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## Nigel Farage

— no mentions today —

## Keir Starmer

**Starmer-Mandelson latest: PM 'needs a miracle' for leadership to survive Epstein scandal, says Labour MP**

Independent (News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 10:51:05 GMT

PM under increasing pressure from Labour MPs as leadership speculation intensifies amid widespread anger over scandal

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/starmer-mandelson-epstein-labour-live-updates-b2915145.html>

Keir's gone to Iceland: **Starmer** hands supermarket boss and ex-Tory Richard Walker a job as his 'cost of living champion' - despite him rating the PM a lacklustre 'six out of 10'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 10:46:10 GMT

Lord Walker, who was given a seat for life in the House of Lords by Sir Keir last month, is the chairman of Iceland and the son of the chain's founder.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15534795/Keirs-gone-Iceland-Starmer-hands-supermarket-boss-ex-Tory-Ric-hard-Walker-job-cost-living-champion-despite-rating-PM-lacklustre-six-10.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15534795/Keirs-gone-Iceland-Starmer-hands-supermarket-boss-ex-Tory-Ric-hard-Walker-job-cost-living-champion-despite-rating-PM-lacklustre-six-10.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer**'s position 'untenable' if chief of staff Morgan McSweeney is not fired over Mandelson scandal - UK politics live

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 10:42:45 GMT

Pressure continues to build on Keir Starmer to remove his chief of staff Morgan McSweeney Home Office minister Mike Tapp has blamed the vetting process for the reason Peter Mandelson was able to be appointed US ambassador. Defending the prime minister, Tapp told Sky News that Keir Starmer "wasn't the vetting officer"

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2026/feb/06/labour-party-keir-starmer-peter-mandelson-morgan-mcsweeney-live-news-latest-updates>

Labour thinktank close to Morgan McSweeney 'paid firm to investigate journalists'

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 10:06:31 GMT

Labour Together allegedly hired company to look at Sunday Times and Guardian reporters after article about donations UK politics live – latest updates A thinktank previously run by a Labour minister and the prime minister's chief of staff is alleged to have paid a PR firm to investigate journalists who were looking int

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/feb/06/labour-thinktank-close-to-morgan-mcsweeney-allegedly-paid-firm-to-investigate-journalists>

Top government figures to hand over private messages with Mandelson

BBC (UK) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 09:51:37 GMT

Sir Keir Starmer faces pressure to release sensitive files about Lord Mandelson's appointment as US ambassador.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0q4jk5pn19o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0q4jk5pn19o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Now Mandelson files could blow up the Special Relationship with 'damaging' criticism of Trump as **Starmer** fights Rayner coup plot

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 09:42:05 GMT

Officials fear material published as part of a probe into how the close friend of Jeffrey Epstein was hired by the PM could include 'damaging' comments about the thin-skinned president.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15534533/Mandelson-files-blow-Special-Relationship-Trump-Starmer-Rayner-coup.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15534533/Mandelson-files-blow-Special-Relationship-Trump-Starmer-Rayner-coup.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Why Al Cars is gaining ground as MPs mull **Starmer**'s replacement

Financial Times (UK) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 09:36:03 GMT

Current challengers to the PM fail to convince Labour rank-and-file, lifting profile of lesser-known alternative

<https://www.ft.com/content/0748eb0c-0569-4e03-ad8c-3981dcf5352c>

**Starmer** faces renewed calls to sack chief of staff over Mandelson scandal

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 09:20:58 GMT

Another Labour MP says Morgan McSweeney should go as Harriet Harman says PM left looking 'weak, naive and gullible' UK politics live – latest updates Keir Starmer was facing renewed calls to sack his most senior adviser on Friday as Downing Street braced itself for another round of leadership speculation when the files

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/feb/06/starmer-renewed-calls-sack-morgan-mcsweeney-mandelson>

Senior government figures forced to hand over private messages with Mandelson

Independent (News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 09:11:18 GMT

Starmer hopes release of documents will prove he was 'misled' by Mandelson before he appointed him as US ambassador

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/phones-messages-peter-mandelson-epstein-keir-starmer-b2915144.htm>

He's been a disaster, but I still believe he's a decent man. And this is how **Starmer**'s time in No 10 will end, most likely within days... by DAN HODGES

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 08:37:55 GMT

This is how I think it will end. Keir Starmer will take off his tie, pour himself a large glass of wine, kick back, and come to a couple of unwelcome but inevitable conclusions.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15532605/keir-starmer-angela-rayner-epstein-mandelson-labour-government.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15532605/keir-starmer-angela-rayner-epstein-mandelson-labour-government.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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Labour made mistakes in its Caerphilly byelection defeat. It may be about to repeat them in Gorton and Denton | Will Hayward

Guardian (Politics) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 08:00:01 GMT

In Wales, Plaid Cymru sailed through as the anti-Reform party, at Labour's expense. Unless lessons are learned, the Greens could do the same In three weeks, the people of Gorton and Denton will head to the polls for their byelection. And the rest of the UK will be watching. The attention given to this vote will be huge

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/feb/06/labour-mistakes-caerphilly-byelection-gorton-denton>

Rayner: I'm ready to go. As **Starmer** fights for his political life, ex-deputy leader tells friends she's primed to strike

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 07:14:04 GMT

The Daily Mail understands that in the wake of Wednesday's Commons vote, Ms Rayner told an MP who observed that the Prime Minister would have to resign: 'I will be ready.'

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15533497/Rayner-ready-Starmer-fights-ex-deputy-leader.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15533497/Rayner-ready-Starmer-fights-ex-deputy-leader.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

FTSE 100 Live: **Starmer** unease rattles markets; Big tech sell-off

City AM (News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 06:53:35 +0000

Good morning and welcome back to the City AM liveblog. Speculation over Keir Starmer's future has unleashed a fresh round of market unease as investors dumped the pound, UK equities and long-dated government bonds amid rising political uncertainty. The gulf in price between the UK's short- and long-term debt – known as

<https://www.cityam.com/ftse-100-live-starmer-unease-rattles-markets-big-tech-sell-off/>

It's tragic that a decent PM will be brought down by Mandelson's sleaze – but it's a matter of when, not if | Polly Toynbee

Guardian (Politics) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 06:00:03 GMT

With three years left and a huge majority, Labour can govern with more humility and deliver real change. But with Starmer at the helm? I can't see it The smell of death is in the Westminster air. Labour's King Rat Peter Mandelson has again cast his sulphurous odour of villainy around the palace, and contamination may d

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/feb/06/keir-starmer-jeffrey-epstein-peter-mandelson-labour>

FirstFT: Big Tech's AI plans reignite bubble fears

Financial Times (World) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 05:31:41 GMT

Also in today's newsletter: Starmer faces party ire and Maga-aligned European think-tanks

<https://www.ft.com/content/f2abb9cc-e029-4949-a855-06a4e8f8353e>

I'm sorry for appointing Mandelson and believing his Epstein lies, **Starmer** says

Independent (News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 05:30:22 GMT

Prime minister apologises to Epstein victims but seeks to pin blame on vetting process, amid growing calls from within Labour to sack his right-hand man

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/starmer-peter-mandelson-epstein-victims-apology-labour-b2915104.html>

Morally bankrupt! **Starmer** is accused after blaming security services for vetting process that failed to bar Mandelson

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 00:39:33 GMT

Fighting for survival amid a revolt over his handling of the scandal, the Prime Minister criticised the 'vetting carried out independently by the security services' on the disgraced Labour peer.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15533255/morally-bankrupt-Keir-Starmer-blame-Peter-Mandelson.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15533255/morally-bankrupt-Keir-Starmer-blame-Peter-Mandelson.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Rayner: I'm ready to go. As **Starmer** fights for his political life, ex-deputy leader tells friends she's primed to strike - dailymail.co.uk

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 00:11:00 GMT

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMioAFBVV95cUxPMmpMdnExR1BYb2lqYzRBdFdaNDBkNDc3eHlyUTIHaG80X3V6MFVRZ1NobGxqMktWLWN4M1dTdG9LaDFvdE1TcWprR3BuTzdpU2xjMDh4RFNvOEphODF2WHJsSnlPLWM1WE5QeG1QWXRiMTJ4VTRLNFdaYndsOEt6WVpaT3FQTDgwR0laMjBxdldNdW9RRjZNMXhJUV9JRhhE0gGmAUVX3lxTE1CUmF3YTF4Z3paTTBaX3I3N3NGSzJLSTJaMU4tMzJIUHZqRIF6U0pnZVRHUHFiWW5xS3BnVHVPRmpZQzhBS1B6M2pVclZqbmVmeGNNSkdSbDdGNmhNd0g4WWhla3VpNWRoZzFmYnpGOW9seWhYRFA0U0x1ZTBEOGNydWQ2NXd1UGpfaGN2dEVmOGIxZGEyTFZESVJQZ2wwN3R0UDhQZWc?oc=5>

## **Kemi Badenoch**

Time to take a Milei-style chainsaw to the nanny state

City AM (News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 05:34:00 +0000

Ask any business what is the biggest barrier to growth and time and again they will tell you it's regulation, says Jamila Robertson In a recent talk at the Centre for Policy Studies (CPS), the former Bank of England Governor, Lord King, reflected that the Bank of England staff had risen from 2,000 to 5,000 [...]

<https://www.cityam.com/time-to-take-a-milei-style-chainsaw-to-the-nanny-state/>

## **John Swinney**

— no mentions today —

## **Ed Davey**

Should you leave heating on all day? Martin Lewis shares money saving answer

Daily Mirror (News) · Fri, 6 Feb 2026 10:06:50 +0000

Martin Lewis' Money Saving Expert has disclosed whether you should leave your heating on all day or switch it on and off, drawing on research from the Energy Saving Trust and British Gas

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/should-you-leave-heating-day-36679466>

## **Rhun Ap Iorwerth**

— no mentions today —

## **Mary Lou McDonald**

Former junk food addict, 27, lost 7 stone on fat jabs after swapping £50-a-week **McDonald**'s habit for Mounjaro prescription

Daily Mail (Articles) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 07:00:49 +0000

Spending £200-a-month on takeaways, Somers Arrowsmith couldn't afford to take weight loss medication... until she swapped McDonald's for Mounjaro.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-15530829/Former-junk-food-addict-27-lost-7-stone-fat-jabs-swapping-50-week-McDonalds-habit-Mounjaro-prescription.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-15530829/Former-junk-food-addict-27-lost-7-stone-fat-jabs-swapping-50-week-McDonalds-habit-Mounjaro-prescription.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

Almost a quarter of soup on sale in UK supermarkets has too much salt, study finds

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 06:00:03 GMT

Analysis of nearly 500 tinned and chilled products finds 23% exceed government's voluntary salt target  
Nearly a quarter of all soup bought in supermarkets contains too much salt, with one brand containing more salt than two McDonald's cheeseburgers, according to research. Soup has long had a reputation for being a heal

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2026/feb/06/almost-quarter-soup-on-sale-uk-supermarkets-too-much-salt>

## **Gavin Robinson**

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