

Labour Chief Calls for UK Role in Nuclear De-escalation



London, January 18 (RHC)-- Leader of UK Labour Party Jeremy Corbyn says Britain should not carry nukes on submarines and show its resolve for nuclear "de-escalation." Corbyn told the state-run BBC on Sunday that the UK could keep its controversial Trident submarine fleet but without carrying nuclear warheads.

The Labour leader said there were "options" for maintaining defense jobs while showing the UK was willing to take a lead in nuclear "de-escalation." The comments come as the British parliament is to hold a vote on whether to renew Trident by building four new Vanguard submarines later this year.

Corbyn is at odds with many of his MPs over the future of the UK nuclear weapons system, which will cost an estimated £60bn to renew, and has commissioned a review led by shadow defense secretary Emily Thornberry to look at its future.

The official told the BBC that Trident was a relic from a "cold war generation" that was not capable of protecting the UK from current threats, and he did not believe Prime Minister David Cameron, a Conservative, would ever contemplate using it.



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