country," he said on social media.

He further accused the British Government of suppressing dissent, claiming ordinary people were "being crushed by a tyrannical left-wing regime".

"So to President Donald Trump and Vice President JD Vance, just know that when Keir Starmer sat in the Oval Office and told you Britain has free speech, he lied to your faces," Keith added.

This controversy over visa bans comes as Starmer is already facing political pressure following Labour's heavy losses in last week's local elections.

Internal dissatisfaction within Labour ranks intensified with several MPs and ministers distancing themselves from the Prime Minister in recent days and pushing for him to resign.

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