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## **Nigel Farage**

ANDREW PIERCE: Zahawi said he'd be a Tory until he died. So why has he ended up with **Farage**? The answer tells you everything about the Tories' decline

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 10:55:21 GMT

The defection of Nadhim Zahawi from the Conservative Party to Reform UK is one of the most significant since Nigel Farage took over Reform.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15459105/Video-ANDREW-PIERCE-Zahawi-said-hed-Tory-died-ended-Farage-answer-tells-you-Tories-decline.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15459105/Video-ANDREW-PIERCE-Zahawi-said-hed-Tory-died-ended-Farage-answer-tells-you-Tories-decline.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Nadhim Zahawi joining Reform shrinks the **Farage** 'fear' factor

Financial Times (World) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 09:30:02 GMT

Defection helps rightwing party by making it less scary and more viable in era of bloc-based politics

<https://www.ft.com/content/6a9c795d-849f-4ad7-846e-09a623d6911d>

Reform take their biggest Tory scalp: Conservatives say ex-chancellor only defected after 'begging' in vain for peerage

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 03:09:13 GMT

In a move that took Westminster by surprise, Nadhim Zahawi announced that Britain needs Nigel Farage as PM - despite previously branding him 'racist'.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15457835/Reform-Tory-scalp-Conservatives-chancellor.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15457835/Reform-Tory-scalp-Conservatives-chancellor.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Nigel Farage** hails 'freedom fighters' as he joins protest against Iranian regime outside embassy - while death toll from demonstrations in the Islamic Republic continues to rise

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 02:04:18 GMT

The leader of Reform was spotted speaking at the demonstration outside the embassy earlier today to cheers from crowds of people.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15457085/Nigel-Farage-hails-freedom-fighters-protest-Iranian-regime.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15457085/Nigel-Farage-hails-freedom-fighters-protest-Iranian-regime.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## **Keir Starmer**

Andy Burnham piles pressure on Rachel Reeves to 'rebalance' taxes on the high street after Chancellor refuses to extend rate bail out beyond pubs despite fear of mass closures

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 13:45:38 GMT

The Greater Manchester mayor, a former Cabinet minister and possible challenger to Keir Starmer, said changes were needed as part of wider reform that includes revaluing council tax.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15459541/Andy-Burnham-Rachel-Reeves-rebalance-taxes-high-street.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15459541/Andy-Burnham-Rachel-Reeves-rebalance-taxes-high-street.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Wes Streeting begs **Keir Starmer** to stop u-turning - just as PM prepares 13th u-turn

Daily Express (Politics) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 13:44:00 +0000

The Health Secretary has said the government must stop flip-flopping in a swipe at Keir Starmer.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2157198/wes-streeting-keir-starmer-urns>

HMRC admits 71% wrongly targeted in child benefit fraud crackdown

Guardian (UK News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 13:39:05 GMT

Select committee chair accuses UK tax authority of 'egregious error' and of causing parents unnecessary 'pain' UK politics live – latest updates Seven in 10 parents who had child benefit suspended in an HMRC fraud crackdown last year were in fact legitimate beneficiaries who had not emigrated, the tax authority has rev

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2026/jan/13/hmrc-wrongly-targeted-child-benefit-crackdown>

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<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2026/jan/13/uk-politics-latest-news-labour-conservatives-keir-starmer>

Send army into Tunbridge Wells to fix water crisis, **Starmer** told

Independent (News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 13:25:07 GMT

It is the second time in two months that Tunbridge Wells has been affected by outages

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/water-shortages-crisis-kent-sussex-starmer-b2899340.html>

Vast majority of Brits expect more damaging tax hikes in 2026

City AM (News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 12:58:10 +0000

Nearly four in five Brits are bracing themselves for further tax rises this year, with voters fearing that more money going into government coffers will damage growth.&#160; Keir Starmer has kicked off the year with pitches on improving the cost of living for millions of people across the country.&#160; Extra welfare p

<https://www.cityam.com/vast-majority-of-brits-expect-more-damaging-tax-hikes-in-2026/>

Wes Streeting comes out to bat for the blob against **Starmer** allies inside LABOUR with blast at ex-No10 aide who accused Whitehall of frustrating plans for change

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 12:42:22 GMT

The Health Secretary warned his own party not to 'parrot' arguments made by the Tories and Reform about 'stakeholder capture'.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15458865/Wes-Streeting-comes-bat-blob-against-Starmer-allies-LABOUR.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15458865/Wes-Streeting-comes-bat-blob-against-Starmer-allies-LABOUR.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

'Weak' **Keir Starmer** savaged over Chinese 'spy hub' in the heart of London

Daily Express (Politics) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 12:23:00 +0000

The PM is facing a wave of criticism over plans which appear to allow for "secret rooms" beneath a new Chinese "super embassy" in the heart of the capital.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/2157144/weak-keir-starmer-savaged-chinese>

**Starmer** signals tougher stance on children's social media access

Financial Times (World) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 12:00:04 GMT

Prime minister tells Labour MPs he is watching impact of Australia's ban

<https://www.ft.com/content/d0d239f5-44cd-4c78-be08-ce55670e7808>

**Keir Starmer** tells MPs he is open to social media ban for young people

Guardian (UK News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 12:00:00 GMT

PM says he is alarmed at reports about children's screen time and has shifted position on Australian-style policy UK politics live – latest updates Keir Starmer has told MPs he is open to the idea of an Australian-style ban on social media for young people after becoming concerned about the amount of time children and

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/13/keir-starmer-tells-mps-he-is-open-to-australian-style-social-media-ban>

Labour MPs call for planned Chinese 'mega-embassy' in London to be axed

Independent (News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 11:27:49 GMT

Sir Keir Starmer is reportedly set to approve the proposal ahead of his trip to China

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/keir-starmer-china-embassy-plans-london-mps-b2899326.html>

Wes Streeting attacks centre-left for 'excuses culture' of blaming civil service

Guardian (UK News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 11:24:40 GMT

In remarks that will be seen as criticism of Starmer allies, health secretary says own side are helping right 'roll the pitch' UK politics live – latest updates Wes Streeting has criticised the centre-left of politics for an "excuses culture" which blames Whitehall and stakeholders for the slow pace of change, saying p

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/13/wes-streeting-excuses-culture-blaming-civil-service>

Has **Keir Starmer** quietly quit X? PM hasn't tweeted in nearly a week since row erupted over Elon Musk's Grok creating sexualised images of children

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 10:35:32 GMT

The Prime Minister hasn't posted on the social media platform in nearly a week, since 8 January, leading to speculation he might be deliberately snubbing the site.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15459023/Has-Keir-Starmer-quietly-quit-X-PM-tweeted-nearly-week-row-erupted-Elon-Musks-Grok-creating-sexualised-images-children.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15459023/Has-Keir-Starmer-quietly-quit-X-PM-tweeted-nearly-week-row-erupted-Elon-Musks-Grok-creating-sexualised-images-children.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Chinese embassy to get green light despite 'threat to City'

City AM (News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 10:13:09 +0000

The new Chinese embassy in London is set to get the green light from Keir Starmer this week, according to reports, amid fresh questions around security concerns were raised on Monday night. The new mega embassy at the Royal Mint Court near the City of London is expected to get the Prime Minister's sign-off ahead [...]

<https://www.cityam.com/chinese-embassy-to-get-green-light-despite-fresh-scrutiny/>

Labour MPs pour new pressure on **Keir Starmer** to block new Chinese mega-embassy in London amid claims PM will approve controversial building in sensitive location this week

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 09:56:45 GMT

The MPs, including Sarah Champion - who is a member of parliament's Joint Committee on the National Security Strategy, said concerns about the proposal are 'significant and unresolved'.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15458763/Labour-MPs-pressure-Keir-Starmer-block-new-Chinese-mega-em-bassy-London.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15458763/Labour-MPs-pressure-Keir-Starmer-block-new-Chinese-mega-em-bassy-London.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

### **Starmer jokes 'lookalike' IKEA worker should stand in for him at Prime Minister's Questions**

Independent (News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 09:38:59 GMT

Sir Keir Starmer joked with an IKEA worker that he should stand in for him at Prime Minister's Questions on Wednesday.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/tv/news/keir-starmer-lookalike-video-ikea-pmq-b2899395.html>

When crowds direct offensive chants at **Keir Starmer**, who's to blame? I'm afraid he is | Jonathan Liew

Guardian (Politics) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 06:00:25 GMT

The PM's technocrat tendencies and lack of obvious backbone make him a target for amorphous rage  
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<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/13/crowds-offensive-chants-keir-starmer>

### **X could 'lose right to self regulate', says Starmer**

BBC (UK) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 03:34:43 GMT

It is currently illegal to share deepfakes, but the law against creating them has not yet come into force.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cq845glnvl1o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cq845glnvl1o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

**Starmer** warns Elon Musk if he cannot control nude deepfakes then 'we will' after AI chatbot Grok was used to 'undress' women and children

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 02:53:58 GMT

Keir Starmer last night warned Elon Musk to shut down an AI tool allowing users to create 'disgusting' images on his social media site, saying: 'If X cannot control Grok, we will.'

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15457829/Starmer-warns-Elon-Musk-control-nude-deepfakes-AI-chatbot-Grok-used-undress-women-children.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15457829/Starmer-warns-Elon-Musk-control-nude-deepfakes-AI-chatbot-Grok-used-undress-women-children.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Labour's housebuilding failures laid bare: New build construction plummets under Sir **Keir Starmer** - as London developments fall more than half in a year

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 01:23:29 GMT

Sir Keir Starmer has 'close to zero' chance of hitting his housebuilding targets, it was claimed today, as analysis of official figures revealed construction has plummeted nationwide under Labour's watch.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15456059/labour-house-building-failures-crashes-sir-keir-starmer.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15456059/labour-house-building-failures-crashes-sir-keir-starmer.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## ***Kemi Badenoch***

Reform drops to lowest popularity with voters in eight months amid new year poll surge in support for **Kemi Badenoch's** Tories

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 12:40:25 GMT

Reform is on 24 per cent, down two points in a week and four points ahead of the resurgent Conservatives(+2), a survey by YouGov revealed today.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15459371/Reform-drops-lowest-popularity-voters-eight-months.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15459371/Reform-drops-lowest-popularity-voters-eight-months.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMiqAFBVV95cUxNRUtlcEl3Y2hYkVXQ0l3cm5Qb2taa0pldTBIrWtic2pqQzRJVBHBMajF2ZVpfZHpKeXdSMTBSdldSSkFwa1htOXg1QmtkRGdLYUFYdXFPTUh3aVtSjBEeTI0ZVhYQ1pXUW5jRTQ3TGktR2pJR2lvNi1RRHITRUdBdDNDbXY4YWROb0s1ZFc0c0d6dGxXckV6OV05NFM1bJ0MmJCN09oRG3SAa4BQVVfeXFMT1pqb2lnSGRmb3plaEVEbjUyM25IOVZHBhFhVYng5LTNScFRmZ3RFS19OZWdoZjliLTBidUN1UkRZYUVpUzZLY0JqLUJpVnFuUkstUVlvRUNvN2VxTy1iZkR0SXl2Zy1TdEVKUjZCcnN6ZjZZZTllcEY5eWRZaktndGZVTU5nTDfXLWVVVGxCMtDoTExKRTdINDQ5R05HbTVvX2p2bWtzNzFOX09DRkRn?oc=5>

## John Swinney

Give us a break, First Minister! **Swinney** urged to ease tax burden on hard working Scots ahead of budget

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 00:38:20 GMT

Pressure is growing on SNP ministers to give Scots a much-needed break from the strain on their finances by reducing the tax burden in today's Budget.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15457185/Give-break-Minister-Swinney-urged-ease-tax-burden-hard-working-Scots-ahead-budget.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15457185/Give-break-Minister-Swinney-urged-ease-tax-burden-hard-working-Scots-ahead-budget.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2026/jan/13/uk-politics-latest-news-labour-conservatives-keir-starmer>

How you can earn £10,000 from cashback: The deals that give you free cash on shopping and investments - and ones that could COST you money

Daily Mail (Articles) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 13:36:28 +0000

Cashback can be lucrative but others are poor deals and could even leave you out of pocket. We sort through the best cashback offers out there.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/saving/article-15456845/truth-cashback-offers-deals-net-you-10000-ultimat-guide.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/saving/article-15456845/truth-cashback-offers-deals-net-you-10000-ultimat-guide.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

**Ed Davey:** Scrap US-pharma deal to fund NHS and social care | ITV News - ITVX

ITV (Google News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 11:53:23 GMT

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMimAFBVV95cUxQc3dlSTBBOW1YYkFTdTRJNWdydl85eDJGT3ZDaDVBMzBnS01OVG1yUF84dHJCa1ZobllnUWlQSnrYzc1NnhBVfJYejNLR29lNm5ObXVCRnhONEsyUmwXUihuWHFIZmJs bzhIUkFzLUFMU3F2aW5Ta2pXY3QzSE93cHdZSjd0S2NvTEFpV1EzdXUxdXdwkdaaw?oc=5>

Lib Dems set out plan to end 12-hour A&E waits

BBC (UK) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 11:39:46 GMT

Party leader Ed Davey calls for £1.5bn to be spent on ending a "deadly corridor crisis" in the NHS.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cj0nmj8r6g6o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cj0nmj8r6g6o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Guinness and Johnnie Walker owner Diageo 'could sell Chinese assets'

Guardian (UK News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 11:17:49 GMT

Reported move would be part of new CEO Dave Lewis's streamlining of world's largest spirits maker  
Business live – latest updates Diageo's new boss, Dave Lewis, has barely started in the role, and the maker of Guinness and Johnnie Walker is already reportedly considering selling off its Chinese assets to trim down its p

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2026/jan/13/guinness-johnnie-walker-diageo-sell-chinese-assets-dave-lewis>

World's biggest iceberg turns BLUE as it rapidly heads towards complete disintegration in South Atlantic 'graveyard'

Daily Mail (Articles) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 10:46:54 +0000

The world's biggest iceberg has turned bright blue, as scientists warn this transformation heralds its imminent disintegration.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-15458743/Worlds-biggest-iceberg-turns-BLUE.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-15458743/Worlds-biggest-iceberg-turns-BLUE.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

Moment shameless paedophile 'tries to groom police officers' and goads them to 'keep digging' after being arrested for targeting dozens of boys

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 07:03:42 GMT

Jay Lang, 24, of Canvey Island, Essex, got dozens of young boys to send him indecent pictures of themselves, before blackmailing them into sending more explicit images or cash.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15456469/Moment-shameless-paedophile-tries-groom-police.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15456469/Moment-shameless-paedophile-tries-groom-police.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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## ***Mary Lou McDonald***

Wanted man gets stuck on garden shed roof while fleeing police

Independent (News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 13:53:14 GMT

A wanted man got stuck on a shed roof after he tried to evade capture by police.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/tv/news/police-chase-shed-roof-video-b2899607.html>

Rogue roofer who ran over and killed woman on golf course during police chase jailed

Independent (News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 13:48:27 GMT

John McDonald sentenced to 13-and-a-half years in prison for killing mother-of-three

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/john-mcdonald-suzanne-cherry-death-golf-course-b2899597.html>

Cowboy roofer who killed mother of three playing golf with her husband after 70mph police chase is jailed for 13 years

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 13:44:15 GMT

John McDonald, 52, drove 'recklessly without a care for anyone' on the wrong side of the road and ramming police before trying to escape through the golf course.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15459159/Cowboy-roofer-killed-mother-three-playing-golf-husband-jailed-13-years.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15459159/Cowboy-roofer-killed-mother-three-playing-golf-husband-jailed-13-years.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Rogue roofer jailed for killing mum on golf course during police chase

Daily Mirror (News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 12:43:41 +0000

John McDonald, 52, admitted causing the death by dangerous driving of Suzanne Cherry, 62, with his van having ploughed into her during a place chase at a Staffordshire golf course

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/breaking-roofer-jailed-killing-36543557>

Global central banks offer 'full solidarity' to US Fed's Powell amid Trump threats

Guardian (UK News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 12:15:52 GMT

Nine governors including Bank of England's Andrew Bailey and ECB's Christine Lagarde say independence is critical Business live – latest updates Global central banks have issued an extraordinary joint statement offering “full solidarity” to the US Federal Reserve chair, Jerome Powell, in the face of the latest threat t

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2026/jan/13/central-banks-us-fed-powell-trump-bank-of-england-ecb>

Donald Trump has surprise phone call with Elizabeth Warren after she challenged him... as senator reveals details of their chat

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 04:23:21 GMT

Donald Trump called Elizabeth Warren Monday for a surprisingly friendly chat about lower costs for working class Americans.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15457689/Donald-Trump-phone-call-Elizabeth-Warren.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15457689/Donald-Trump-phone-call-Elizabeth-Warren.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Gavin Robinson**

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