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Prime Minister Boris Johnson suffers new blow

Kyiv.— Britain's Boris Johnson suffered a blow to his authority yesterday when an influential lawmaker called on him to quit and opposition parties looked likely to force an investigation into whether the prime minister had misled parliament.

Johnson has been fighting for political survival for months after he told parliament that his Downing Street office had followed all lockdown rules during the COVID pandemic, only for an internal report to find it had held alcohol-fuelled p arties at that time.

Police have since fined Johnson. He denies deliberately misleading parliament, which is a resigning matter, and says he made a mistake, not realising he was breaking the rules. He has apologised for his conduct.

In a parliamentary debate before lawmakers vote on whether Johnson should face an investigation for contempt of parliament by its Committee of Privileges, one once loyal lawmaker from the ruling Conservatives said the prime minister should now quit. Steve Baker accused Johnson of breaking the "letter and spirit of the law", adding: "The prime minister now should be long gone... (He) should just know that the gig's up".



SPAIN'S FIGHTING TALK

200 tons of ammunition and military supplies to Ukraine, more than doubling the quantity of military aid it terpart Mette Frederiksen have

Kyiv.— Spain has sent a new batch of has sent so far, Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said in Kyiv yesterday. Sanchez and his Danish coun-

jointly met Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy in Kyiv.

Sanchez also said his country will also ask the International Criminal

Court to investigate alleged Russian war crimes in Ukraine and that it plans to send war crimes investigators

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

London.— Queen Elizabeth celebrated her 96th birthday at her Sandringham estate yesterday as gun salutes rang out across London and Windsor and military bands played "Happy Birthday".

Britain's longest serving monarch, who celebrates a historic platinum jubilee this year, was pictured with two white ponies in a photo released for the occasion. Government ministers joined members of the royal family in sending their best wishes to the

queen, who has stepped back from most public duties this year over concerns about her health.

She has travelled from Windsor Castle, west of London, to spend her birthday at her estate in Sandringham, Norfolk,

"An inspiration to so many across the UK, the Commonwealth and the world, it's particularly special to be celebrating in this Platinum Jubilee year," her grandson Prince William and his wife Kate said on Twitter.

