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## **Nigel Farage**

Reform UK on receiving end of 'rubbish' jab as MP links **Nigel Farage**'s party to Birmingham bin crisis

Independent (News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 09:12:35 GMT

An Independent MP compared Reform UK MPs to "rubbish" whilst discussing the ongoing Birmingham bin crisis .

<https://www.independent.co.uk/tv/news/reform-uk-nigel-farage-birmingham-bin-video-b2918821.html>

Security guard reveals how he survived parking garage collapse after building 'pancaked' beneath him

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 08:05:39 GMT

Jose Cruz was guarding an abandoned property in the River Oaks area of Houston on January 24 when an HVAC cooling tower collapsed 30 minutes into his shift.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15549793/Parking-garage-collapse-Houston-River-oaks-Jose-Cruz.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15549793/Parking-garage-collapse-Houston-River-oaks-Jose-Cruz.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Argentine workers clash with police as senators debate labor reform, in photos

Independent (News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 01:41:37 GMT

Thousands of workers mobilized by powerful trade unions converged outside Argentina's Congress , blocking traffic and clashing with police, as senators opened debate on a sweeping overhaul of the nation's rigid labor laws. Security forces fired water cannons and rubber bullets to control the crowds as some protesters l

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/argentine-buenos-aires-instagram-congress-b2918736.html>

## **Keir Starmer**

**Keir Starmer** says Jim Ratcliffe is 'offensive and wrong' as he calls on Manchester United co-owner to apologise for saying UK has been colonised by immigrants

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 10:19:15 GMT

The Prime Minister has said that the Manchester United owner and INEOS billionaire must apologise 'immediately', adding: 'Britain is a proud, tolerant and diverse country'.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15552701/Keir-Starmer-says-Jim-Ratcliffe-offensive-wrong-calls-Manchester-United-owner-apologise-saying-UK-colonised-immigrants.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15552701/Keir-Starmer-says-Jim-Ratcliffe-offensive-wrong-calls-Manchester-United-owner-apologise-saying-UK-colonised-immigrants.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Politics latest: **Starmer** and Burnham hit out at Ratcliffe over 'insulting' immigration claims

Independent (News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 10:11:57 GMT

Labour mayor condemns billionaire's claim UK being 'colonised by immigrants' as 'against everything for which Manchester has traditionally stood'

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/ratcliffe-immigration-starmer-latest-updates-b2918865.html>

Minister and Burnham escalate row with 'hypocritical' Ratcliffe over claim UK colonised by immigrants – politics live

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Labour mayor of Greater Manchester joins those criticising Ratcliffe over his comments Sir Simon McDonald , the former permanent secretary of the Foreign Office, has urged No 10 to do “more due diligence” as it prepares to replace the cabinet secretary, Chris Wormald, with Antonia Romeo, the frontrunner for the role. R

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2026/feb/12/uk-politics-latest-news-updates-labour-jim-ratcliffe-keir-starmer>

**Starmer** calls for apology from Man Utd co-owner Jim Ratcliffe after claiming UK ‘colonised’ by immigrants  
Independent (News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 09:44:24 GMT

Founder of chemicals giant Ineos, which received £120m in UK aid last year, said immigration is ‘costing too much’

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/jim-ratcliffe-immigration-uk-starmer-farage-man-united-b2918536.html>

Former top diplomat reveals he has tried to stop Sir **Keir Starmer** making 'Queen of Woke' the Cabinet Secretary

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Lord McDonald of Salford revealed he has warned No10 against Dame Antonia Romeo being made Cabinet Secretary.

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**Starmer** ‘knew ex-comms chief Lord Doyle supported paedophile councillor’

Independent (News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 09:36:04 GMT

Matthew Doyle told Starmer’s communications chief he supported Sean Morton prior to his conviction, but did not reveal he campaigned alongside him

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/keir-starmer-matthew-doyle-sean-morton-b2918862.html>

UK economy limps along at 0.1% growth – but there are reasons for optimism in 2026

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 09:14:00 GMT

Consumers and businesses are not yet taking the hint despite six interest rate cuts UK economy grows by only 0.1% amid falling business investment Business live – latest updates Rachel Reeves has suggested 2026 is the year Labour can start to deliver on its economic promises; but 0.1% GDP growth in the final quarter of

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2026/feb/12/uk-economy-gdp-reasons-for-optimism-analysis>

Jim Ratcliffe accused of hypocrisy after saying UK ‘colonised’ by immigrants

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 09:13:35 GMT

Manchester United co-owner, who lives in Monaco, faces growing backlash for using ‘far-right narratives’ UK politics live – latest updates The Monaco-based billionaire Jim Ratcliffe has been accused of hypocrisy and using “far-right narratives”, as a backlash grew over his claims that the UK was being “colonised” by im

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2026/feb/12/jim-ratcliffe-accused-hypocrisy-uk-colonised-immigrants>

**Keir Starmer** is engulfed in another paedophile scandal... what message does that send to the women who are victims of sexual abuse? DAN HODGES

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 08:13:08 GMT

It's time for Keir Starmer and his MPs to stop. Stop the gaslighting. Stop the lying. Stop the sickening hypocrisy.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15551645/Keir-Starmer-paedophile-scandal-sexual-abuse-DAN-HODGES.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15551645/Keir-Starmer-paedophile-scandal-sexual-abuse-DAN-HODGES.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Another paedophile scandal for **Starmer** begs more questions: DAN HODGES - Daily Mail

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Labour women's fury over second paedophile crisis: **Starmer**'s judgement savaged over ANOTHER peer's ties to a sex offender as female MPs blast No10 'boys' club'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 07:24:56 GMT

The Prime Minister was skewered in the Commons over his decision to hand a peerage to Matthew Doyle - despite knowing he had stayed friends with a Labour councillor charged with child-sex offences.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15551647/PMs-judgement-savaged-peers-ties-sex-offender.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15551647/PMs-judgement-savaged-peers-ties-sex-offender.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Britain has been 'colonised' by immigrants who are 'costing too much money', says Manchester United co-owner Sir Jim Ratcliffe

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 07:23:09 GMT

The 73-year-old businessman's comments prompted a response from under-pressure Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer late on Wednesday.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15550775/Britain-colonised-immigrants-costing-money.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15550775/Britain-colonised-immigrants-costing-money.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Keir Starmer** meets King Charles for first time since release of Epstein files

Independent (News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 06:18:13 GMT

Sir Keir and his wife, Lady Victoria, joined the King and Queen to honour carers across the UK

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/starmer-king-charles-epstein-andrew-mandelson-windsor-castle-b2918600.html>

Behold the incredible shrinking **Starmer**: the PM who promises more while giving less | Aditya Chakrabortty

Guardian (Politics) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 06:00:43 GMT

It is not just this doomed government but the Labour party itself that is disappearing before our very eyes When he does go, what will the political death certificate give as the true cause of Keir Starmer's demise? It won't be the Peter Mandelson scandal, the policy U-turns or the bleak nights at provincial counting c

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/feb/12/keir-starmer-prime-minister-government-labour-party>

Who is Antonia Romeo and why is she tipped to be the next cabinet secretary?

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 06:00:39 GMT

With Chris Wormald being forced out, Romeo is a frontrunner with a reputation for being forthright Antonia Romeo is not a typical civil servant, according to almost everyone who has worked with or met her in a professional context. Charming, ambitious and not afraid to publicise her own achievements, Romeo was

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<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/feb/12/antonia-romeo-and-tipped-next-cabinet-secretary>

'You call it a shitshow – I say it's unforgivable': Lisa Nandy on Epstein, Mandelson and Labour's torrid week

Guardian (Politics) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 05:00:38 GMT

The culture secretary talks about secret briefings, the need for solidarity and why the government must recognise its big moment of reckoning It is the day after the night before. On Monday, Keir Starmer looked as if he was on his last political legs. At lunchtime, the Scottish Labour party leader Anas Sarwar called fo

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2026/feb/12/lisa-nandy-on-epstein-mandelson-and-labour-torrid-week>

**Starmer** faces backlash over ousting of Britain's top civil servant

Financial Times (UK) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 05:00:17 GMT

Cabinet secretary Chris Wormald's exit follows resignations of prime minister's chief of staff and communications director

<https://www.ft.com/content/841d1425-440a-4bb7-99ba-f23cea3789ea>

Britain deserves better than our cabbage patch politicians

City AM (News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 05:00:00 +0000

It's easy to forget how little most people pay attention to politicians. The only thing that really matters to the public is the cost of living, and no politician seems to get it, says Tom Harwood I was carrying a cabbage in my hands on the way into work on Monday. Yes, a cabbage. In [...]

<https://www.cityam.com/britain-deserves-better-than-our-cabbage-patch-politicians/>

PM tells Sir Jim Ratcliffe to apologise for saying 'UK has been colonised'

BBC (UK) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 04:12:29 GMT

Sir Keir Starmer says comments by the businessman and Manchester United co-owner are "offensive and wrong".

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ckglv1n4dzeo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ckglv1n4dzeo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

QUENTIN LETTS: **Starmer** KC started ranting and turned into Sid Vicious. It was like seeing the Dalai Lama effing and blinding - a total, mad meltdown

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 03:22:25 GMT

Another week, another paedo. Confronted by this mishap, the nasal knight lost his rag.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15550497/QUENTIN-LETTS-Starmer-KC-started-ranting-turned-Sid-Vicious-like-seeing-Dalai-Lama-effing-blinding-total-mad-meltdown.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15550497/QUENTIN-LETTS-Starmer-KC-started-ranting-turned-Sid-Vicious-like-seeing-Dalai-Lama-effing-blinding-total-mad-meltdown.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Chris Mason: Latest vetting row raises fresh concerns over **Starmer**'s judgement

BBC (UK) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 03:13:29 GMT

The BBC's political editor analyses the vetting rows facing the PM over Lord Doyle and Lord Mandelson.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0mgzr3e18jo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0mgzr3e18jo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Labour women's fury over second paedophile crisis: **Starmer**'s judgement savaged over ANOTHER peer's ties to a sex offender as female MPs blast No10 'boys' club' - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 01:53:00 GMT

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Burnham? He may be too Northern to be Prime Minister... says one of his OWN allies

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 01:22:08 GMT

Lucy Powell backed Mr Burnham's failed bid to return to parliament last month, but yesterday stopped short of publicly endorsing him to succeed Keir Starmer .

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15551805/Burnham-Northern-Prime-Minister-says-one-allies.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15551805/Burnham-Northern-Prime-Minister-says-one-allies.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Britain's predicament will get worse before it gets better

Economist (Latest) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 00:55:21 +0000

With Sir Keir Starmer weakened, the government will drift left

<https://www.economist.com/leaders/2026/02/12/britains-predicament-will-get-worse-before-it-gets-better>

**Keir Starmer** faces fresh questions over judgment after Lord Doyle controversy - ITVX

ITV (Google News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 00:47:10 GMT

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**DAILY MAIL COMMENT:** New shame for spineless **Starmer**

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 00:37:37 GMT

When a Prime Minister is accused in the House of Commons of 'stuffing government with paedophile apologists', the game, frankly, is up.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15551999/DAILY-MAIL-COMMENT-New-shame-spineless-Starmer.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15551999/DAILY-MAIL-COMMENT-New-shame-spineless-Starmer.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## **Kemi Badenoch**

Don't sack cabinet secretary until Mandelson files published, **Badenoch** says

BBC (UK) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 09:07:19 GMT

Head of the Civil Service Sir Chris Wormald is understood to be negotiating an exit package from his job.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c98qene0gpdo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c98qene0gpdo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

## ***John Swinney***

Telegraph nominated for 20 press awards

Telegraph (UK News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 06:03:00 GMT

Winners will be announced at the Press Awards ceremony on May 21 this year

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2026/02/12/telegraph-nominated-for-20-press-awards/>

## ***Ed Davey***

Should Jim Ratcliffe apologise for his immigration rant? Take our poll and have your say

Daily Mirror (News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 10:02:47 +0000

In an inflammatory statement on Wednesday, Manchester United part-owner hit out at 'huge levels of immigrants coming in' and said too many people are on benefits in the UK

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/should-jim-ratcliffe-apologise-immigration-36710077>

'One in a billion': Dawson's Creek stars lead tributes to James Van Der Beek

BBC (World) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 09:02:30 GMT

Katie Holmes pays tribute to her late co-star's "bravery, compassion, selflessness and strength".

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cewz2yr47dvo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cewz2yr47dvo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Should Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie be excluded from any future royal roles? Have your say in the Palace Confidential poll

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 08:36:30 GMT

You've read the headlines and heard our experts' opinions - but what do YOU think?

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/royals/article-15546805/Should-Princesses-Beatrice-Eugenie-banned-future-royal-roles-say-Palace-Confidential-poll.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/royals/article-15546805/Should-Princesses-Beatrice-Eugenie-banned-future-royal-roles-say-Palace-Confidential-poll.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Youth work 'black holes' in half of all council areas in England, study finds

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 06:00:40 GMT

Exclusive: First mapping of youth centres in decades shows poorer areas in north worst affected by cuts since 2010 'We're on a cliff edge': the struggle to keep youth services alive in Knowsley Almost half of all council areas in England have youth work "black holes" with few or no services despite high levels of depri

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2026/feb/12/youth-work-cuts-england-map-study>

Jesse Strang, 18, named as transgender Canadian school shooter who murdered eight before dying by suicide

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 04:41:04 GMT

Jesse Strang was reported to be transgender by two local outlets, although Royal Canadian Mounted Police have yet to confirm this.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15549577/jesse-strang-tumbler-ridge-school-shooting.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15549577/jesse-strang-tumbler-ridge-school-shooting.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

New Archbishop of Canterbury hit with backlash from churchgoers over plans to spend £100million on slavery reparations over Church of England's alleged links to slave trade

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 12 Feb 2026 01:25:14 GMT

Dame Sarah Mullally was accused of helping to 'mislead the public' and 'putting out the fire with gasoline' by pressing ahead with the plans.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15550327/New-Archbishop-Canterbury-hit-backlash-churchgoers-plans-spend-100million-slavery.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15550327/New-Archbishop-Canterbury-hit-backlash-churchgoers-plans-spend-100million-slavery.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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