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## ***Keir Starmer***

**Keir Starmer** 'regrets' tweet welcoming return of freed activist Alaa Abd El-Fattah

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Keir Starmer expressed frustration that he had not been made aware of 'abhorrent' posts by Alaa Abd el-Fattah but declined to apologise for his welcome during a BBC grilling

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/keir-starmer-regrets-tweet-welcoming-36494674>

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**Starmer** prepares to rip up Brexit: PM ready to align UK with EU single market if it is in 'national interest' - but claims there will be no return to free movement of people

Daily Mail (UK News) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 14:18:57 GMT

In some of his strongest comments yet about Britain's post-Brexit relationship with Brussels under Labour the Prime Minister said he would look at the rules governing border checks.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15432887/Starmer-prepares-rip-Brexit-UK-EU-single-market.html?ns\\_mchan=nel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15432887/Starmer-prepares-rip-Brexit-UK-EU-single-market.html?ns_mchan=nel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer** ready for closer alignment with the EU 'in the national interest'

BBC (UK) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 13:58:33 GMT

It is the clearest indication yet the PM wants to pursue a closer relationship with Europe in a broader number of areas.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cn56wdlw094o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cn56wdlw094o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

**Starmer** says closer ties with EU single market preferable to a customs union

Guardian (UK News) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 12:48:00 GMT

Prime minister gives clearest sign yet that government is seeking to further deepen Britain's links with Brussels Closer ties with the EU single market are preferable to a customs union, Keir Starmer has said, in his clearest sign yet that the government is seeking to further deepen links with Brussels. The prime minis

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/04/starmer-says-closer-ties-eu-single-market-preferable-customs-union>

**Starmer** insists he WILL still be Prime Minister in 2027 as he pleads with Labour plotters ahead of New Year reset not to unleash 'chaos' by replacing him

Daily Mail (Articles) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 12:42:46 +0000

In his first interview of 2026 the Labour leader warned those seeking to replacing him that the result would be 'utter chaos'.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15432821/Starmer-insists-Prime-Minister-2027-warns-Labour-plotters.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15432821/Starmer-insists-Prime-Minister-2027-warns-Labour-plotters.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

**Keir Starmer** 'hell bent' on Brexit betrayal as 'die hard remainer' PM eyes EU orbit

Daily Express (Politics) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 12:36:00 +0000

Keir Starmer has made some of his strongest comments yet about Britain's post-Brexit relationship with the European Union.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2153299/keir-starmer-risks-massive-brexit>

**Keir Starmer** admits he 'regrets' welcoming the release of Anglo-Egyptian dissident amid row over 'anti-Semitic tweets'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 12:29:05 GMT

The Prime Minister had said he was 'delighted' when Alaa abd el-Fattah was released by the Cairo government before Christmas.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15432833/Keir-Starmer-admits-regrets-welcoming-release-dissident.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15432833/Keir-Starmer-admits-regrets-welcoming-release-dissident.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer** regrets welcoming British-Egyptian activist to UK after 'abhorrent' posts came to light

BBC (Politics) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 12:13:08 GMT

The PM tells Laura Kuenssberg he "should have been made aware" of Alaa Abd El Fattah's social media history.

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

UK should seek 'closer alignment' with EU single market, **Starmer** says

Financial Times (UK) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 11:46:55 GMT

Prime minister vows he will stay in Number 10 even as Labour party sinks in opinion polls

<https://www.ft.com/content/5096f5e4-a28e-4613-a51b-74277539f205>

Andy Burnham is Labour's best hope of keeping Farage out of No 10, according to UK's top pollster

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<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/andy-burnham-prime-minister-john-curtice-keir-starmer-b2886089.htm>  
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**Starmer** tells me he'll survive - but can he keep this new year's resolution?

BBC (UK) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 11:17:51 GMT

The prime minister discusses the economy, Europe, Venezuela and his own future in an interview with Laura Kuenssberg.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cly1lv92xrso?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cly1lv92xrso?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Video: **Starmer** admits he 'regrets' welcoming release of Alaa abd el-Fattah - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 11:05:33 GMT

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**Starmer** won't be drawn on whether US strikes on Venezuela broke international law

BBC (Politics) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 10:41:04 GMT

The PM told the BBC's Laura Kuenssberg that he won't "shy away from this" but added we "haven't got the full picture at the moment".

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cy4qgvwxp08o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cy4qgvwxp08o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Labour turns on itself over **Starmer's** tepid support for Trump's Venezuela strike as hard Left MPs demand US leader is treated as if he was PUTIN

Daily Mail (Articles) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 10:38:22 +0000

Allies of former leader Jeremy Corbyn lashed out after the Prime Minister last night said his administration will 'shed no tears' over the end of Nicolas Maduro's regime.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15432791/Labour-turns-Starmer's-tepid-support-Trumps-Venezuela-strike-hard-Left-MPs-demand-US-leader-treated-PUTIN.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15432791/Labour-turns-Starmer's-tepid-support-Trumps-Venezuela-strike-hard-Left-MPs-demand-US-leader-treated-PUTIN.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

**Starmer:** I'll still be prime minister going into 2027

City AM (News) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 10:23:40 +0000

Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer has insisted he will still leading the country this time next year, dismissing concerns about his leadership, despite growing rumours about challenges within the party. The Labour leader said that frequent leadership changes were not in the national interest, taking note of the &#8220;ch

<https://www.cityam.com/starmer-ill-still-be-prime-minister-going-into-2027/>

**Starmer** prepares to rip up Brexit: PM ready to align UK with EU single market if it is in 'national interest' - but claims there will be no return to free movement of people - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (nigel Farage) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 10:00:39 GMT

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMiAFBV95cUxNMjNwQ3p4WFZGVkZsdEUzbn9uU2JmeFNobWRrcTR1WGIzRVJwVHNuMW1paEFIT1djX3lkenBaSDRubnNvQ2F6S20zb3plNXRHSdH2VWxTQzkyQjVFMtBFQXfjVWVhEdmQ5Uy0tZzh3U2ZzekxJLXVuNHJOWG9Bem1OQ3o5TksCZ3FtVjdrRms4TUNXTkRieXBmZHFwUXI5SFdNOFmtdlBqgFBVV95cUxQOGVQSHdRT2h1MGRyNlVvM2kzMIhsZ09Hb0haT3AxZHZrdXN6aGh5bmo0SUNDZDNXLVIXb29ReXVKMGwwbmJBQ1d0c3N1Rm1VVzNSb2lflTBteJZcFZUYnJxSFZsWW5TZHRXODg0M2hfY1laZ045d0pnOS1RYWczazdMZGxhOHhKNWg4Qm1wWGsxcldk4aElaZUxpMUTWejRhVllyYlRyXNlIUQ?oc=5>

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**Starmer** insists he WILL still be Prime Minister in 2027 as he pleads with Labour plotters ahead of New Year reset not to unleash 'chaos' by replacing him - Daily Mail

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMisgFBVV95cUxPbUota1JBNIc0bG4zU2R5eC05Y2E0V2VSdW5wT1JHWWJEamtUaUo5SjViU2ZmbkVwQk91T2F1djVjbzIGVi1LSWsxTDZVYXp0Q3UtOE84UzU0c1NKKQWhPSIZodk15eUVNM3hVYWRqNXdUUVZOMVVEZFhTSTJkYmZRM2IzeXRpZzFZMFQtaFNOcUcya01vLWlUUG50cjdjc19PX0Zld2hUdjQ1QThJZVFsVjBR0g3AUFX3lxTE1QNmVyeGJ2enF5VFNwSDYwSHILUWJFa1RWXzhnbW1ody1Xcll5aXEtZzh5aDI1MGxqaWxEeERWNG9RQm9fbzI3eWFucUpYRk0xZktPbi0xY2JUWFZlZWFNMUWIBODZwdXFWU3dwYmpySjRhTGNxNEVaZW4tTkhYNFpFSFJGY01iV4k44cTR6dkwxM0Yzc01fUm03c3NUSThpSDFHYTJWZ0ZucFY2dnNLTndsYlQ5dV9Taw?oc=5>

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**Sir Keir Starmer** faces rebellion by scores of MPs as he and leadership rivals signal closer EU ties

Daily Mail (UK News) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 02:11:30 GMT

The row erupted after Health Secretary Wes Streeting called for a 'deeper trading relationship with the EU'.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15431769/Sir-Keir-Starmer-rebellion-MPs-leadership-rivals-signal-closer-EU-ties.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15431769/Sir-Keir-Starmer-rebellion-MPs-leadership-rivals-signal-closer-EU-ties.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer** scrambles for cost-of-living strategy amid threat from Reform - as PM admits Brits have it 'harder than it should be'

Daily Mail (Articles) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 01:54:35 +0000

The Prime Minister will put the cost-of-living crisis at the heart of a desperate new year pitch to voters next week with a promise to 'make life better' across Britain in 2026.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15432379/Starmer-scrambles-cost-living-strategy-amid-threat-Reform-PM-admits-Brits-harder-be.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15432379/Starmer-scrambles-cost-living-strategy-amid-threat-Reform-PM-admits-Brits-harder-be.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

The Labour Left's long love affair with basket-case communists leaves **Starmer** squirming

Daily Mail (UK News) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 01:50:17 GMT

Sir Keir Starmer's initial squirming reaction to the US strike on Venezuela is rooted in the long love affair the Left has enjoyed with the basket-case communist country.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15431787/Labour-love-affair-communists-Starmer-Corbyn.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15431787/Labour-love-affair-communists-Starmer-Corbyn.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer** scrambles for cost-of-living strategy amid threat from Reform - as PM admits Brits have it 'harder than it should be' - Daily Mail

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## **Kemi Badenoch**

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## **Ed Davey**

**Ed Davey:** 'Europe is crying out for closer relations with Britain'

Financial Times (UK) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 05:00:03 GMT

Lib Dem leader says his party is best placed to take on Reform UK

<https://www.ft.com/content/b23447b6-dc70-40e9-bc91-89f15a0657dd>

BBC could be forced to up pay of its next top boss as director-general role is called 'poisoned chalice'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 02:17:27 GMT

Sources at the Corporation say bosses are 'having enormous difficulty' in finding 'decent candidates' to replace Tim Davie, who quit in November amid claims the BBC is institutionally biased.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15431675/BBC-pay-director-general-poisoned-chalice.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15431675/BBC-pay-director-general-poisoned-chalice.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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### **Mary Lou Mcdonald**

Donald Trump's great Venezuelan oil gamble

Economist (Latest) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 12:38:53 +0000

The country has the world's largest petroleum reserves. Getting them out of the ground will be tortuous

<https://www.economist.com/finance-and-economics/2026/01/04/donald-trumps-great-venezuelan-oil-gamble>

### **Gavin Robinson**

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