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Nigel Farage

Reform UK announces MORE defections as **Nigel Farage** welcomes a slew of new councillors including an ex-BBC reporter, an Iraqi hostage, and a switcher from the Greens

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 11:15:55 GMT

In a strengthening of its presence in local government, Reform unveiled new recruits across a string of councils.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462591/Reform-UK-announces-defections-Nigel-Farage-welcomes-slew-new-councillors-including-ex-BBC-reporter-Iraqi-hostage-switcher-Greens.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Nigel Farage says £400,000-a-year water chief must go as 23,000 homes in Kent and Sussex remain without supply

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 09:48:07 GMT

Nigel Farage says the boss of South East Water must step down as 23,000 homes begin their fifth day without a supply.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462095/Farage-says-water-chief-Kent-Sussex-supply.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Nigel Farage says £400,000-a-year water chief must go as 23,000 homes in Kent and Sussex remain without supply - Daily Mail

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMingFBVV95cUxNM3VFdHhMSFYzcThDdkZ6NGtWUXJkcjRwYXR2RWpIN1VobjFReDk3WFVYTUcwElqNFNHWGphb0xxeERsX05KbXdQWGxsLTRPwKGREw0NWVNby1wVGdEcnZ3eWF1ZDJHvXdROV9RFhoZW5ENmxnV1ZPR1RvbHE2X2xYak9BamswbUo0UkcyatHkdHdwclJ5ZFhQUFFZd9IBowFBVV95cUxPcHFCTUFPQTFFQWI2U2pPaGM4cGtJTzhyU2NkekIIMVFfdklUcF9pR1hNTGpZT09WZlcwM2piclAzSENVS0FLZHhOM1ZEN3pzXzctdEN2cUJkVVVaRTlwUUxiZThWS2VmIVo4QWN1QVAwVEMwQUFYd3RhS3B5bW5DNHRzJNDTHNhWV9lbldvUUvxai16YUlldW81OFNheGN3TWZr?oc=5>

Labour and the Tories are banking on a return to the 'old normal'. That's not what voters want | Rafael Behr

Guardian (Politics) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 06:00:17 GMT

An economic recovery could still change the parties' fortunes. But the days when only two parties were licensed to supply Britain with prime ministers are gone Unpopular politicians take consolation in the thought that opinion polls are sometimes wrong and often describe the wrong thing. They capture the moment but don

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/14/labour-tories-old-normal-voters>

The City has moved on from Brexit

City AM (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 04:55:00 +0000

Whisper it, but Brexit is slowly inserting itself back into our national conversation. We remain, thankfully, a long way from the frenzied tribalism of the referendum campaign or the energy-sapping parliamentary drama that followed, but while these days Nigel Farage may be more interested in small boats than backstops,

<https://www.cityam.com/the-city-has-moved-on-from-brexit/>

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Watchdog to criticise West Midlands police over Maccabi Tel Aviv ban

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<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2026/jan/14/watchdog-to-criticise-west-midlands-police-over-maccabi-tel-aviv-ban>

PMQs live: **Starmer** branded ‘shambolic’ over another U-turn on plans for digital IDs

Independent (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 10:54:44 GMT

Dame Patel branded the plans a ‘failed project from the outset’

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/starmer-labour-digital-id-reeves-pmqslatest-news-b2900172.html>

Furious Labour MPs 'won't support **Keir Starmer** again' after digital ID U-turn

Daily Express (Politics) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 10:49:00 +0000

Backbenchers sick of being told to support a policy only for No 10 to change its mind and leave them 'looking really stupid'

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2157569/furious-labour-mps-wont-support>

Reeves plays down digital ID U-turn as Tories and Lib Dems criticise PM's ‘spinelessness’ – UK politics live

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Starmer's digital ID U-turn shows a prime minister in survival mode

Independent (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 10:27:32 GMT

By watering down his plans to make digital ID compulsory in yet another policy U-turn, the prime minister is showing that he's lost control of his government's agenda, writes political editor David Maddox

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/keir-starmer-u-turn-digital-id-labour-b2900161.html>

X's Grok AI 'won't produce sexualised images of women and children' - but will still put men in bikinis - as Elon Musk blinks first in clash with **Keir Starmer**

Daily Mail (Articles) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 10:22:21 +0000

After the Prime Minister demanded the US tech billionaire to act to stem the creation of deepfakes, the social media tool last night began refusing to comply with user requests.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462493/Xs-Grok-AI-deepfakes-Elon-Musk-blanks-Keir-Starmer.html?ns_mc_hannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490

Starmer under fire over humiliating digital ID U-turn as Labour peer says he's 'disappointed but not surprised'

Independent (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 10:20:16 GMT

Former Labour home secretary Lord Blunkett says scheme was doomed to 'run into the sand' because PM 'failed to make the case' for it

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/digital-id-labour-starmer-david-blunkett-b2900219.html>

Starmer to U-turn on mandatory digital ID

City AM (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 10:05:50 +0000

Sir Keir Starmer is expected to perform another U-turn by scrapping plans to make a national digital ID compulsory for all Brits. After backtracking on a number of policies, from the farm tax to the end of winter fuel payments, the Prime Minister is set to reveal that the government will no longer make all [...]

<https://www.cityam.com/starmer-to-u-turn-on-mandatory-digital-id/>

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Digital ID should aim to win public support, not force it

Financial Times (World) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 09:45:10 GMT

Keir Starmer irked his MPs last year by framing move as means to tackle illegal working

<https://www.ft.com/content/c1ee4616-48fd-46f6-bb15-cd9c918399fb>

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Right to work can be proved using digital ID card, e-visa or e-passport, in change to policy government insists is not a U-turn UK politics live – latest updates The chancellor has insisted she is "pretty relaxed" about what form of digital ID people use to prove their right to work in the UK, amid criticism of the gov

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/14/chancellor-relaxed-digital-identification-id-cards-workers>

DANIEL HANNAN: **Starmer**'s threat to ban Elon Musk's X isn't really about Grok Photoshopping people into bikinis. It's a slide into censorship - this is why it would be a disaster for Britain

Daily Mail (Articles) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 09:06:25 +0000

I can scarcely believe that I am writing these words, writes DANIEL HANNAN, but the Government seems to be moving towards a ban on X.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15460685/DANIEL-HANNAN-Starmer-ban-Elon-Musk-X-Grok-censorship-disaster-Britain.html?ns_mcchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490

All the Labour U-turns – from tractor tax to winter fuel – as compulsory digital ID plan axed

Independent (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 08:27:56 GMT

The Independent looks at all the times Keir Starmer has U-turned on his promises since taking office

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/labour-u-turn-keir-starmer-digital-id-pubs-benefits-welfare-b2900123.html>

'We look stupid': Furious Labour MPs hammer **Starmer** after latest shambolic U-turn on ID cards - as desperate PM turns to Lord Hermer in bid to cool mutiny

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 08:11:38 GMT

Keir Starmer has humiliatingly dropped his flagship plans to make digital ID cards mandatory for right to work checks.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462229/Labour-MPs-Starmer-ID-cards-desperate-PM-mutiny.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Starmer is branded 'Peking's poodle': Backlash from all sides as PM prepares to approve China's mega embassy

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 07:54:09 GMT

The Prime Minister was accused of planning a 'craven kowtow' to the Chinese in return for new trade and investment deals to boost Britain's flagging economy.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15461215/Starmer-branded-Pekings-poodle-Backlash-PM-approve-China-mega-embassy.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Wes Streeting asks US expert Jonathan Haidt to address officials on social media ban for under-16s

Guardian (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 07:00:19 GMT

Exclusive: Health secretary issues invitation in push for UK to consider copying landmark restrictions in Australia Wes Streeting has asked Jonathan Haidt, a bestselling author and high-profile advocate of banning social media for under-16s, to speak to his officials in his push for the UK to consider following a landm

<https://www.theguardian.com/media/2026/jan/14/wes-streeting-asks-expert-jonathan-haidt-address-officials-social-media-ban-for-under-16s>

'Ambition and delivery are not aligned' – **Starmer**'s AI Action Plan, one year on

City AM (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 05:52:00 +0000

Exactly a year ago, Keir Starmer, with the help of Matt Clifford, promised to “mainline AI into the veins” of the UK’s economy. The so-called AI Opportunities Action Plan, a 50-point blueprint unveiled in January 2025, was meant to turn that rhetoric into results, placing the UK on equal footings with

<https://www.cityam.com/ambition-and-delivery-are-not-aligned-starmers-ai-action-plan-one-year-on/>

Could Kemi Badenoch be our next Prime Minister?

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Labour is leading Britain on an economic death march

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Keir Starmer's premiership looks to be over but, unlike great Labour leaders of the past, none of his possible replacements has a vision for growth, says Paul Ormerod To all intents and purposes, an election campaign for the position of leader of the Labour Party is currently underway. In fact, it has been for so

<https://www.cityam.com/labour-is-leading-britain-on-an-economic-death-march/>

Streeting blasts **Starmer** over Labour U-turns - but did he get a heads up on the PM's latest flip-flop?

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 03:02:37 GMT

The Health Secretary, who is widely tipped as a potential successor to Sir Keir, also appeared to criticise the PM for complaining that it is too hard to get things done in Government.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15461163/Streeting-Starmer-Labour-U-turn-PMs-latest-flip-flop.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Chris Mason: The climbdowns stack up for **Starmer** with digital ID U-turn

BBC (UK) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 01:11:08 GMT

The government dropping the digital ID scheme's mandatory element is another climbdown for Downing Street, writes the BBC's political editor.

https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c14regjvk6no?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss

Attorney General facing backlash over claims he lobbies **Keir Starmer** in the No 10 flat to water down policies that would curb human rights

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 00:38:17 GMT

Ministers have voiced frustration that Lord Hermer is exploiting his close personal friendship with Keir Starmer to bypass normal Cabinet government.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15460477/Attorney-General-facing-backlash-claims-lobbies-Keir-Starmer-No-10-flat-water-policies-curb-human-rights.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Keir Starmer 'will accept offer' to sit on Donald Trump's board to run Gaza - as Tony Blair is sidelined

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 00:31:31 GMT

As part of his 20-point peace plan for the Middle East, Mr Trump has proposed a new international transitional body to oversee the redevelopment of Gaza.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15460571/Keir-Starmer-accept-offer-sit-Donald-Trumps-board-run-Gaza-Tony-Blair-sidelined.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Starmer's 13th U-turn! Now digital ID cards won't be compulsory after public backlash over scheme

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 00:21:57 GMT

Keir Starmer had vowed to crack down on illegal immigration by making digital identification compulsory to verify a person's right to work in the UK.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15461035/Starmer-digital-ID-cards-compulsory-illegal-immigration.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

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John Swinney

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Ed Davey

Schoolboy left suicidal after being shown video of man taking his own life in playground at just 12 years old - as he admits 'it's burned into my head forever, I don't know what to do with myself'

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Frazer McKenna, now 18, appeared on the ITV show to bravely talk to Susanna Reid, 55, and Ed Balls, 58, about how the clip resulted in him suffering with PTSD.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tv/article-15462327/Schoolboy-suicidal-video-man-taking-life-playground-12.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490

Is cashback too good to be true? Deals can give you up to £10,000 on investments and pay out on shopping - but some could COST you

Daily Mail (Articles) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 09:18:44 +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

Quicker action would have stopped Grok AI deepfakes, victim says

BBC (UK) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 06:07:48 GMT

Presenter Jess Davies says the UK government has been "dragging its feet" when creating AI deepfake laws.

https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c98p4214577o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss

Why we should all talk about (and insure against) death

City AM (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 05:29:00 +0000

Brits are naturally squeamish about death. But talking about the subject, and managing it financially, can be a gift for our loved ones.

<https://www.cityam.com/heres-to-talking-about-and-insuring-against-death/>

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— no mentions today —

Mary Lou McDonald

'Food addict' mother-of-two, 35, who spent £420 a WEEK on McDonald's breakfasts and Chinese takeaways shows off 13 stone weight loss after gastric band surgery: 'I drank 10 LITRES of Coca-Cola A DAY'

Daily Mail (Articles) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 08:26:28 +0000

Starting the day with two double sausage and egg McMuffins wasn't doing Tammy Jones' bank balance any favours - nor her waistline.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-15460183/Food-addict-mother-two-35-spent-420-WEEK-McDonalds-breakfasts-Chinese-takeaways-shows-13-stone-weight-loss-gastric-band-surgery-drank-10-LITRES-Coca-Cola-DAY.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490

Man sues McDonald's after wife was dragged out of car and killed by 'vagrant' at drive-thru

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 05:49:55 GMT

Jose Juan Rangel filed the complaint in Los Angeles Superior Court last week, after the tragic death of his 58-year-old wife Maria Vargas Luna in March, 2024.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15461559/mcdonalds-sued-death-vagrant-drive-thru.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Gavin Robinson

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