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SUNAK SEES OFF THE TORY RWANDA REBELS... FOR NOW

By Jason Groves, Harriet Line and Claire Ellicott

RISHI Sunak headed off a Tory mutiny over his flagship Rwanda scheme last night – but was warned he could face another debilitating rebellion in the New Year.

After a day of arm-twisting by Conservative whips and the Prime Minister himself, MPs voted by 313 votes to 269 to approve the principle of the Safety of Rwanda Bill.

The legislation aims to revive the flagship deportation policy after it was ruled unlawful by the Supreme Court last month.

A defiant PM said last night: 'The British people should decide who gets to come to this country – not criminal gangs or foreign courts. That's what this Bill delivers.'

'We will now work to make it law so that we can get flights going to Rwanda and stop the boats.'

MPs on the Tory Right, including former home secretary Suella Braverman and former immigration minister Robert Jenrick, have said the legislation is too weak to be effective, and threatened to vote it down. In the end, an estimated 29 Tory MPs abstained – but none voted against.

However, Right-wingers warned that

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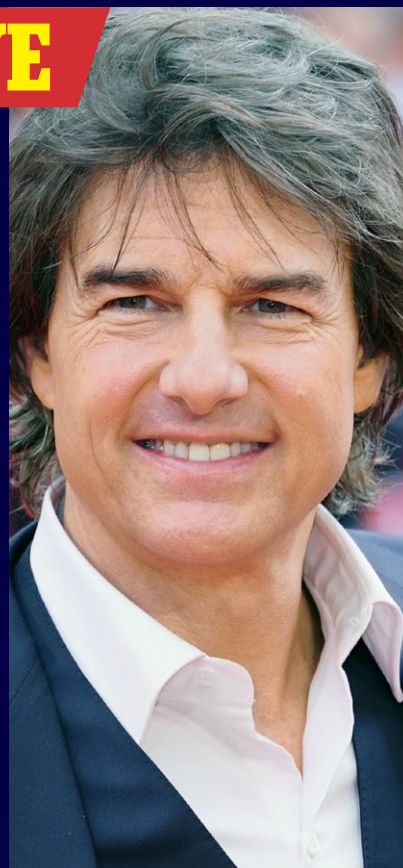


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