

# Daily UK Party Leaders Mentions

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## ***Nigel Farage***

Reform isn't ready for government, **Nigel Farage** admits

Independent (News) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 11:56:45 GMT

'We are halfway towards being ready,' Reform UK leader says

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/reform-uk-nigel-farage-bbc-ready-to-rule-b2913614.html>

Armageddon was RIGHT! Simulation confirms we really could nuke an asteroid if it was heading for Earth

Daily Mail (Articles) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 10:34:49 +0000

Armageddon might not have a reputation as a scientifically accurate film. But scientists now say the Hollywood blockbuster got one thing right - we really could nuke an asteroid if it were heading for Earth.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-15526567/Simulation-confirms-nuke-asteroid-Earth.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-15526567/Simulation-confirms-nuke-asteroid-Earth.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

Voters think defections help Reform UK – and harm the Tories

City AM (News) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 06:03:00 +0000

Voters believe that political defections made by the likes of Robert Jenrick and Suella Braverman will help Reform UK in elections – and damage the Conservatives. The latest City AM/Freshwater Strategy poll of UK voters has found that 44 per cent think the recent defections will increase Reform's chances at the next ge

<https://www.cityam.com/voters-think-defections-help-reform-uk-and-harm-the-tories/>

Inside Reform: Laura Kuenssberg follows **Farage's** party as it experiences the glare of scrutiny

BBC (UK) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 05:58:38 GMT

The BBC has spent time interviewing senior figures and witnessing Reform's work at the largest council it runs.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cjdjm1j34gko?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cjdjm1j34gko?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

## ***Keir Starmer***

LIVE: MPs debate Peter Mandelson scandal as Labour MP warns he will rebel against **Starmer**

Daily Mirror (News) · Wed, 4 Feb 2026 13:26:14 +0000

MPs are debating a motion demanding the release of papers on Lord Peter Mandelson's appointment as Britain's Ambassador to the US

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/live-mps-debate-peter-mandelson-36669249>

**Keir Starmer** launches blistering attack on Peter Mandelson - 'he betrayed Britain'

Daily Mirror (News) · Wed, 4 Feb 2026 12:10:29 +0000

Keir Starmer has told PMQs Peter Mandelson betrayed Britain and said he would never have appointed him if he knew what he knows now

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/breaking-keir-starmer-launches-blistering-36668697>

PMQs LIVE: **Keir Starmer** says Peter Mandelson 'lied repeatedly' over Epstein links

Daily Mirror (News) · Wed, 4 Feb 2026 11:48:09 +0000

Keir Starmer faced MPs at Prime Minister's Questions amid mounting pressure over his decision to appoint scandal-hit Peter Mandelson as Britain's Ambassador to the US

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/pmqs-live-keir-starmer-face-36667466>

Mandelson-Epstein latest: **Starmer** admits he knew about peer's ties to Epstein when appointing US ambassador

Independent (News) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 13:43:56 GMT

PM says he 'regrets' appointment Mandelson for ambassador job as Badenoch attacks Starmer's judgement

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/epstein-files-mandelson-latest-starmer-gordon-brown-b2913579.html>

**Starmer** to release files on Mandelson appointment

BBC (Politics) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 13:38:30 GMT

It comes ahead of a Commons vote to disclose documents about the ex-minister's appointment as US ambassador.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/clyw0050p99o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/clyw0050p99o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

**Starmer** at crisis point as Rayner spearheads revolt over Mandelson 'cover-up' - as PM admits he knew of ongoing Epstein ties

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 13:38:15 GMT

At a bruising PMQs, Keir Starmer said the former Cabinet minister would be legally stripped of his 'Lord' title and kicked out of the privy council.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15527303/Starmer-faces-Labour-cover-revolt-says-liar-Mandelson-stripped-title-kicked-privy-council-insists-not-vetting-details-released.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15527303/Starmer-faces-Labour-cover-revolt-says-liar-Mandelson-stripped-title-kicked-privy-council-insists-not-vetting-details-released.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer** admits he knew of Mandelson's enduring links with Epstein – but appointed him ambassador anyway

City AM (News) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 13:37:42 +0000

Sir Keir Starmer has admitted that he knew Peter Mandelson continued a relationship with Jeffrey Epstein after his first conviction before appointing the Labour grandee as UK ambassador to the US. During Prime Minister's Questions, Starmer said he was aware that Mandelson maintained relations with Epstein after his conviction.

<https://www.cityam.com/starmer-admits-he-knew-of-mandelsons-enduring-links-with-epstein-but-appointed-him-ambassador-anyway/>

Epstein files latest: **Starmer** claims Mandelson 'betrayed our country' as political crisis deepens inside Downing Street

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 13:32:35 GMT

LIVE UPDATES: Follow the latest developments of the Epstein files which has prompted one of the biggest political and royal scandals in British history.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15526853/epstein-files-andrew-mandelson-latest-updates.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15526853/epstein-files-andrew-mandelson-latest-updates.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)



Daily Express (Politics) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 12:39:00 +0000

Readers can vote in our poll on whether the PM should resign over the furore

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2166696/poll-keir-starmer-resign-lord-mandelson>

Shabana Mahmood contradicts PM **Keir Starmer's** claim that Brexit is to blame for small boats crisis - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (nigel farage) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 12:29:11 GMT

Shabana Mahmood contradicts PM Keir Starmer's claim that Brexit is to blame for small boats crisis &nbsp;&nbsp;  Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMi0wFBVV95cUxQbFRTYWxETDN1aU1vYIVkbVU1UmVKUjk1S1paTWxKX1piNkItaGsXS0hRZFRMWU9ackw2NmtUWlc3T2NyY29ZeEhBSU11bjM2blhWemZSZHcxeUhuWEFRV0pKX1IEOURFbVZaNIJpUm8yMUIkeHBja2luNHZ3NIhRQWI4U3M4T3M3MDVoWWxXb291aVVuakMxcWJKT0VnRzVvVTNFdW5nTGvJSzlhbkXk0YTA1MDhKSWhFTVNINFEtNzIzM04tLWE1Qnk5VEE2RU1QTF9J0gHYAUfVX3lxTE1CaEFreGNxM0II ZGZ6d2pHeHZCZVBMVnhCNk4ydUJ2Q2IOemVhdF8yZGZPckNBLU8tR1RHeWVIVzdyZWx3eml4UVRMS3ZaX2x3OWRFR0o1TTZtN05tYjdVTFIScFlyXzdnejYyZ3gwOXZMRUtGakpwTXVTMEVBWxhneWRjRiVvY3Y4NIZ3dklyVkgxLUirV19vbl9MaDFEOU5BNjRjUEJyUU9PckNmTW1OZXR2NmDFNTN5MXIEUG5HYIZFZEJabHFLTVBXTG05dmNZSHFleWhmSA?oc=5>

Pressure grows on **Starmer's** chief of staff over Mandelson ambassador appointment

Financial Times (World) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 12:06:31 GMT

Multiple MPs in Labour Party question Morgan McSweeney's judgment as revelations shake Westminster

<https://www.ft.com/content/7a1669c5-4915-49f6-9fa7-583d1385405c>

Panicking **Starmer** faces Labour 'cover-up' claims as he fights to avoid releasing Mandelson papers - with police probing disgraced peer over leaks to 'Russian spy' Epstein

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 12:03:35 GMT

The government has bowed to Tory demands to publish a huge range of material about Lord Mandelson, amid fears of defeat in a Commons vote.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15526601/Starmer-Labour-Epstein-avoid-Mandelson-papers-police-peer-leak-s-Russian-spy.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15526601/Starmer-Labour-Epstein-avoid-Mandelson-papers-police-peer-leak-s-Russian-spy.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Labour MPs boast about axing two-child benefit cap despite alarm over spiralling welfare bill - as Reform MPs 'accidentally' vote with Government

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 11:00:36 GMT

Sir Keir Starmer last night used his huge majority in the House of Commons to move a step closer to scrapping the policy.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15526977/Labour-MPs-boast-axing-two-child-benefit-cap-despite-alarm-spiralling-welfare-bill-Reform-MPs-accidentally-vote-Government.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15526977/Labour-MPs-boast-axing-two-child-benefit-cap-despite-alarm-spiralling-welfare-bill-Reform-MPs-accidentally-vote-Government.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer** orders release of files relating to Mandelson US ambassador decision

Guardian (UK News) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 09:40:39 GMT

Pressure grows on PM over ex-minister's Jeffrey Epstein links as Tories criticise move to withhold some records UK politics live – latest updates Keir Starmer will attempt to get ahead of the widening scandal over Peter Mandelson's conduct with the expected release of files relating to his appointment as Britain's US a

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/feb/04/keir-starmer-release-files-peter-mandelson-us-ambassador-appointment>

**Keir Starmer** told to 'encourage' Peter Mandelson to testify before US Congress after latest Epstein revelations - as former Labour grandee faces police probe

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 09:28:44 GMT

Democratic Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernández said the Prime Minister should tell the former US ambassador to give evidence about the paedophile financier.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15526419/Keir-Starmer-told-encourage-Peter-Mandelson-testify-Jeffrey-Epstein.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15526419/Keir-Starmer-told-encourage-Peter-Mandelson-testify-Jeffrey-Epstein.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Panicking **Starmer** faces Labour 'cover-up' claims as he fights to avoid releasing Mandelson papers - with police probing disgraced peer over leaks to 'Russian spy' Epstein - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 08:50:41 GMT

Panicking Starmer faces Labour 'cover-up' claims as he fights to avoid releasing Mandelson papers - with police probing disgraced peer over leaks to 'Russian spy' Epstein &nbsp;&nbsp;  Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMiygFBVV95cUxOOV9KdTBjZldWYm9uZXNoOWdEYkpqamN4TFN6OFpJbFNtaTRCTmJxbFFWdHc4eEhVZlQzYUIKbUFyUWwla0RvUWFpUVJkOVZyaDNNYWM3OC1hMFRmTWZ0T3ZGMVZzWTVhR2RVVKNiQU4NjZSNVJvcTJ0MTRuZ1FkV290QjB1OG5BSkl6TC1DNlJmdTZ1Z1BqVnJqa3ZITnRbEVVWHJsZC1rY3FyOF9HckRG0Hc1WEJxZTJVeFFaZlBsVi02RjFld1R30gHPAUFX3lxTE1OS1lbVJsm01ZdURFVUwYlWdxYjE2TUxtUVozQ1p0YIFHcFBDRzlnYWV4OURjeDRYUDNYSXRuZ09wVWwlcHkxOWxONlhJY1lpbmdQYzViS0JkdKxnNmITTy1WVFhmSDZ2bzcwaGR1R21JbkhPNzM4a1g4YWY5WkdMNmpBbmwyWEIPdnAydld1RjY3cVNlWVNWaEdCMUdYc2NXb2pEUUVaZU0wY0g4QUUp6TjdKUHEyaXVrRwDSD3NwYkwwLWxrVmxwV2t0WVUtcw?oc=5>

Trump STILL hasn't signed off on **Starmer's** Chagos Islands 'surrender' deal despite transatlantic call to address fears for Diego Garcia military base - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 08:47:00 GMT

Trump STILL hasn't signed off on Starmer's Chagos Islands 'surrender' deal despite transatlantic call to address fears for Diego Garcia military base &nbsp;&nbsp;  Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMipgFBVV95cUxOeEpJNEFrUXU3ZFB1VURBbXFpU1BCSII6T0YyMV9GaG9RQXFVOWx2Uzd0ZVN4Rm9wQmRBUExvaW4zb00yZjllZzlsclXdnMy1hRnJxbDI2Wm4yN2hMTFMTWENxYWxHQnQ5bFFqUWRvSU1GTVIEdkVXMFZkZkU9uZU0bW5CUlJwX1M2ZkRHaDQ1UnZ2Rk1kVTFBV2INVmJsbHRmZGIzaDBB0gGrAUFVX3lxTE9Gbl85bW9XZ3ZmWlQxaG41S2hNTmMtQUpveC1JRG1xTDdKd3l5QjFGWktzejrjVVBZL3d0azc0cnJSWIBOc0prZ0w4V0VuZTJobC1qZVU3VnpESGtYc2NQMVQxVmV2UE9rWE5za1N1WWVDaEhqeVNCeU41VlVnSS1eHRVdGJrSmhhNDV1TnVWVFFvelotQjVYTIR5cTBmZXJjRWRHVHlOLUdnbw?oc=5>

**Keir Starmer** told to 'encourage' Peter Mandelson to testify before US Congress after latest Epstein revelations - as former Labour grandee faces police probe - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 08:46:21 GMT

Keir Starmer told to 'encourage' Peter Mandelson to testify before US Congress after latest Epstein revelations - as former Labour grandee faces police probe &nbsp;&nbsp;  Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMivwFBVV95cUxOcG8tcTJEUKUyVmhiX0RVcEhuVVIYaXJqQm5scmtfQzBkeWVvX3BiMmhzbjFwTE5XdENFRlILTf5d2Q4TWttMIJb1hYOFVDWUJfahKd1lxYWt4eXRxUGRZd2NKZ3docWhzajB2NW0zeGp0bENHaGRlM3Fka0lvaXBHRUxtYi01aGxQQVREaG5uM1IOZEhuT3BnRGJU03BPM1c1OVRcy3dWRjVESmp4ZkxXMEVIMHc0TXl6ZnZxWdIBxAFBVV95cUxPcm1uSE5YRnBIX2ppN21maU1vX2k5STVTRW1HTW5CZ0tFaUoxZ3dBNHQ1STVPYmoxYnZueTFvZ3QyQ1VWNk9jY3FseVlhVk1Cdy1Zcm94c2pUTGxibFN3b1ZNUi1WQ2FvMwVqMzVINE5PaFI0Szh3ekhDOFIMWWRSDROeXgtSVY4d2VXSDVHTXp4VFNUVzNGdUxZ2TAtN0dYNXg4SmQ4Tnd6WEtySVNMSldPWTctNU0NFV2cGJaU1Fuc0RP?oc=5>

If Reform ever wins power in Westminster, it will be because of Labour's cowardice | George Monbiot

Guardian (Politics) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 08:00:37 GMT

Starmer could improve our unfair electoral system to stop the hard right, but he won't. All the party has left are threats about 'splitting the vote' Don't let the Labour party say one more word about "splitting the vote",

in the forthcoming byelection or at any other time. With proportional representation, no one would

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/feb/04/labour-reform-greens-splitting-vote-unfair-electoral-system>

Chris Mason: Mandelson revelations a scandal on another level

BBC (UK) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 02:14:20 GMT

Sir Keir Starmer's decision to send Lord Mandelson to Washington a year ago gives this row political salience, the BBC's political editor writes.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ce8erj6z8x5o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ce8erj6z8x5o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

EDEN CONFIDENTIAL: Labour peer who lied about PhD leaves role at university

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 01:06:04 GMT

Catapulted into the House of Lords as one of 25 Labour peers nominated by Sir Keir Starmer, Dame Ann Limb has become the subject of great fascination since it emerged that she has lied for decades.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-15525019/EDEN-CONFIDENTIAL-Labour-peer-lied-PhD-leaves-role-university.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-15525019/EDEN-CONFIDENTIAL-Labour-peer-lied-PhD-leaves-role-university.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer** urged to take charge of courts crisis with system 'on brink of collapse'

Independent (Politics) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 00:01:00 GMT

Sir Brian Leveson, who was appointed by the government to conduct an independent review of the courts system, has urged the government to adopt his ideas in full

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/courts-keir-starmer-brian-leveson-police-cps-b2913389.html>

## ***Kemi Badenoch***

Mandelson-Epstein latest: Starmer admits he knew about peer's ties to Epstein when appointing US ambassador

Independent (News) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 13:43:56 GMT

PM says he 'regrets' appointment Mandelson for ambassador job as Badenoch attacks Starmer's judgement

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/epstein-files-mandelson-latest-starmer-gordon-brown-b2913579.html>

PM could face Commons vote forcing him to publish details of exactly what he knew about Mandelson and Epstein's relationship

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 02:59:39 GMT

Kemi Badenoch will force a Commons vote this afternoon that could require Downing Street to release details of the vetting material provided to the Prime Minister.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15525485/PM-face-Commons-vote-details-Mandelson-Epstein.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15525485/PM-face-Commons-vote-details-Mandelson-Epstein.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## ***John Swinney***

— no mentions today —

## ***Ed Davey***

Disturbing truth about Joe Rogan's favorite doctor: Read vile Epstein emails in full... as CBS guru's unforgivable betrayal of gravely sick son is exposed

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 12:57:02 GMT

One of Joe Rogan's most trusted medical gurus, the longevity doctor praised as a 'handsome, sneaky genius', has been humiliated.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15521003/joe-rogan-doctor-Peter-Attia-epstein.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15521003/joe-rogan-doctor-Peter-Attia-epstein.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Overpayment trick that can save you an astonishing £42,000 on your mortgage - and why NOW is the time you must do it

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 09:51:17 GMT

Millions of homeowners could take advantage of a savvy trick to free themselves of their mortgage years early and slash the amount of interest they pay.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/mortgageshome/article-15525109/Overpayment-trick-save-you-astonishing-42-000-mortgage-time-you-it.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/mortgageshome/article-15525109/Overpayment-trick-save-you-astonishing-42-000-mortgage-time-you-it.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## ***Rhun Ap Iorwerth***

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## ***Mary Lou McDonald***

Donald Trump unveils new rendering of 'magnificent' \$300m White House East Wing as he touts future ballroom

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 04 Feb 2026 02:06:27 GMT

The president showed off what the finished \$300million product will look like in a rendering from the point of view of the Treasury Building across the street on his Truth Social page.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15525573/Trump-new-rendering-White-House-ballroom.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15525573/Trump-new-rendering-White-House-ballroom.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## ***Gavin Robinson***

— no mentions today —