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## ***Nigel Farage***

Couple 'locked vulnerable woman in garage for five years' and 'forced her to eat porridge with dish soap'

Independent (News) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 11:19:15 GMT

The victim lost 50kg and had her bank account and benefits drained during the horrific ordeal in western France

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/france-woman-torture-house-home-porridge-bleach-b2850692.html>

Reform could make massive Welsh breakthrough TODAY as Labour faces collapse in Caerphilly Senedd by-election after controlling area for a CENTURY

Daily Mail (Articles) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 09:20:08 +0100

Nigel Farage's party is leading the race for the Senedd seat of Caerphilly amid signs that Labour's hold over the former industrial heartlands of the South Wales valleys is weakening.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15219373/Reform-Welsh-breakthrough-Labour-collapse-Caerphilly-Senedd.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15219373/Reform-Welsh-breakthrough-Labour-collapse-Caerphilly-Senedd.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

## ***Keir Starmer***

Chaos deepens on Labour's grooming gangs probe as victims demand Jess Phillips quits over 'cover-up' - but others threaten to walk away from advisory panel if minister is ousted

Daily Mail (Articles) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 15:42:45 +0100

Keir Starmer has voiced confidence in the safeguarding minister despite four survivors demanding she is sacked amid 'cover-up' claims.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15220817/Chaos-deepens-Labours-grooming-gangs-probe-victims-demand-Jess-Phillips-quits-cover-threaten-walk-away-advisory-panel-minister-ousted.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15220817/Chaos-deepens-Labours-grooming-gangs-probe-victims-demand-Jess-Phillips-quits-cover-threaten-walk-away-advisory-panel-minister-ousted.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

PM says 'of course' he has faith in Jess Phillips amid grooming gangs inquiry row – UK politics live

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 14:10:44 GMT

The four survivors to quit the inquiry's panel said they would only return if Phillips was removed Rachel Reeves has announced a £500m investment package for new homes and stronger transport links between Oxford and Cambridge as part of a bid to create "Europe's Silicon Valley" in southern England, PA Media reports. PA

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2025/oct/23/jess-phillips-grooming-gangs-inquiry-keir-starmer-labour-uk-politics-latest-news>

Five grooming gang survivors tell PM they will stay on panel only if Jess Phillips remains in post

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 13:57:59 GMT

Exclusive: In fresh controversy, the women write to Keir Starmer and Shabana Mahmood to speak up for safeguarding minister UK politics live – latest updates Five survivors invited on to the child sexual exploitation inquiry panel have written to Keir Starmer and Shabana Mahmood to say they will continue

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<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2025/oct/23/five-grooming-gang-survivors-tell-pm-they-will-stay-on-panel-only-if-jess-phillips-remains-in-post>

MPs demand answers from officials over Prince Andrew's rent-free life in state-owned mansion - as **Keir Starmer** rebuffs calls for Commons to debate scandal-hit royal's conduct

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 13:54:15 GMT

The Public Accounts Committee has written to the Crown Estate and the Treasury demanding information about the deal allowing the King's brother live in Royal Lodge in Windsor.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15220303/No10-refuses-MPs-time-debate-Prince-Andrews-conduct-despite-pressure-Kings-brother-rent-free-mansion-Epstein-friendship.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15220303/No10-refuses-MPs-time-debate-Prince-Andrews-conduct-despite-pressure-Kings-brother-rent-free-mansion-Epstein-friendship.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Downing Street dismisses calls for MPs to be given time to debate Prince Andrew

Independent (News) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 13:51:42 GMT

On Wednesday, Keir Starmer said he would support 'proper scrutiny' of the Crown Estate arrangements

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/prince-andrew-virginia-giuffre-titles-debate-starmer-royal-family-b2850859.html>

**Keir Starmer** backs Jess Phillips amid growing backlash in grooming gangs row

Daily Mirror (News) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 13:36:19 +0000

Children's Minister Josh MacAlister offered a strong defence of Ms Phillips, and insisted his colleague was 'properly engaging' with survivors of the grooming gang scandal

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/jess-phillips-not-resign-over-36117969>

**Starmer** says Channel migrant who returned to the UK will be deported to France AGAIN as he denies his plans are 'in tatters' after Macron 'backed out' of deal to intercept boats

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 13:31:59 GMT

Keir Starmer argued that a migrant who returned to the UK after being deported to France under the 'one in, one out' deal would 'swiftly' be sent there again.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15219171/Starmer-Channel-migrant-plans-France-deal-intercept-boats-UK.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15219171/Starmer-Channel-migrant-plans-France-deal-intercept-boats-UK.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Migrant who returned to Britain after 'one in, one out' deal being 'fast-tracked' back to France, **Starmer** vows

Independent (News) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 13:24:56 GMT

Prime minister says the man's return journey back to UK had been 'completely pointless'

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/migrant-france-one-in-one-out-small-boat-channel-b2850831.html>

France 'may not intervene to reverse small boats in the Channel' in blow to **Starmer's** migration plan

Independent (News) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 13:20:30 GMT

France backing away from commitment to turn back small boats in the Channel, according to reports

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/france-small-boat-migrants-channel-uk-police-b2850683.html>

Prince Andrew latest: William 'taking control' of Palace response to scandal after criticism

Independent (News) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 13:08:39 GMT

Starmer backs calls for King's brother to be hauled in front of MPs to give evidence in parliament



<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMitwFBVV95cUxPWWNFdy1uSTdfUERFUjBmVURfTkPJZWVZS1VrbThwRFZacjQxUHZWLTiHZUfT3FnSS1IdEoxZTVJbDB2ZzN6WmVqSzBPcXhVUEFRc203ZfV5WDYyZDExV2NwSnBIX3R5cWpZVWJZdk9QR0hNdkg0SkxsMEU4WEROMEw4dGc4UC1pQI91WGH1a0JDNTA1MilyYI9ic3pscjBEUmZOQV9qTm80ZU5DMUxENV8xZ1JLRFnSAbwBQVfVfeXFMTm5IY2gwSThRbV94b0FILT0aG1MeEYtb2lVbllxb1VzaVZiUENhaE5nUmtGampfTHUtlWp1dzU0ZWNUrWp0LXZ5T1duWIMxM282eXVYWh5R21kN08wMG1HUUFRNXBjN3NrS2N2YU9odIJ0UDFQY3dEZEFPURiQWJULWVkb0lkbGVycG1CN2cyMHQ3aVNxYk5MNXJ1cnRRSmE3Y2ZHbFFIUC1sbjJ1MDFGSKg3QktGRG94VGk?oc=5>

No 10 denies reports **Starmer** is preparing to miss 2030 clean energy target

Independent (News) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 10:19:21 GMT

The Prime Minister was said to be considering dropping the goal in order to keep energy bills down.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/keir-starmer-government-ed-miliband-prime-minister-tony-blair-institute-b2850784.html>

Is Brexit really to blame for the Chancellor's growth headache?

City AM (News) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 09:00:24 +0000

As the government prepares the public psyche for substantial tax hikes at next month's Budget, the Chancellor has taken a Brexit-shaped risk. Keir Starmer's government has largely opted for caution over talking about relations with the European Union. The Prime Minister has insisted that re-opening the Brexit debate

<https://www.cityam.com/is-brexit-really-to-blame-for-the-chancellors-growth-headache/>

Thames Water ranked worst supplier in England as firms' ratings hit record low

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 08:44:51 GMT

Environment Agency rates eight of nine companies as poor and needing improvement Business live – latest updates UK politics live – latest updates England's water company ratings have fallen to the lowest level on record after sewage pollution last year hit a new peak, with eight of nine water companies rated as poor and

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/oct/23/english-water-ratings-record-low-sewage-pollution>

Jess Phillips has 'full backing' of PM over grooming gangs inquiry, says minister

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 08:03:30 GMT

Children's minister, Josh MacAlister, insists Phillips will remain safeguarding minister as four abuse survivors call for her resignation UK politics live – latest updates A minister has said the government has "full confidence" in Jess Phillips after four abuse survivors called for her resignation as a condition for t

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2025/oct/23/jess-phillips-has-full-backing-of-pm-over-grooming-gangs-inquiry-says-minister>

**Starmer** says Channel migrant who returned to the UK will be deported to France AGAIN as he denies his plans are 'in tatters' after Macron 'backed out' of deal to intercept boats - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 07:05:09 GMT

Starmer says Channel migrant who returned to the UK will be deported to France AGAIN as he denies his plans are 'in tatters' after Macron 'backed out' of deal to intercept boats &nbsp;&nbsp;  Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMitwFBVV95cUxORnJwT1hmckdNX2JLYXJZbDVNTDgxcnhaRWwwYS1VMY1OaUJUIEtPd05jdmhSS1RlaGUwT3ltRTBVb25xQXFCOHZBSFVIRTJub2NGQzF5R2lVRzgwck4tMjI5NmZGRUwXQWdRMGZyTk4zc3ZYVVBHb0xEX1ZfSnAzemd6YjkyRDZYQ0Ffek1HNWU0R291ejI4U1NQUXZ2SVcxY3M1TFIwOHhQSEptdXlZVlVYm1k0UdIBuwFBVV95cUxPWEpDNVocUjBjE5R5Sk1IQ2VhaFpTaHNOQXgtYnI0OU9kTnVWwDhJQXVlQnRGVmhJcEpxSDJhWGJhWTZPdjdMZWYFaNTFES1czVnduU2JCOEVIZ2xVczdsRDZTVXdwOUp0NE5EdnZBaV9oSmdbIb1uR3lrWjRJaDZTdHAYbDc3WVBtSS1ei1FWjlZU0FjZUNLYmG0VUpkX2t5Rkt0dnl2bTNzSmFpWWtBZWWh3NGJROXF6NHdn?oc=5>

Le Farce! Migrant deported to France under **Starmer's** 'one in, one out' deal is back in Britain just 29 days later... on a small boat - as figures show 2025 arrivals ALREADY exceed those for 2024

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 01:02:22 GMT

The Iranian man's second dinghy crossing took place just 29 days after he was kicked out of the country under Sir Keir Starmer's flagship borders policy.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15218153/Migrant-deported-France-Starmer-deal-returns.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15218153/Migrant-deported-France-Starmer-deal-returns.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## **Kemi Badenoch**

— no mentions today —

## **John Swinney**

— no mentions today —

## **Ed Davey**

All change as new King Charles 5p coins enter circulation - ITVX

ITV (Google News) · Wed, 22 Oct 2025 23:04:23 GMT

All change as new King Charles 5p coins enter circulation &nbsp;&nbsp;  ITVX

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMimAFBVV95cUxPTkZ3RUdfTmovaTEyNmIGVGgwMkhWd2YtYXZuNjIDSRYVWJvalliS1k0cFJYenVjdWFnSm5QVGZzTnBxS214VDlaVEJ2NENwYkdINktWeDROMEVfdEFOX1VCZUM0OHA3V01qYVdFSHRBa94d080TlpLdTBZS3RUMGJiek9vZ2dXMFdwRF9Qc1JnQUZtbC0wSA?oc=5>

Soft Cell star Dave Ball dies aged 66 just days after finishing final album with band

Daily Mail (Articles) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 14:59:16 +0100

The electronic musician died on Wednesday, just days after completing the final Soft Cell album, with bandmate Marc Almond describing him as a 'brilliant musical genius'.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15220487/Soft-Cell-star-Dave-Ball-dies-aged-66-just-days-finishing-final-album-band.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15220487/Soft-Cell-star-Dave-Ball-dies-aged-66-just-days-finishing-final-album-band.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

Soft Cell's musical force Dave Ball dies, aged 66

BBC (UK) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 13:16:22 GMT

The musician, best known for Tainted Love and Say Hello, Wave Goodbye, died in his sleep at home.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ckg1rrzn1kwo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ckg1rrzn1kwo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Dave Ball dead: Soft Cell star famed for hit Tainted Love dies after completing album

Daily Mirror (News) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 13:12:25 +0000

Soft Cell star Dave Ball has died at the age of 66, the band has confirmed. The electronic musician died on Wednesday days after completing the band's final album

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/3am/celebrity-news/breaking-dave-ball-dead-soft-36121533>

Dave Ball, synth-pop hitmaker as one half of Soft Cell, dies aged 66

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 13:00:37 GMT

Synth player and producer had huge success with Tainted Love and other Soft Cell hits, and later returned to UK Top 10 with dance project the Grid Dave Ball, who as one half of Soft Cell brought dark, cutting-edge synth-pop to the masses, has died aged 66. Representatives for the musician said he

“passed away peacefully

<https://www.theguardian.com/music/2025/oct/23/dave-ball-hitmaker-as-one-half-of-soft-cell-dies-aged-66>

The Ridge review — a compelling thriller with sublime writing - The Times

The Times (Google) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 12:30:00 GMT

The Ridge review — a compelling thriller with sublime writing &nbsp;&nbsp;  The Times

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMivgFBVV95cUxNZnEzbdhdTBBTnMyWWWhycjYxWjlpd3g4ZHpfUnNjS0N4Q3ZPc1RiMHNidFRHUUZvWG9ITjV1bzZ3Z1BPTzBladAtVE9zeHpHVHIVeG9Vd2didk9URU9BQXJsaENBa1dCSEc0dnBb0dBendacFZSX1V0Vlp3dE9jNU83N1dJUGs5SHpaS05iQnBJMIRvNUMxVi05X2tyV1BtRUVqLU95X0IFUUI1REFKdlV3S3VvaXlzeFMzcXJB?oc=5>

Killer teen who stabbed schoolboy Harvey Willgoose to death had 'long-standing interest in weapons' and carried an axe in his gym bag

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 09:10:42 GMT

Mohammed Umar Khan, 15, stabbed Harvey Willgoose in the heart during a confrontation in front of other pupils during their lunch break at All Saints Catholic High School, Sheffield.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15218405/Killer-teen-stabbed-schoolboy-Harvey-Willgoose.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15218405/Killer-teen-stabbed-schoolboy-Harvey-Willgoose.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

French girl Lola, 12, who was 'raped and murdered by Algerian woman' begged 'please don't hurt me' before she was brutally killed, court hears

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 08:02:22 GMT

Dahbia Benkired, 27, an Algerian migrant living in France , allegedly lured schoolgirl Lola Daviet, 12, into her apartment on October 14, 2022, before sexually assaulting and killing her.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15219213/French-girl-Lola-12-raped-murdered-Algerian-woman-begged-dont-hurt-brutally-killed-court-hears.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15219213/French-girl-Lola-12-raped-murdered-Algerian-woman-begged-dont-hurt-brutally-killed-court-hears.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## ***Rhun Ap Iorwerth***

— no mentions today —

## ***Mary Lou McDonald***

Donald Trump has turned the war on drugs into a real war

Economist (Latest) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 13:11:26 +0000

And Congress needs to block the metaphor before it kills again

<https://www.economist.com/united-states/2025/10/23/donald-trump-has-turned-the-war-on-drugs-into-a-real-war>

Donald Trump has privately admitted Mamdani is ‘unbeatable’ in New York mayoral race, report says

Independent (News) · Thu, 23 Oct 2025 10:29:16 GMT

President is understood to believe there is no path to victory for Andrew Cuomo or Curtis Sliwa as progressive Democrat Zohran Mamdani races ahead in the polls

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-zohran-mamdani-new-york-andrew-cuomo-b2850763.html>

## ***Gavin Robinson***

— no mentions today —

