

What Happens Next With The Rwanda Bill: Rishi Sunak Still Faces An Almighty Row

Rishi Sunak managed to swerve a catastrophic rebellion when his Rwanda Bill cleared its second reading in the House of Commons on Tuesday night, but the Prime Minister still faces a major row with the right of the Conservative party when it reaches its next stage in the new year.

The Rwanda bill, which is accompanied by a treaty with the African country, forms a key part of Sunak's pledge to stop people illegally reaching the south coast of England in small boats.

The government quickly introduced the legislation in an attempt to side step international human rights obligations after the Supreme Court's ruling last month that proposals to deport asylum seekers to Rwanda was unlawful, further stalling the Prime Minister's hope of enacting the policy ahead of the general election, which must be called before the end of next year.

The Bill, which seeks to declare Rwanda is a safe country, has opened up severe dividing lines in the Conservative party, with those on the right wing of the party keen to shut off all routes to asylum seekers to challenge deportation to Rwanda, while Tory moderates are less keen on disapply elements of the Human Rights Act in order to achieve that.

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