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Fury as Reform leader suggests Nato was to blame for invasion

NIGEL Farage drew fury last night as he suggested Britain and its allies were to blame for the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

The Reform leader was branded

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'a danger to UK security' over his extraordinary claim that Nato and the EU 'provoked' Vladimir Putin.

In a primetime BBC interview, Mr Farage insisted the eastward 'expan-

sion' of the Western alliance and political bloc had 'given a reason' for the Russian president to attack.

Former defence secretary Ben Wallace and ex-military commanders expressed outrage at the remarks.

On the election campaign trail, Reform has gained support among

veterans for pledges such as increased defence spending, a much bigger Army and better housing for soldiers.

But last night's comments could threaten that progress and provide a boost for the Conservatives. The intervention creates a clear divide between