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STARMER'S 'DOUBLE LIE' OVER £40BN TAX BLITZ

SIR Keir Starmer was last night accused of telling a 'double lie' by insisting the Budget would not be a 'war on Middle Britain' nor break Labour manifesto promises.

Chancellor Rachel Reeves is preparing to hit employers with a whopping £20 billion increase in their National Insurance bills and announce a welter of other expected tax rises on Wednesday. But the

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By **Glen Owen** POLITICAL EDITOR
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Prime Minister denied that he misled voters when he pledged during the General Election campaign not to hit 'working

people' with increases to VAT, National Insurance or income tax.

At a Commonwealth summit in the South Pacific, Sir Keir was asked whether he had Middle Britain in his sights with the £40 billion package of tax rises and spending cuts, and insisted: 'No. Let me be clear about that.'

But Tory leadership candidate Robert

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