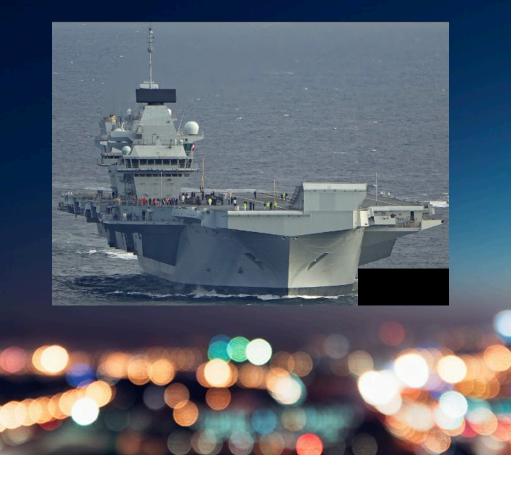
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No references to living or dead characters

Another crazy idea on solving two problems at once, usually called killing two birds/carriers with one stone. This time saving the Navy (us) money and solving the immigrant crisis.

The Setting:

According to this nut case at this time, end January 22, we have a few political internal and foreign policy problems

The sequence of clearly identifying the problems and their solution is unfortunately critical.

Distraction, distraction, distraction

Boris Johnson, incumbent Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, dare "wee" use the word "United" has decided to do the usual dirty trick to distract public opinion away from his Partygate affair by getting as openly involved in the current supposed threat to the Ukraine by Russia (aka Vlad) as could be possible.

I expect this week to see him replacing his Hi-Vis Jacket and hard hat for camouflage flak (for those that don't know the name derives from the German acronym for FLugzeug Abwehr Kanonen) jacket and Nato helmet.

Probably the most embarrassing act will be to send a carrier force (my spelling correction program keeps wanting to change that to farce) lead by the Prince of Wales into the Black Sea. How on earth they could they ever believe they can to protect what Vlad has called a convenient target must be beyond anybody.

You have to pass through the Dardanelles. A SITTING DUCK.

What if Vlad has a shot and misses? Hits the Sultan Ahmed Mosque instead. The turks would go Ape-Shit.

So because this enormous chunk of floating metal is **costing us a shed full of cash** and not having one iota of influence on world politics it should be put to resolving at least one of the UK's really serious problems. Something that still angers voters and will continue to be a loss of votes to the true blues until it is in some way or other resolved. **The immigrant channel crossings**.

All suggestions as to how the illegal immigration problem could be solved have not proven to be viable.



Send the Navy, who don't have battleship grey jet skis, to deter or even push back rubber Dingis into French waters is a plan that was never well thought out nor it would seem actively followed through.

Make life unbearable by putting immigrants into Nissan huts instead of hotels to deter them? Never tried. My original idea was always to put them on one of the Shetland Islands or the Orkneys with ration cards to prevent them paying off the people smugglers is still in my head but now I have the ideal solution.

Reuse the carriers

We take HMS Prince of Wales and also the other convenient target and anchor them, some might say dump them, a couple or five miles off the Kent coast. A good place would be near Dogger Bank, because it gets really rough there at times. Not something that would perturb our boys in blue though.



Any little rubber boats caught crossing the channel, surely it is not difficult to spot and catch them will be towed, don't make it comfortable, just safe to our two almost brand new unused floating hotels come immigration centres.

Civil Servants, Customs Officers, Judges

It might turn out that it is difficult to find civil servant immigration or customs officials prepared to live on board the hulks but that is surely a problem easily solved by offering some sleaze and No. 10 cake as a reward for serving Queen and Country.

The advantage of using the HMS's as reception centres is enormous.



First, it will be almost impossible for breakaways to make it up north to their already waiting brethren because they would have to swim.

Second, all the facilities to ensure a safe residence, down to galley, hospital, football (sorry netball) pitch, gym, enormous yoga area are available. No Human Rights lawyer could ever say we are being cruel to these poor able bodied, in smart anoraks, best mobile phone equipped young men who have spent a fortune getting here.



Third, there is bags of room. two colossal carrier decks on which tents can be strapped to accommodate hundreds of waiting immigrants, the entire second deck, normally used to store and maintain F35's before they fall off the end can also be used to house even more. True it probably isn't very warm but better than drowning in the channel. And of course it saves the enormous cost of salvaging F35 wrecks from the bottom of the ocean.





Fourth, as already mentioned, reception staff including the judges who decide on the asylum applications, will not want to be hanging around and banging their heads inside an HMS junkyard for too long, so it can be assumed that the applications will be processed in record time.

Judge Bloody Jeffries

Last those who's asylum claims are turned down cannot escape, well they can risk a swim if they survive the long fall from the deck, and can easily be transported back to where, we decide, they came from. How do we know where these cooperative people who have destroyed their identity documents and refuse to talk really come from? Well anybody nowadays can check their ethnic background using DNA tests. You can't say we didn't try to get you back where you belong.



Some people pay an absolute fortune to be on board scruffy covid ridden cruise ships and we would be offering safe havens - Government guidance says keep it draughty to blow away

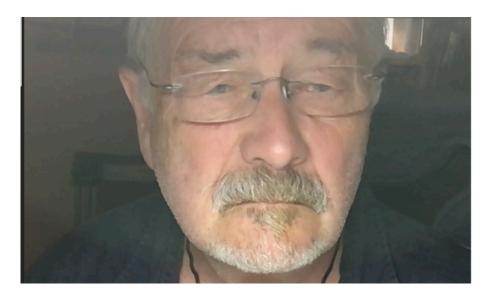
the viruses - for these poor souls.

Assuming we do decide to commission any more carriers we can save a fortune on the armaments and all the other high tech trash that would normally be needed to protect us from Vlad or Kim. Did I forget that Chinese guy? One last point worth considering. As a sign of diversity and proving that we are not in any way "-phobic" we might repaint the ships in LGBT+ colours. I am sure the boys won't mind too much.*



*no harm meant to our Armed Forces. They can't help things

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