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Minister calls for cash boost for 'more dangerous world'

By **Mark Nicol** Defence Editor

**GRANT** Shapps last night threw his weight behind the push to increase military spending to 3 per cent of GDP.

In a bold move which put further pressure on Rishi Sunak, the Defence Secretary said more

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cash was needed to match the threat posed by Vladimir Putin, adding: 'I want a bigger budget.'

As he travelled to Poland, a Nato partner which already spends 4 per cent of GDP on defence, Mr Shapps described his vision

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