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## **Nigel Farage**

John Barnes takes aim at **Nigel Farage** in 'valid' Jim Ratcliffe debate – 'Not happening here'

Daily Mirror (News) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 13:12:18 +0000

Manchester United part-owner Sir Jim Ratcliffe faced backlash after claiming the UK has been "colonised" by immigrants, with John Barnes weighing in on the controversy

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/sport/football/news/john-barnes-jim-ratcliffe-farage-36717889>

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Reform replacing 'old fuddy-duddy' Tory party, says **Farage**

BBC (Politics) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 06:00:04 GMT

Farage said it was "no surprise" Conservative MPs were choosing to jump ship to Reform, which has more energy.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ckg8r43zpv2o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ckg8r43zpv2o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

EDEN CONFIDENTIAL: Is **Farage**'s all-male club about to let ladies join?

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 00:51:14 GMT

Standing in stately splendour in the corner of St James's Square, barely half a mile from Buckingham Palace , it unashamedly proclaims itself to be 'a gentleman's home from home'...

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15555529/EDEN-CONFIDENTIAL-Farages-male-club-let-ladies-join.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15555529/EDEN-CONFIDENTIAL-Farages-male-club-let-ladies-join.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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Daily Mail via Google (nigel farage) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 00:35:00 GMT

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## **Keir Starmer**

Palestine Action latest: Labour MPs hit out at **Starmer**'s 'draconian' ban after High Court rules it unlawful  
Independent (News) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 13:45:47 GMT

The Metropolitan Police said it will no longer arrest protesters despite proscription remaining in place

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/palestine-action-ban-ruling-starmer-labour-latest-news-b2919762.html>

**Starmer** condemns Reform UK's 'racist rhetoric' – UK politics live

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 13:33:52 GMT

PM says country's discourse is being poisoned and polluted by rhetoric 'pitting communities against one another' The Equality and Human Rights Commission has welcomed a high court ruling defending the interim guidance it issued to organisations about the implications of the supreme court judgement saying that, when the

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2026/feb/13/keir-starmer-cabinet-secretary-chris-wormald-labour-badenoch-conservatives-uk-latest-news-updates>

Labour civil war explodes as donor pulls funds until 'toxic' **Keir Starmer** quits

Daily Express (Politics) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 13:26:00 +0000

EXCLUSIVE - An entrepreneur and former Andy Burnham adviser says he feels 'duped' and 'conned' by Keir Starmer and Rachel Reeves.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2170593/Sacha-lord-Keir-starmer-donor-quit>

Labour factions vie for influence over **Starmer**'s reset after McSweeney exit

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 13:00:25 GMT

Groups sensing chance to redefine party's direction push for progressive pivot, cabinet reshuffle and new economic tack UK politics live – latest updates As the prime minister fought for his political life before Labour MPs at their Monday evening meeting, even hardened sceptics saw a flash of something different in Ke

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After a mad week, Labour is hopefully seeing sense: **Starmer** needs to stay | Simon Jenkins

Guardian (Politics) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 12:00:29 GMT

The only winners from a political coup in Westminster would be Labour's enemies on the left and right They roared, they stamped and they cheered. On Monday, the parliamentary Labour party reacted as it should when its leader hit a spot of bother. It knew it could not sack him, so it backed him. The constitution did its

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/feb/13/keir-starmer-labour-britain-stability-mandelson>

Sir **Keir Starmer**'s dreadful week

Economist (Latest) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 11:52:46 +0000

As the prime minister clings to office, we asked readers what they thought about his record

<https://www.economist.com/letters/2026/02/13/sir-keir-starmer-s-dreadful-week>

**Starmer** 'personally orders' £260k pay-off for civil service chief he picked to 'rewire the state' just 14 months ago... so now will he force through appointment of mandarin who faced down bullying claims?

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 11:16:40 GMT

After days of chaos, the government announced that Chris Wormald was standing down as Cabinet Secretary 'by mutual agreement'.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15556615/Starmer-payoff-civil-service-chief-wormald-romeo-labour.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15556615/Starmer-payoff-civil-service-chief-wormald-romeo-labour.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

DAN HANNAN: **Starmer** is a puppet of the wastrel Left, lashed to a ship he no longer steers

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 10:32:02 GMT

Even if the PM clings on, we'll end up with all the things we voted against in 2015: higher taxes, harsher decarbonisation, more indulgence of Islamists and more cosying up to Brussels.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15555265/starmer-keir-puppet-left-wing-Dan-Hannan-politics.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15555265/starmer-keir-puppet-left-wing-Dan-Hannan-politics.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Relief for 'Never Here Keir' as he heads for Munich security summit after Labour meltdown... and MPs disperse for Commons half-term

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 10:22:11 GMT

Keir Starmer is arriving at the Munich Security Conference this afternoon after the Mandelson scandal nearly sparked his ousting from No10.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15556861/Keir-Starmer-Munich-security-summit-Labour-MPs-Commons.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15556861/Keir-Starmer-Munich-security-summit-Labour-MPs-Commons.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Keir Starmer's** hiring mistakes create a culture of drift

Financial Times (World) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 09:30:02 GMT

Even Chris Wormald's critics are angered by treatment of top official, who, like others before him, was unsuited for the job

<https://www.ft.com/content/0964496d-93a4-420f-94ce-be6fc5f3b389>

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Cabinet secretary Chris Wormald steps down as **Keir Starmer** loses top aide from No 10

Independent (News) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 08:43:37 GMT

Keir Starmer accused of throwing Britain's top civil servant 'under the bus' after just 14 months in the role

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/chris-wormald-cabinet-secretary-keir-starmer-b2919306.html>

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**Keir Starmer** under pressure to come clean about the appointment of a second Labour crony who got peerage despite campaigning for a paedophile

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 07:31:24 GMT

The PM is under fire over the decision to hand a peerage to Matthew Doyle despite knowing he had campaigned for a former Labour councillor after he was charged with child sex offences.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15554683/Keir-Starmer-pressure-come-clean-appointment-second-Labour-crony-got-peerage-despite-campaigning-paedophile.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15554683/Keir-Starmer-pressure-come-clean-appointment-second-Labour-crony-got-peerage-despite-campaigning-paedophile.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Civil Service chief Chris Wormald is sacked by **Keir Starmer** as he throws another aide under bus 'to save his own skin' on another day of chaos in No 10

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The Cabinet Office tonight said Sir Chris Wormald has stood down as Cabinet Secretary 'by mutual agreement', following days of speculation.

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**Starmer** set to call for multinational defence initiative to cut rearmament costs

Financial Times (World) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 05:00:31 GMT

UK prime minister expected to push idea of enhanced co-operation at Munich Security Conference

<https://www.ft.com/content/28e1a901-623a-4ba0-84ec-2281a23634d7>

Wes Streeting: the UK's next prime minister? – podcast

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 03:00:31 GMT

Keir Starmer was on the brink of a leadership contest this week, but he pulled it back. That does not mean his rivals have gone away. Nosheen Iqbal speaks to Kiran Stacey about one of the most hotly tipped contenders: Wes Streeting Keir Starmer was on the brink of a leadership contest this week, but he pulled it back.

<https://www.theguardian.com/news/audio/2026/feb/13/wes-streeting-keir-starmer-next-prime-minister-podcast>

**Keir Starmer** was talked out of his Chagos 'wobble' by Powell and Hermer

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 00:36:19 GMT

The Prime Minister was said to have changed his mind and reconsidered whether to go ahead with the agreement to cede sovereignty of the islands to Mauritius.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15554677/Keir-Starmer-talked-Chagos-wobble-Powell-Hermer.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15554677/Keir-Starmer-talked-Chagos-wobble-Powell-Hermer.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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## **John Swinney**

— no mentions today —

## **Ed Davey**

Jesy Nelson reveals she made secret suicide attempt days before she quit Little Mix and felt her cry for help in the lead-up to her overdose was ignored by bandmates

Daily Mail (Articles) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 10:38:21 +0000

In her new docuseries, Jesy Nelson: Life After Little Mix, which released February 13 on Prime Video, Jesy, 34, bravely discussed her mental health troubles.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-15555803/Jesy-Nelson-reveals-secret-suicide-attempt-days-quit-Little-Mix-claims-cry-help-lead-overdose-ignored-bandmates.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-15555803/Jesy-Nelson-reveals-secret-suicide-attempt-days-quit-Little-Mix-claims-cry-help-lead-overdose-ignored-bandmates.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

Police dig at property as multiple people arrested in murder probe

Independent (News) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 08:18:16 GMT

As part of the investigation, a detailed search is being carried out at an address in Broad Avenue in Evington

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/broad-avenue-evington-gary-piatek-b2919671.html>

## **Rhun Ap Iorwerth**

— no mentions today —

## **Mary Lou McDonald**

Donald Trump could 'weaponise' a doorbell in major threat to liberty, former adviser warns

Daily Mirror (News) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 13:38:40 +0000

A former political adviser to the UK government has warned Donald Trump could weaponise new technologies to undermine America's midterm elections later this year

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/us-news/donald-trump-could-weaponise-doorbell-36717821>

The Cancelled Prime Minister — Ramsay MacDonald, Labour's charismatic and unloved leader

Financial Times (World) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 12:00:11 GMT

A biography of the man who helped establish the party as a parliamentary force in the 1920s carries ominous echoes of today's fractious disputes

<https://www.ft.com/content/34aaf724-46db-4d18-ae65-06516011bb0f>

Will my Friends **McDonald**'s adult happy meal toy be worth a fortune in the future? DAN HATFIELD replies

Daily Mail (Articles) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 10:58:38 +0000

It is sealed with McDonalds tape and I'm seeing them sell pretty well on eBay, and it would probably be enough to cover the cost of my £8.59 meal.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/investing/article-15556797/Will-Friends-McDonalds-adult-happy-meal-toy-worth-for-tune-future-DAN-HATFIELD-replies.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/investing/article-15556797/Will-Friends-McDonalds-adult-happy-meal-toy-worth-for-tune-future-DAN-HATFIELD-replies.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

Republican judge TORCHES Pete Hegseth in savage ruling after he threatened to strip senator's rank: 'Our veterans deserve more'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 13 Feb 2026 01:52:38 GMT

Pete Hegseth was blocked by a federal judge on Thursday from punishing a Democratic senator who urged troops not to carry out illegal orders from Donald Trump.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15555023/Republican-judge-TORCHES-Pete-Hegseth-savage-ruling-threatened-strip-senators-rank-veterans-deserve-more.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15555023/Republican-judge-TORCHES-Pete-Hegseth-savage-ruling-threatened-strip-senators-rank-veterans-deserve-more.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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