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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)

Darren Fletcher turns down first-team Manchester United role under Michael Carrick

Daily Mirror (News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 10:50:57 +0000

Michael Carrick is taking charge of Manchester United on an interim basis until the end of the season after Darren Fletcher's two games in charge

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/sport/football/news/darren-fletcher-turns-down-first-36542505>

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***

'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>

Wes Streeting criticises Labour colleagues who blame Whitehall for blocking reform – UK politics live

Guardian (UK News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 12:22:09 GMT

Health secretary says: 'If we tell the public that we can't make anything work, then why on earth would they vote to keep us in charge' Q: Why are the Liberal Democrats still using X? Davey says he is not afraid to pick a fight with Elon Musk. He says Musk has interfered in British democracy "in the most outrageous way

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

**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>

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

Independent (News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 11:54:13 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>

**Keir Starmer** is officially beyond parody – and his latest ridiculous brain wave proves it

Daily Express (Politics) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 11:40:00 +0000

PAUL BALDWIN: Sir Keir Starmer has had what he thinks is a great idea - but it's already falling apart.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2157115/keirs-new-weapon-against-evil>

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>

## **Keir Starmer** set for another major U-turn as Labour MPs erupt over scrapping jury trials

Daily Express (Politics) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 11:00:00 +0000

Labour backbenchers appear once again on course to secure an embarrassing climbdown by the government.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2157080/keir-starmer-uturn-jury-trials>

## 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)

## 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 10:29:36 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)

## 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-embassy-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-embassy-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 12:24:16 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)

## ***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)

## ***Ed Davey***

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 12:35:22 +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)

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

**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/CBMimAFBVV95cUxQc3dlSTBBOW1YYkFTdTRJNWdydl85eDJGT3ZDaDVBMzBnS010VG1yUF84dHJCa1ZoblInUWlQSnRyYzclNnhBVVFJYeJNLR29lNm5ObXVCRnhONEsyUmwXUihuWHFIZmJs bzhIUkFzLUFMU3F2aW5Ta2pXY3QzSE93cHdZSjd0S2NvTEFpV1EzdXUxdXdrWkdaaw?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)

## ***Rhun Ap Iorwerth***

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## ***Mary Lou McDonald***

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>

**McDonald’s** plans big menu changes in 2026 including its biggest burger ever

Independent (News) · Tue, 13 Jan 2026 04:59:42 GMT

The Big Arch may be making its U.S. debut this year

<https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/mcdonalds-menu-2026-biggest-burger-big-arch-b2899279.html>

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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