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## ***Nigel Farage***

'Pulling up the drawbridge': Alf Dubs criticises Shabana Mahmood's plans for child refugees

Guardian (UK News) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 00:00:45 GMT

Exclusive: Labour peer, who came to UK as a refugee, says some ministers try to show they won't 'just do things because of their background' Shabana Mahmood, the home secretary, whose parents migrated to the UK from Pakistan, is facing the suggestion from a veteran Labour peer that she is "pulling up the drawbridge once

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/feb/09/alf-dubs-shabana-mahmood-labour-plans-child-refugees>

## ***Keir Starmer***

What's next for **Keir Starmer** in make-or-break week after top aide's dramatic exit

Daily Mirror (News) · Mon, 9 Feb 2026 09:23:35 +0000

Keir Starmer is fighting for his political survival as restless MPs voice their fury following the Peter Mandelson scandal - with Morgan McSweeney's departure meaning he has lost a key ally

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/whats-next-keir-starmer-make-36691202>

**Keir Starmer** faces make-or-break showdown with MPs after top aide quits

Daily Mirror (News) · Mon, 9 Feb 2026 07:39:04 +0000

Keir Starmer is expected to face Labour MPs on Monday evening as he fights for his political future as the Peter Mandelson crisis engulfs the heart of government

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/keir-starmer-faces-make-break-36690919>

**Starmer** latest: PM makes bid to woo Labour MPs after McSweeney resignation as he battles to save premiership

Independent (News) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 09:34:31 GMT

Starmer's political future hangs in the balance after chief of staff Morgan McSweeney quits over Mandelson scandal

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/starmer-mcsweeney-resign-mandelson-labour-epstein-latest-news-b2916472.html>

Will **Starmer** resign as prime minister and who could replace him?

Independent (News) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 09:23:10 GMT

There are growing questions over whether or not the prime minister will cling on to his job - questions that have only grown in the wake of Morgan McSweeney's resignation

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/will-starmer-resign-mandelson-epstein-labour-b2916539.html>

**Starmer** holes up in No10 bunker amid deafening silence from his allies and Cabinet amid claims he's set to 'walk away'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 09:18:00 GMT

Keir Starmer is holed up in Downing Street after the storm over the peer's appointment as US ambassador claimed the scalp of Morgan McSweeney.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15541747/Starmer-No10-bunker-quit-McSweeney-Mandelson-Cabinet-Labour-MPs.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15541747/Starmer-No10-bunker-quit-McSweeney-Mandelson-Cabinet-Labour-MPs.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Keir Starmer** faces crunch week in battle to hold on to power

Financial Times (UK) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 09:17:28 GMT

Labour MPs and officials warn that the Peter Mandelson scandal could yet claim prime minister's job

<https://www.ft.com/content/ae193a7b-9925-4c8e-ac41-87351946d3c8>

Minister credits **Starmer** for 'taking responsibility' over Mandelson ahead of key meeting with Labour MPs – UK politics live

Guardian (UK News) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 09:11:49 GMT

Jacqui Smith defends prime minister following resignation of Morgan McSweeney amid Mandelson scandal In interviews this morning Jacqui Smith, the skills minister, insisted that Keir Starmer will carry on as PM. She told Times Radio: I think that the prime minister absolutely is determined to [carry on]. He's determine

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2026/feb/09/starmer-mandelson-epstein-labour-mcsweeney-conservatives-latest-news-updates>

Pound and gilts under pressure as leadership crisis threatens **Starmer**

Financial Times (UK) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 09:00:45 GMT

Investors fearful of political turmoil following a period of relative calm in UK markets

<https://www.ft.com/content/32614126-b836-4719-a681-acb4718e4928>

NatWest to buy wealth manager Evelyn Partners for £2.7bn

Guardian (UK News) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 08:33:59 GMT

Banking group beats Barclays to snare biggest acquisition since it was bailed out by taxpayers in 2008 Business live – latest updates NatWest has agreed a £2.7bn deal to buy Evelyn Partners, one of the UK's biggest wealth managers, in the bank's largest acquisition since it was bailed out by taxpayers in 2008. The move

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2026/feb/09/natwest-buy-wealth-manager-evelyn-partners-barclays>

The Papers: 'PM's aide quits' and 'How long can **Starmer** cling on?'

BBC (UK) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 07:42:32 GMT

Morgan McSweeney's resignation and the subsequent political fallout dominate Monday's front pages.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cx2dgej5weeo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cx2dgej5weeo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

How long can **Starmer** cling on? In the wake of Morgan McSweeney's resignation, Kemi blasts Sir Keir for failing to 'take responsibility for terrible choices'... and Labour MPs tell him his position is now 'untenable'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 07:10:34 GMT

Keir Starmer's premiership was in freefall on Sunday after his right-hand man walked the plank over the Mandelson scandal.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15541089/How-long-Starmer-cling-wake-Morgan-McSweeneys.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15541089/How-long-Starmer-cling-wake-Morgan-McSweeneys.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

FTSE 100 Live: Natwest shares fall after deal; Political jitters in bond market

City AM (News) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 06:45:00 +0000

Good morning and welcome to the City AM liveblog. Markets will have a lot to catch up on this morning after the latest escalation in political dramas over the weekend. Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer's chief of staff announced his exit from government amid mounting pressure over the appointment of Peter Mandelson

<https://www.cityam.com/ftse-100-live-bonds-in-focus-as-starmer-leadership-on-brink/>

Chris Mason: Crunch time for the prime minister

BBC (UK) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 06:02:11 GMT

There is universal acceptance in Labour that Sir Keir Starmer's predicament is dire and he confronts immense peril, writes Chris Mason.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ce3g8e7n07jo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ce3g8e7n07jo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

What links Jeffrey Epstein and **Keir Starmer's** government? A thick seam of contempt | Nesrine Malik

Guardian (Politics) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 06:00:52 GMT

We're often told the PM is a 'decent' man. But in appointing Peter Mandelson he chose political convenience over doing right by trafficked women and girls Contempt everywhere. From Jeffrey Epstein's email exchanges to the scandal of Peter Mandelson's appointment, contempt radiates. Contempt for women and girls, for th

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/feb/09/jeffrey-epstein-keir-starmer-government-peter-mandelson>

FirstFT: **Starmer's** premiership hangs in the balance

Financial Times (World) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 05:30:34 GMT

Also in today's newsletter: US visa denials and EU common deposit insurance

<https://www.ft.com/content/8025a3b9-6caf-4e1a-860f-67c1ab34185b>

Pressure mounts on **Starmer** even as top aide resigns

Financial Times (World) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 05:00:00 GMT

Sir Keir Starmer's top aide resigns but does not quell questions about the UK prime minister's judgment

<https://www.ft.com/content/e9286273-d056-4621-8228-66f9d77ffb99>

**Starmer's** right hand man has resigned – what does this mean for the future of the PM?

Independent (News) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 04:37:37 GMT

Many people in Labour wanted Morgan McSweeney sacked as Downing Street chief of staff before he finally quit over the Mandelson scandal, but now the question is if Starmer can survive as PM without him, David Maddox writes

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/starmer-morgan-mcsweeney-labour-peter-mandelson-resign-b2916436.html>

Who is Morgan McSweeney? **Starmer's** right-hand man and Peter Mandelson ally

Independent (News) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 04:34:04 GMT

Starmer's right-hand man was considered the driving force behind Mandelson's appointment as US ambassador

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/morgan-mcsweeney-starmer-resigns-mandelson-epstein-labour-b2916435.html>

Morgan McSweeney's resignation statement in full as **Starmer's** chief of staff quits over Mandelson scandal

Independent (News) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 04:27:13 GMT

'In public life responsibility must be owned when it matters most... In the circumstances, the only honourable course is to step aside'

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/morgan-mcsweeney-resignation-starmer-chief-of-staff-mandelson-b2916431.html>

'Blame me': what the UK papers say as Morgan McSweeney quits over Mandelson-Epstein scandal

Guardian (UK News) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 03:17:07 GMT

British papers explore what's next for prime minister Keir Starmer after the loss of his longtime adviser over the Mandelson-Epstein files scandal The fate of prime minister Keir Starmer dominates the UK front pages on Monday after his embattled chief of staff, Morgan McSweeney, resigned over the appointment of Peter M

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/feb/09/morgan-mcsweeney-quits-mandelson-epstein-scandal-uk-papers>

**Keir Starmer** and Morgan McSweeney are mocked in AI Titanic video - featuring Mandelson as an ice berg

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 02:27:39 GMT

McSweeney resigned as the Prime Minister's chief of staff on Sunday as the Labour government continues to reel from the Peter Mandelson scandal.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15540521/Keir-Starmer-Morgan-McSweeney-mocked.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15540521/Keir-Starmer-Morgan-McSweeney-mocked.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Labour MPs call for **Starmer** to 'follow Morgan McSweeney's lead' after Chief of Staff resigned amid Mandelson saga

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 02:03:10 GMT

Labour MPs have called for Sir Keir Starmer to stand down after his chief of staff was force to quit Downing Street over the Peter Mandelson scandal.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15540501/Labour-MPs-call-Starmer-resign-Morgan-McSweeney-Mandelson-saga.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15540501/Labour-MPs-call-Starmer-resign-Morgan-McSweeney-Mandelson-saga.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

DAN HODGES: The PM's human shield has gone. Ministers tell me it's just a matter of time before **Starmer** goes too

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 01:50:00 GMT

Yesterday, Pat McFadden was asked if the time had come for the PM's chief of staff Morgan McSweeney to resign. 'I don't think it would make any difference at all,' he said.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15540551/DAN-HODGES-PM-human-shield-time-Starmer.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15540551/DAN-HODGES-PM-human-shield-time-Starmer.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Hair apparent: Tipped for the top Angela Rayner gets haircut as **Keir Starmer's** No 10 operation implodes

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 01:10:58 GMT

Angela Rayner was all smiles as she sat for a new haircut in a video while Sir Keir Starmer's Number 10 operation imploded with the resignation of his righthand man.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15540303/Angela-Rayner-gets-haircut-Keir-Starmer-implodes.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15540303/Angela-Rayner-gets-haircut-Keir-Starmer-implodes.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

How long can **Starmer** cling on? In the wake of Morgan McSweeney's resignation, Kemi blasts Sir Keir for failing to 'take responsibility for terrible choices'... and Labour MPs tell him his position is now 'untenable' - dailymail.co.uk

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 00:26:00 GMT

How long can Starmer cling on? In the wake of Morgan McSweeney's resignation, Kemi blasts Sir Keir for failing to 'take responsibility for terrible choices'... and Labour MPs tell him his position is now 'untenable' &nbsp;&nbsp;  dailymail.co.uk

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMiogFBVV95cUxNVkZEeTIIVGZ0SExrdGpEVk1kVGJwUV9oMHFDRk9XOHVxRldFeUo4YjhLWGD6M3Z6enZJWVFIWU0tVHY3ZjN6OUZYcFZCZE5HUEZiR0tBSTRyMTFDeFpjNy1XN19XVjgzTktzVlVqZ2hsVUE1OW5UZ1I0OXZ0S2ROMkdUU3NNM2JIN3dMcEh0b2ZyMEQ2dS1QY0w1WHJEeWdPc0HSAacBQV VfeXFMTk4tOXZXMGVUaXdlJLW5MRW11OHAyTVFOMTRvRHE2dV80VFIBVjNXUnNfeVNrRFQ1aFFYbnpjNHpBZWs1VDR0aFR0dlhCT2g1MUtmMHVQaWwCcZnZOFF5bHBqMlpmWi1WTm55ZkpRSDBYbEFxVWdub3F2ZzIHY0NDZHpRcFdHajhOSzdZR284dE8zcGZLQ90enhSdjFWbmJlYjVfeDN2aTg?oc=5>

**Keir Starmer** to face mutinous MPs after top aide's exit over Mandelson scandal - ITVX

ITV (Google News) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 00:01:57 GMT

Keir Starmer to face mutinous MPs after top aide's exit over Mandelson scandal &nbsp;&nbsp;  ITVX

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMiswFBVV95cUxOa3NGalZSVzIHaGJwYnB6QUM5bXdrV2IMc3RzeDImMFNWaElxc3FIOdHakQtN1Q2SnNjNmU2dUJfdHRnVWttV1BnLUc4MXMyTm4xV1NnRmVsZnJXNEJITmVBSEZ6Zm5ia21mTmRRSVlwWGM5UDNrSFkyWXktQS1GcU9hc1VXa240aDIHUkx4Z05CaV9zRWZVFHJrNXcwOXJGSUVIYXk1N0xWMUZjcFk0Zm9nNA?oc=5>

Octopus boss says China's energy tech marks 'golden opportunity' for UK

Independent (News) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 00:01:00 GMT

The energy boss recently accompanied Sir Keir Starmer on a UK delegation to China

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/octopus-china-energy-deal-starmer-b2916297.html>

## **Kemi Badenoch**

— no mentions today —

## **John Swinney**

— no mentions today —

## **Ed Davey**

Van driver involved in fatal M25 crash took own life before police interview

Daily Mirror (News) · Mon, 9 Feb 2026 07:25:03 +0000

William David Harvey was found dead on the day he was due to speak to police

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/van-driver-involved-fatal-m25-36690947>

Teenage girl who was sexually assaulted by Iranian asylum seeker who arrived in Britain on the back of a lorry bravely confronts him in court as he's jailed

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 08:52:09 GMT

Abbie Johnson, 19, was attacked by Iranian illegal immigrant Ahmadreza Khalafi, 29, during a night out in Bishop's Stortford in Hertfordshire in the early hours of May 3 last year.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15534705/Teenage-girl-sexually-assaulted-Iranian-asylum-seeker.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15534705/Teenage-girl-sexually-assaulted-Iranian-asylum-seeker.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Ashley James reveals she was raped by a friend at university and describes 'living with shame and silence' after 'hugely traumatic' assault: 'I've thought about it every day since'

Daily Mail (Articles) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 02:23:17 +0000

The This Morning star, 38, bravely recalled the rape in her new book, Bimbo, explaining it occurred after a night out at a club with pals, while she'd been unconscious.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-15541039/Ashley-James-reveals-raped-friend-university-describes-living-shame-silence-hugely-traumatic-assault-lve-thought-day-since.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-15541039/Ashley-James-reveals-raped-friend-university-describes-living-shame-silence-hugely-traumatic-assault-lve-thought-day-since.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

Linked to cancer and banned in France, so-called 'Forever Chemicals' are hidden everywhere in our homes. SARAH RAINEY spent a week trying to avoid them - here are the easy swaps she found

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 01:14:29 GMT

Within the last week, have you done one or more of the following? Cleaned your house. Cooked in a non-stick pan. Worn make-up. Drunk tap water. Charged your phone.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15540587/Linked-cancer-banned-France-called-Forever-Chemicals-hidden-homes-SARAH-RAINEY-spent-week-trying-avoid-easy-swaps-found.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15540587/Linked-cancer-banned-France-called-Forever-Chemicals-hidden-homes-SARAH-RAINEY-spent-week-trying-avoid-easy-swaps-found.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## **Rhun Ap Iorwerth**

— no mentions today —

## **Mary Lou Mcdonald**

Donald Trump claims Bad Bunny's Super Bowl halftime show was a 'slap in the face' to America: 'The dancing is disgusting'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 09:00:29 GMT

President Donald Trump had a scathing review of Bad Bunny's Super Bowl halftime show, branding it a 'slap in the face' to America.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/nfl/article-15541297/donald-trump-bad-bunny-super-bowl.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/nfl/article-15541297/donald-trump-bad-bunny-super-bowl.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Britons' right to protest is under threat like never before. If you value it, speak up now | Imran Khan

Guardian (Politics) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 08:00:55 GMT

Civil rights, women's rights: little could have been achieved under the system now being considered by UK ministers. A bad situation could get worse 'Lawful protest and free speech are fundamental rights, but we cannot allow them to be abused to spread hate or cause disorder. The law must be fit for purpose and consist

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/feb/09/britons-right-protest-threat-civil-rights-uk>

Donald Trump attacks Team USA skier after 'real loser' launched into 'anti-American' rant at Winter Olympics

Daily Mail (Articles) · Mon, 09 Feb 2026 01:56:03 +0000

President Donald Trump is going on the offensive after a member of Team USA competing at the Winter Olympics criticized the direction of the United States' political climate.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/winterolympics/article-15540443/donald-trump-hunter-hess-winter-olympics.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/winterolympics/article-15540443/donald-trump-hunter-hess-winter-olympics.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

## **Gavin Robinson**

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