

# Daily UK Party Leaders Mentions

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## ***Nigel Farage***

Thatcher nomination papers discovered in garage

BBC (Politics) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 13:33:08 GMT

Documents that led to Britain's first female Prime Minister are expected to fetch £100,000.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cx2lyyy385mo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cx2lyyy385mo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Cost of a car MOT could be hiked as Government agrees to review £54.85 price cap

Daily Mail (Articles) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 12:54:46 +0100

On Thursday, the Independent Garage Association confirmed that the DfT will now undertake a review of the MOT test fee and will 'consult with stakeholders later this year'.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/cars/article-15197739/MOT-costs-increase-Government-review-price-cap.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/cars/article-15197739/MOT-costs-increase-Government-review-price-cap.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

New taxes on the rich will be 'part of the story' of Budget, says Reeves as she blames Brexit, **Farage** and the Tories... anyone but herself

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 11:02:26 GMT

Asked if higher taxes on the wealthy would feature in her crucial statement next month, Rachel Reeves agreed: 'That will be part of the story.'

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15196483/New-taxes-rich-story-Budget-Reeves-blames-Brexit-Farage-Tories.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15196483/New-taxes-rich-story-Budget-Reeves-blames-Brexit-Farage-Tories.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Reform UK accused of sowing division in Wales in rowdy TV byelection debate

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 09:05:57 GMT

Party leading latest opinion poll comes under fire for 'weaponising' immigration as candidates in Caerphilly clash Reform UK has been accused of sowing division over immigration in the south Welsh valleys constituency of Caerphilly before next week's crucial Senedd byelection. During a fiery candidates' debate, Nigel F

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2025/oct/16/reform-uk-accused-of-sowing-division-in-wales-in-rowdy-tv-byelection-debate-caerphilly>

## ***Keir Starmer***

No 10 moves to end China spy row – but threat of further fallout lingers

Guardian (UK News) · Wed, 15 Oct 2025 23:00:20 GMT

Questions remain over trial collapse even as publication of key evidence scuppers Tory's main line of attack When Keir Starmer finally read the witness statement from his deputy national security adviser for the trial of two British men accused of spying for China, some of his frustration about the collapse of the case

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2025/oct/16/no-10-moves-to-end-china-spy-row-but-threat-of-further-fallout-lingers>

Why MPs prefer conspiracy theory over cock-up in China spy case row | John Crace

Guardian (Politics) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 14:27:17 GMT

That the government chose a junior minister to answer an urgent question on the matter demonstrated their confidence. It's all as clear as mud. If Keir Starmer thought that releasing the three witness statements of the deputy national security adviser (DNSA), Matthew Collins, late on Wednesday night was going to make th

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2025/oct/16/china-spy-case-row-shows-why-most-mps-prefer-conspiracy-theory-over-cock-up>

No 10 says Badenoch's claim PM should have intervened to stop China spy trial collapsing 'absurd' – UK politics live

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 14:15:36 GMT

Downing Street says had Starmer intervened he would have been interfering in a case related to a previous government. Ward says that "no minister or special adviser played any role in the provision of evidence" under this government. He says he cannot say if that was the case under the last government. There is a lot of

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2025/oct/16/china-spy-case-cps-keir-starmer-uk-politics-latest-news-updates>

Ministers begin charm offensive to win over Labour MPs sceptical of digital ID plans

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 14:14:18 GMT

Party tries to reassure MPs over build and function of the scheme and gather ideas for how it could improve public services. UK politics live – latest updates. Ministers have launched a charm offensive to win over sceptical Labour MPs to back the digital ID scheme, asking MPs to offer ideas about how it could improve pub

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2025/oct/16/ministers-begin-charm-offensive-to-win-over-labour-mps-sceptical-of-digital-id-plans>

MPs to hold inquiry into collapsed China spy case after No 10 publishes key evidence

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 13:43:27 GMT

Labour MP and chair of security committee Matt Western says there are 'a lot of questions yet to be asked'. UK politics live – latest updates. Questions for CPS after No 10 publishes key witness statements in China spy row. MPs will hold an inquiry into the collapse of the case against two men accused of spying for China,

<https://www.theguardian.com/law/2025/oct/16/prosecutions-director-must-explain-why-china-spy-case-was-dropped-says-minister>

UK border chief 'frustrated' at French failure to curb small boat crossings

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 12:23:51 GMT

Martin Hewitt tells MPs 'political instability' is factor in failure to roll out more interventionist tactics. UK politics live – latest updates. The UK's border chief has expressed frustration that the French authorities have not been able to roll out tactics to puncture and disable boats carrying asylum seekers in shal

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2025/oct/16/uk-border-chief-frustrated-at-french-failure-to-curb-small-boat-crossings>

**Keir Starmer** criticises Oxford University for being 'slow' to deal with Pro-Palestine 'hate' student who was suspended and arrested after chanting 'put Zions in the ground'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 12:20:47 GMT

The Metropolitan Police took 20-year-old Samuel Williams into custody yesterday after he was named by the Daily Mail as the student leading the vile anti-Israeli chants.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15198125/Keir-Starmer-criticises-Oxford-University-slow-deal-Pro-Palestine-hate-student-suspended-arrested-chanting-Zios-ground.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15198125/Keir-Starmer-criticises-Oxford-University-slow-deal-Pro-Palestine-hate-student-suspended-arrested-chanting-Zios-ground.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer orders NHS antisemitism review after 'clear cases not dealt with adequately'**

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 12:09:02 GMT

Prime minister also announces £10m funding to provide security for Jewish amenities, including synagogues and schools UK politics live – latest updates Keir Starmer has ordered a review of antisemitism in the NHS, saying “clear cases” are not being dealt with adequately. The prime minister said John Mann, the government

<https://www.theguardian.com/news/2025/oct/16/starmer-orders-nhs-antisemitism-review-after-clear-cases-not-dealt-with>

**MI5 chief 'frustrated' at failure to put men accused of spying for China on trial**

Guardian (Politics) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 12:01:22 GMT

Ken McCallum, the domestic spy chief, says he will 'never back off' from confronting threats from Beijing UK politics live – latest updates The MI5 director general, Ken McCallum, has acknowledged his frustration at the failure to put on trial two Britons who had been accused of spying for China, in an apparent rebuke

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/oct/16/mi5-chief-frustrated-at-failure-to-put-men-accused-of-spying-for-china-on-trial>

**Keir Starmer criticises Oxford University for being 'slow' to deal with Pro-Palestine 'hate' student who was suspended and arrested after chanting 'put Zios in the ground' - Daily Mail**

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 11:45:13 GMT

Keir Starmer criticises Oxford University for being 'slow' to deal with Pro-Palestine 'hate' student who was suspended and arrested after chanting 'put Zios in the ground' &nbsp;&nbsp;  Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMigwJBVV95cUxOdU0tEp2dHRndDdVU1J1aW1mekFsX0t4dktPTjRSei1vbFZLZmw3SXVsa2xzOE1KY0VGMI9yZmVDY19xX25qYU5TNnc3U1dYmV6QW5XR2lVT0FRNmZWbWExVTVzLXFBT2E0NnBLeGd4WjhGelBxYnB1TXg4Sk1CajdrWFotUmY0bnJZLWpNYIRzQ1Z5SVE5X1ZWZjFUOVp3NGdtbGV2VnNaRXFsaEIHSDIOTmRQbmlNTGFDSGdHSIh0V3BkX3l1d1I4VFPd1ZtazFFYURqN3ZvN3Nqa0xDQmJtVHh1czdqZUIzVHA5Ump6UmltTUJ4V3hjcmtabXkwWXpv0GIAkFVX3lxTE1NSIFpR0c5M25jZl9CU2g2eXdfYi1zVE5sbURRTEZkNC1JQV9KWVpqT0kzbUdscVltazB6ZnIFWmhrcno4MHlfejg0cW9XeUVMXBUMW1Mcng0cHo3Umo1NjhSSI9RR2t6WjBEXzNXNEVhTWpEaGwySkdGMmFfc1pCT056S0luRFBPcjIMSzIGZF9uNDdLRUtrCRjdZQVJmSU4xUHdwWWdaUFDkZ0R6d0JiQV9PY3VaVml6YklkWFpyVWFpPaTNCNVjaVRKN2IKWXNRcUtBUGEybVIIVeYOTJGeWhTV3BmbTl5eFVSUjI0EtmS0Rma29FdBua3JPOHc3T3lqNW1tTg?oc=5>

**China spy row: what do the witness statements say and what is their significance?**

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 11:18:45 GMT

Statements are at heart of row about who, if anyone, was to blame for collapse of case against two men accused of spying UK politics live – latest updates On Wednesday night ministers released three witness statements by Matthew Collins, one of the UK's deputy national security advisers, in connection with the failed p

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/oct/16/china-spy-row-what-do-the-witness-statements-say-and-what-is-their-significance>

**Labour ministers met fossil fuel lobbyists 500 times in first year of power, analysis shows**

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 10:50:45 GMT

Lobbyists attended 48% more meetings than Tories, as Labour accused of giving them 'backstage pass' UK politics live – latest updates Government ministers met representatives from the fossil fuel industry more than 500 times during their first year in power – equivalent to twice every working day, according to research

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/oct/16/uk-labour-ministers-fossil-fuel-lobbyists-analysis>

Security adviser made 'independent decision' to use Labour policy in Chinese spy statement

City AM (News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 10:15:30 +0000

A Labour minister has claimed the deputy national security adviser made an 'independent decision' to use what appeared to be the political party manifesto's wording in his witness statement provided to the the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) regarding the alleged collapsed spying case. Cabinet O

<https://www.cityam.com/labour-to-be-grilled-on-manifesto-wording-in-chinese-spy-statement/>

Construction output weakens as gloom persists

City AM (News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 10:01:22 +0000

UK construction output has continued to shrink as companies struggle to build at the pace required by the government's far-reaching housing goals. Output fell 0.3 per cent month on month in August, according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS), with the most pronounced decline in repair and maintenance. "

<https://www.cityam.com/construction-output-weakens-as-gloom-persists/>

Chinese stole state secrets from No.10 for YEARS: Catastrophic blunder heaps fresh pressure on **Starmer** over collapsed spying case - as government releases key documents

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 07:33:33 GMT

Former No 10 aide Dominic Cummings said on Wednesday that the communist superpower stole 'vast amounts' of material, including some with the highest security classification.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15196195/Chinese-stole-secrets-No-10-YEARS-Newly-exposed-outrage-communist-regime-heaps-fresh-pressure-Starmer-collapsed-spying-case.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15196195/Chinese-stole-secrets-No-10-YEARS-Newly-exposed-outrage-communist-regime-heaps-fresh-pressure-Starmer-collapsed-spying-case.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Proposed UK cuts to global aid fund could lead to 300,000 preventable deaths, say charities

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 07:16:04 GMT

Exclusive: 20% reduction in contribution to Aids, TB and malaria funding expected to be announced next month The UK is expected to slash its contribution to a leading aid fund combating preventable diseases, with charities warning this could lead to more than 300,000 otherwise preventable deaths. If confirmed, the anti

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2025/oct/16/proposed-uk-cuts-global-aid-fund-preventable-deaths-charities>

Wage war on nature to build new homes: that's Labour's offer, but it's a con trick | George Monbiot

Guardian (Politics) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 05:00:58 GMT

The government's new planning bill is tearing down environmental protections to benefit developers. This nation of nature lovers won't stand for it Crucial to the government's war on nature is the "cauldron principle". If a species is to be blamed for "holding up development", it must be one you might find in a witch's

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2025/oct/16/labour-england-nature-housing-planning-bill>

## ***Kemi Badenoch***

Voices: 'Fantasy economics': Readers warn of housing chaos if stamp duty is scrapped

Independent (News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 14:27:27 GMT

Our community is divided over Kemi Badenoch's pledge to scrap stamp duty, with one warning it would 'do absolutely nothing for renters or those already priced out'

<https://www.independent.co.uk/money/stamp-duty-reform-budget-tax-housing-market-b2846683.html>

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<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2025/oct/16/china-spy-case-cps-keir-starmer-uk-politics-latest-news-updates>

## **John Swinney**

Artists outside London 'underrepresented on Mercury prize shortlist'

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 13:53:22 GMT

Since 2010, only three winners have not been from London. Previous winners say broader representation is needed Former Mercury prize nominees have said acts outside London are underrepresented in the awards, with 130 more nominees coming from the capital than the next most-shortlisted region over the prize's 34-year hi

<https://www.theguardian.com/music/2025/oct/16/artists-london-mercury-prize-shortlist>

Winner of £6m Omaze mansion FINALLY gets keys - months after mystery complaint

Daily Mirror (News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 13:06:05 +0000

The £6m Omaze mansion in Norfolk had been embroiled in a planning dispute for months after it was discovered that the build deviated from the original construction plans.

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/winner-6m-omaze-mansion-finally-36079276>

## **Ed Davey**

I was a TV heart-throb but became a hopeless cokehead doing EIGHT bags a night. This is how much my addiction really cost me

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 13:32:45 GMT

Over years of cocaine abuse, Bachelorette star Davey Lloyd suffered three drug-induced seizures, the third of which nearly killed him.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15196737/TV-star-Davey-Lloyd-cocaine-addiction.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15196737/TV-star-Davey-Lloyd-cocaine-addiction.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Trump 'OK' with DC statue honoring Civil War leader who fought for slavery: 'Lot of people in this room' agree

Independent (News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 13:30:15 GMT

Trump's administration has pushed for restoring multiple memorials to the pro-slavery leader

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-ballroom-dinner-robert-e-lee-statue-b2846627.html>

Three men charged in connection with rape of woman on Brighton beach

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 13:22:01 GMT

Sussex police commend 'bravery of the victim' after arrest of Iranian national and two Egyptian nationals  
Three men have been charged in connection with the rape of a woman on Brighton beach, Sussex police have said. Officers received a report that a woman had been raped on the lower esplanade in Brighton at about 5am

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2025/oct/16/three-men-charged-in-connection-with-of-woman-on-brighton-beach>

Should Prince Andrew be stripped of his membership of the Order of the Garter? Have your say in the Palace Confidential poll

Daily Mail (Articles) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 06:56:09 +0100

You've read the headlines and heard our experts' opinions - but what do YOU think?

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/royals/article-15193575/Should-Prince-Andrew-stripped-membership-Order-Garter.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/royals/article-15193575/Should-Prince-Andrew-stripped-membership-Order-Garter.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

## **Rhun Ap Iorwerth**

— no mentions today —

## **Mary Lou McDonald**

Donald Trump could give refugee status in US to Brits opposed to immigration

Daily Express (Politics) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 15:20:00 +0100

The US President could prioritise Brits and other Europeans concerned about immigration in an overhaul of the American asylum system.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/2122252/trump-could-give-refugee-status-brits-immigration>

Donald Trump's sick sexist response to woman journalist sparks 'gross' complaints

Daily Mirror (News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 12:59:38 +0000

Grim footage from the White House shows President Donald Trump once again speaking dismissively to a female reporter, refusing to answer her questions while referring to her condescendingly as 'darling'

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/us-news/donald-trumps-sick-sexist-response-36078887>

Donald Trump should love Ken Burns's new documentary

Economist (Latest) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 12:45:37 +0000

It can remind all Americans what ought to unite them, and make them proud

<https://www.economist.com/united-states/2025/10/16/donald-trump-should-love-ken-burnss-new-documentary>

Trump unveils progress on new \$250 million ballroom during lavish White House dinner amid quest to renovate Washington DC

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 12:42:28 GMT

Donald Trump has unveiled progress on his grand new ballroom during a glitzy White House dinner with companies and millionaires helping to fund the project.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15196703/trump-white-house-dinner-ballroom.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15196703/trump-white-house-dinner-ballroom.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Testimony in China spy case 'more than adequate', says ex-CPS head

Financial Times (UK) · Thu, 16 Oct 2025 12:03:16 GMT

Ken Macdonald argues that witness statements drafted for prosecution of two men were enough to be put before a jury

<https://www.ft.com/content/fef3a6ec-6d16-4cdf-8f63-8b1becce418d>

***Gavin Robinson***

— *no mentions today* —