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## **Nigel Farage**

Labour chair claims pub business rates rethink not a U-turn, but 'sign of confident government' – UK politics live

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 09:29:57 GMT

Anna Turley says policy change indicates that ministers are 'listening' and are 'actually in touch with people' Good morning. Yesterday it emerged the government is going to significantly revise some of its budget plans with a financial support package to help the pub industry. Pubs say that, without extra help, they w

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2026/jan/09/labour-pubs-disability-benefits-assisted-dying-defence-spending-farage-reform-latest-news-updates>

Photos show aftermath of avalanche of garbage at a Philippines landfill

Independent (News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 09:22:20 GMT

Officials say an avalanche of garbage and debris buried or trapped workers at a landfill in the Philippines, killing one person, injuring a dozen and leaving others missing.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/philippines-b2897382.html>

Mother and brother of 'bubbly' teenage girl who was killed in house fire are charged with manslaughter

Daily Mail (Articles) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 09:00:15 +0000

Leah Casson, 18, died after a fire engulfed her home on Vicarage Street, in North Shields in the early hours of January 16, 2023.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15448361/Mother-brother-teenage-girl-killed-fire-manslaughter.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15448361/Mother-brother-teenage-girl-killed-fire-manslaughter.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

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A scathing letter from the Ethnicity Pay Gap Steering Committee has questioned why Labour have delayed legal changes for wage justice for six months

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/farage-reform-ethnic-pay-gap-law-delay-starmer-b2897006.html>

Landfill collapse kills 1 and leaves at least 27 missing, Philippine police say

Independent (News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 04:51:38 GMT

A huge mound of garbage has collapsed in a waste segregation facility in a central Philippine city, killing one person and leaving at least 27 others missing

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/manila-search-and-rescue-efforts-cebu-city-facebook-b2897283.html>

## **Keir Starmer**

X could be banned in UK amid sexualised AI images concerns

Independent (News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 09:31:44 GMT

Sir Keir Starmer indicated that Elon Musk's social media platform could be blocked in the UK

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/x-twitter-ban-grok-ai-images-b2897351.html>

Politics LIVE: WW3 fears explode as defence chiefs tell **Keir Starmer** 'we need £28bn'

Daily Express (Politics) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 09:14:00 +0000

A top NATO official is now warning that World War Three could come soon but the UK's defence budget has a £28 billion black hole

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2155598/politics-live-ww3-starmer-defence>

UK faces '£28bn defence funding shortfall', top military chief warns **Starmer**

Independent (News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 09:08:51 GMT

The news of a reported shortfall comes as the UK this week pledged to put troops on the ground in Ukraine in the event of a ceasefire

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/defence-spending-military-budget-war-russia-b2897330.html>

UK forces 'face £28bn funding black hole' as fears of war with Russia mount - heaping pressure on **Starmer** to ramp up spending

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 08:45:22 GMT

Keir Starmer is said to have been warned by the chief of the defence staff Richard Knighton that there is a huge gap in budgets over the next four years.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15448423/UK-forces-funding-black-hole-war-Russia-Starmer-spending.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15448423/UK-forces-funding-black-hole-war-Russia-Starmer-spending.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

UK forces 'face £28bn funding black hole' as fears of war with Russia mount - heaping pressure on **Starmer** to ramp up spending - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 08:22:26 GMT

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMisAFBVV95cUxObkZHYWpVLXZIcEVfWGcyTwdEWnVyVFd5SEpJVzZRdGxleHJHWkt6VnpvSkRtbTNLUlo2dFlucE5yNFBuYUNqdG1XTk1MOUdqYVN0ZHlwRWk4Z0pvc3BhdFIGUE9BRJN3cDIqT25aNDDuVmtZeUJFbm1TLTYzUWVlaVEwS2tJbkhGYUVydHRfNzRSQWlneXQ4VEhWYXBXeUiTnpFWExGcDY4Tm5yanU3edIBtgFBVV95cUxQemVna2tvXzhWZXZzN20xSG1kb3FHTTFILVc3WnhwREVWR1RocjlweVpJMxpsMnQ3RTVpdkZRYzNCSVZQQ2ozaFpHOVNZekoxRGZpN0M5cVJzSjJnZHB1ZTzVaVdhb2pyVFFYeG9KODJHUm9zc3B2R0xwZF85UmITUEhOUjdkUjFrcy05TDIRMW1mYkZPcy1LR2ZNM2VGRDZ5SkFzVXRUSXI5bjJyNXBJQjNEWWJzdw?oc=5>

**Keir Starmer** warned military is still £28bn shy of being able to defend UK from war

Daily Express (News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 08:18:00 +0000

The defence spending shortfall comes amid rising global tensions.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/2155580/keir-starmer-military-spending-shortfall>

**Starmer**'s desperate bid to stop Trump grabbing Greenland: PM vows European states will do more to counter Arctic threat from Russia and China

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 08:15:32 GMT

Keir Starmer held calls with the Danish leader and the head of NATO before speaking to the US President for the second time in two days.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15447457/Keir-Starmer-launches-frantic-bid-calm-crisis-Greenland-trying-persuade-Trump-NATO-defend-Arctic-without-US-takeover.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15447457/Keir-Starmer-launches-frantic-bid-calm-crisis-Greenland-trying-persuade-Trump-NATO-defend-Arctic-without-US-takeover.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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City pushes back against closer ties with EU

City AM (News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 07:50:39 +0000

Keir Starmer's plan to foster closer economic ties with the European Union is likely to exclude financial services after senior City figures pushed back against the reintroduction of EU regulations. The prime minister has called for "closer ties" with the EU in a bid to boost economic growth, with senior cabinet member

<https://www.cityam.com/city-pushes-back-against-closer-ties-with-eu/>

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FirstFT: **Starmer** carves UK financial services out of EU alignment push

Financial Times (World) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 05:31:43 GMT

Also in today's newsletter: Glencore-Rio Tinto megamerger talks and Iran's internet blackout

<https://www.ft.com/content/3c9f8007-6692-457e-8d44-2ae461f7f156>

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## **John Swinney**

**Swinney** says he would send troops to Ukraine if Scotland gains independence

BBC (Politics) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 06:19:52 GMT

The first minister also warned that the post-war peace in western Europe could be under threat.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0lx1nynl59o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0lx1nynl59o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

## **Ed Davey**

Freezer bag trick can de-ice your car in seconds as UK to be hit by more snow

Daily Mirror (News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 08:00:00 +0000

A motoring expert has shared a de-icing hack that could save drivers time on frosty mornings and all you need is a kitchen household item to save your windscreen from freezing over

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/freezer-bag-trick-can-de-36507460>

Harrowing details emerge about how a teen was allegedly attacked and stabbed after a wild Airbnb party in Shalvey spiralled out of control

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 07:04:54 GMT

Police allege a 16-year-old boy was wielding a knife when he approached a 17-year-old boy outside a house in Shalvey, in Sydney's west, on Tuesday night.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15448293/shalvey-stabbing-airbnb-party.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15448293/shalvey-stabbing-airbnb-party.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

CHRISTOPHER STEVENS reviews last night's TV: Hairy Biker Si swaps his leathers for a silk scarf in a welcome return to TV

Daily Mail (Articles) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 01:21:56 +0000

Britain's Favourite Railway Stations (More4) is an unspectacular but well-chosen comeback for Si King in the wake of the death of his Hairy Bikers pal Dave Myers in 2024.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tv/article-15447481/CHRISTOPHER-STEVENS-reviews-nights-TV-Hairy-Biker-Si-swaps-leathers-silk-scarf-welcome-return-TV.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tv/article-15447481/CHRISTOPHER-STEVENS-reviews-nights-TV-Hairy-Biker-Si-swaps-leathers-silk-scarf-welcome-return-TV.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

## **Rhun Ap Iorwerth**

— no mentions today —

## **Mary Lou McDonald**

McDonald's reported to watchdog as unions accuse firm of failing to tackle 'repeated harassment' against 'mostly teenage' staff

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 08:02:36 GMT

Five trade unions are claiming McDonald's has violated international labour standards and say junior workers have been subjected to 'repeated episodes' of harassment.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15445269/McDonalds-reported-watchdog-unions-firm-failing-tackle-harassment-teenage-staff.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15445269/McDonalds-reported-watchdog-unions-firm-failing-tackle-harassment-teenage-staff.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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