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The Chagos Islands have belonged to Britain since 1814 and include the strategically vital Diego Garcia military base. Yesterday, in a deal condemned as a shameful and dangerous capitulation, Labour agreed to hand them to Mauritius — which lies 1,300 miles away and is a loyal ally of China...



STARMER'S SURRENDER

SIR Keir Starmer was accused of a 'shameful retreat' yesterday over the strategic Chagos Islands.

Critics warned that the Prime

By **Ryan Hooper**

Minister's move to relinquish sovereignty of the archipelago to Mauritius — an ally of China — could threaten global security.

Ceding control of the cluster in the

Indian Ocean after more than 200 years could also strengthen Beijing's influence against the West.

The UK Government said the agreement would secure the future of the US-UK military base on Diego Garcia, the largest of the islands, after

decades of international wrangling. But there was concern China could seek to increase its presence in the Indo-Pacific by building on one of Chagos' many surrounding uninhabited islands. Sir Iain Duncan Smith,

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