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Nigel Farage

The 4 big names on Reform defection watch in nightmare for Starmer and Badenoch

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EXCLUSIVE: Express Deputy Editor Sam Lister reveals the MPs most likely to follow Robert Jenrick in jumping ship to Nigel Farage's insurgent party

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2158603/4-big-names-reform-defection-watch-nightmare-starmer-badenoch-jenrick>

Will any more Tories follow Jenrick out of the door? Badenoch hopes brutal move has stemmed flow of defections - as **Farage** sets May 7 deadline

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 10:24:14 GMT

Westminster is reeling from Kemi Badenoch's extraordinary pre-emptive strike on her former leadership rival yesterday, sacking him before he could defect to Reform.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15469629/Tories-Jenrick-Badenoch-defections-Reform-Slytherin-House-politics.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Robert Jenrick latest: Reform MP insists former Tory minister won't try to oust **Farage** after defection

Independent (News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 10:09:17 GMT

Lee Anderson said Robert Jenrick 'wants to be part of a team' after his defection to Reform UK

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/robert-jenrick-reform-defection-badenoch-farage-starmer-latest-news-b2901787.html>

'Enough already': Jenrick's defection gets mixed reception from Reform members

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 10:00:53 GMT

Some supporters are concerned about the number of Conservatives being welcomed by their party, and fear it could alienate voters. If Reform UK was officially celebrating Robert Jenrick's defection to Nigel Farage's party, the reaction of the rank-and-file was an altogether more complicated one – ranging from jubilation

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/16/enough-already-jenricks-defection-gets-mixed-reception-among-reform-members>

Robert Jenrick and **Nigel Farage**'s jaw-dropping insults to each other as he joins Reform

Daily Mirror (News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 09:42:33 +0000

Ex-Tory MP Robert Jenrick heaped praise on Nigel Farage after his defection to the party. But relations between the duo haven't always been rosy - with bitter personal insults

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/robert-jenrick-nigel-farages-jaw-36560717>

Everything **Nigel Farage** and Robert Jenrick said about each other before his dramatic defection

Independent (News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 09:36:26 GMT

The Reform UK leader had described the Tory MP as a 'fraud' as recently as last summer

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/nigel-farage-robert-jenrick-reform-defection-b2901097.html>

Farage 'couldn't run a 5-a-side team', Jenrick says in leaked audio

Independent (News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 09:35:32 GMT

Robert Jenrick can be heard criticising his new boss and dismissing Reform UK as 'not a serious party' in leaked audio

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/robert-jenrick-nigel-farage-reform-uk-leaked-audio-b2901702.html>

Tories are squandering chance to show why they are not Reform

Financial Times (World) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 09:30:02 GMT

Party must set itself apart because anyone who wants to vote for the populist right is well-served by Farage

<https://www.ft.com/content/4d459a5d-3ef2-41cd-a1da-2be78b9aa503>

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Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 08:53:32 GMT

Robert Jenrick burned all bridges with the Conservatives on Thursday as he rounded on Kemi Badenoch and other senior figures just 24 hours after sitting around the Shadow Cabinet table.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468755/Kemi-win-election-Farage-Robert-Jenrick.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

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Our economy's moribund, borders are broken, armed forces depleted and the PM's an ocean-going Socialist dud. So as Jenrick's defection rocks the Right, our message to Reform and the Tories: Stop fighting each other - and end the Labour nightmare

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 08:14:29 GMT

On a dramatic day at Westminster, the former Conservative leadership contender became the highest-profile defector to Nigel Farage's insurgent party.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468547/Our-economys-moribund-borders-broken-armed-forces-depleted-PM-ocean-going-Socialist-dud-Jenricks-defection-rocks-Right-message-Reform-Tories-Stop-fighting-end-Labour-nightmare.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Jenrick defects to Reform UK after being sacked by Tories

BBC (Politics) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 06:39:53 GMT

The former minister says the Conservatives "broke Britain", as Nigel Farage welcomes him to his party.

https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cwyrpdy42n1o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss

Say what you will about Trump, but unlike Starmer he knows his own power – and how to use it | Aditya Chakraborty

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<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/16/trump-power-right-starmer-potholes>

JASON GROVES: Robert Jenrick was the bridge for a Tory-Reform pact - any hope of uniting the Right is harder now it has been kicked away. His defection leaves Labour with the most to celebrate...

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 02:25:12 GMT

Nigel Farage was all smiles as he welcomed his latest - and biggest - defector to Reform's HQ at London's Millbank Tower and declared the death of the Conservative Party.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468811/JASON-GROVES-analysis-Seen-bridge-Tory-Reform-pact-thats-kicked-away.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Chris Mason: Is **Farage's** Reform really Conservatives 2.0?

BBC (UK) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 02:19:35 GMT

Reform UK is showing 'momentum and magnetism', but faces a familiar critique of being dubbed the Conservatives 2.0, the BBC's political editor writes.

https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c20d9dlypnzo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss

'Fur coat-wearing' Robert Jenrick and **Nigel Farage** are turned into rappers in AI video after ex-Tory was sacked over rumours he was defecting to Reform

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 01:44:46 GMT

The video, which has circulated widely on X, shows Mr Jenrick and Mr Farage reimagined as rap stars standing at the lectern where Mr Jenrick delivered his defection speech earlier today.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468491/Fur-coat-Robert-Jenrick-Nigel-Farage-rappers-AI-video.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Driven by naked expediency, this sinister move to define 'anti-Muslim hostility' would only leave Britain even more fragmented, writes FRANK FUREDİ

Daily Mail (Articles) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 00:01:56 +0000

Just shy of a year ago, Angela Rayner, established a working group to investigate what she claimed were 'unacceptable' levels of Islamophobia in Britain.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15468517/Driven-naked-expediency-sinister-define-anti-Muslim-hostility-leave-Britain-fragmented-writes-FRANK-FUREDİ.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490

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JAN MOIR: **Starmer's** Ikea insult shows what a Tarnestad knob he is (£5 for two)

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Keir Starmer put in another abysmal performance at PMQs this week. Like a sulky child throwing their toys out the pram, he floundered, he flustered and then got angry.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/lifestyle/article-15468399/JAN-MOIR-Starmer's-Ikea-insult-shows-Tarnestad-knob-5-two.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490

Key Trump official rages at **Keir Starmer** over two major moves

Daily Express (News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 08:36:00 +0000

A top Trump official has launched a scathing attack on Keir Starmer for delaying local elections and curbing jury trials as four million could lose right to vote.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/us/2158523/key-trump-official-rages-keir>

TikTok to strengthen age-verification technology across EU

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 08:34:57 GMT

Move comes as calls for Australia-style social media ban for under-16s grow around world TikTok will begin to roll out new age-verification technology across the EU in the coming weeks, as calls for an Australia-style social media ban for under-16s grow in countries including the UK. ByteDance-owned TikTok, and other m

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2026/jan/16/tiktok-to-strengthen-age-verification-technology-across-eu>

Keir Starmer MUST outlaw the 'terrible' practice of cousin marriage, SARAH VINE tells PETER HITCHENS on provocative new podcast

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 08:19:16 GMT

First-cousin marriage does not belong in the modern world and the Prime Minister must 'show some moral courage' in siding with MPs who want it outlawed, Sarah Vine has argued.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15466717/keir-starmer-ban-cousin-marriage-sarah-vine-peter-hitchens-podcast.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMivgFBVV95cUxOYIFwRHdwWmJ2LW5Gd1RFSUpYUWdSX2NnS2BiOXZCdTmU2V1QjM5N2xrUldNek1oQnYzR25CLXBtd2diYlIzMnJWUFIINTIIRDUxTIFIWnhOUXN0Y05EbTRzWjJjbWRXZdVjYOVV5VDUwM05oS0t6RFJlQUd5NmlqbTI0bXFiMUUpVTWIBOXM0M256b2c4bmtOTEZ0QmEzbHd0a2FteGhORnpfbXlZlHjYkN1QXlYVkV0gHDAUFVX3lxTFBQVkfNY2FoMGxSVjc0MkY0Zmh0akU1eEphRV01S29NT0hWUUVVn2NGeENjSk5sOFhITW5ZT1IHcTdDT0JscXc1Y05kS3RrUjZBa0JUUDZNemdwSXBveGh6MFJxMjk3UkVKY001N1p1UnB0dUZVTzRiREE2THRGNY05NkhYMHkyNnJHUnJOd0lVzRWLWVoeFVLMdMtZ0laXzNsZ0ZYVFRTS25F>

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Is another Labour U-turn on the cards? **Keir Starmer** gives clearest indication that Labour is considering a ban on under 16s using social media

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 04:40:22 GMT

The Prime Minister said he has not ruled out introducing an Australia-style ban on young people using social media following pressure from his backbenchers, adding: 'All options are on the table.'

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468105/Social-media-ban-U-turn-Starmer-Labour.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

The luxury life of Dutch activist 'barred from the UK' after criticising **Keir Starmer**: Anti-migrant commentator is married to wealthy Italian aristocrat

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 01:39:53 GMT

Eva Vlaardingerbroek, who was denied an electronic travel authorisation (ETA) for Britain yesterday, is married to Francesco Gargallo di Castel Lentini - a Rome-based lawyer.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15467567/Dutch-activist-barred-UK-criticising-Keir-Starmer.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Labour MPs urge Sir **Keir Starmer** to perform even MORE U-turns on his unpopular policies after 'mess' and 'farce' over mandatory Digital ID

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 00:37:31 GMT

Backbenchers said the Prime Minister should abandon proposals to curtail jury trials and cancel local elections after he backtracked on making Digital ID mandatory for right-to-work checks.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468025/Labour-MPs-urge-Sir-Keir-Starmer-perform-U-turns.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

The luxury life of Dutch activist 'barred from the UK' after criticising **Keir Starmer**: Anti-migrant commentator is married to wealthy Italian aristocrat - Daily Mail

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The Papers: 'Sacked Jenrick defects' and 'Traitories'

BBC (UK) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 05:51:07 GMT

Former Conservative shadow minister Robert Jenrick joining Reform UK hours after he was sacked by Kemi Badenoch, is the main focus of Friday's papers.

https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c99km7ym748o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss

Kemi Badenoch bids to steady Tories after Robert Jenrick's defection to Reform - ITVX

ITV (Google News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 05:40:24 GMT

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMiswFBVV95cUxNSVpITJsZzhwZHIDRVA5SGxGX1pSX3hEUXdJclNhRU5ydmJHZENkdzVyVWtBYUlwVmptdkZVQ2x1d0NWaDV4bFhtanFMXzFFeEhWZFRlbnRlcXQ1lhd15V25QZ0thMmNxakd0RG03WVNQN0s5M2FsWHFIRHdFSUwyZ1gyMGh6LUd6R2NYeDhVTURta0INUG80MjFXUVBtVTZuTW1wRjhFY2tFakFuUWdlN200VQ?oc=5>

SARAH VINE: Jenrick has proved he's a morally vacant coward you can't trust with power... while Kemi's shown an unflappable core of steel

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 00:35:52 GMT

Kemi Badenoch's decision to fire Robert Jenrick from the Shadow Cabinet and remove the whip has, I'm afraid, been a long time coming.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15468133/SARAH-VINE-Jenrick-coward-Kemi.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Sacked Robert Jenrick was 'consumed by personal ambition' and has 'actually lost his mind' over Reform 'betrayal', say former Tory colleagues

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 00:13:00 GMT

Conservatives in Westminster and Mr Jenrick's constituency - left stunned by Tory leader Kemi Badenoch's decision to sack him - expressed disappointment at his plan to join Reform.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15467885/Sacked-Robert-Jenrick-consumed-personal-ambition-actually-lost-mind-Reform-betrayal-say-former-Tory-colleagues.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

John Swinney

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Ed Davey

Dad, 55, who finally got diagnosed in November has died, weeks later

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Dave Chalmers has been described as 'an incredible family man'

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/health/dad-55-who-finally-diagnosed-36561442>

Agatha Christie's leading lady in new Netflix murder mystery Seven Dials is inspired by HERSELF - and the clock-based riddles will have you scratching your head all the way to the finale

Daily Mail (Articles) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 01:19:36 +0000

A century after she was written into being by Agatha Christie, Lady Eileen Brent (to give Bundle her proper name) has finally been discovered by Netflix.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tv/article-15466747/netflix-seven-dials-agatha-christie-leading-lady.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490

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Mary Lou McDonald

Donald Trump's family in talks with developers to build Australia's first Trump Tower

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 09:26:45 GMT

Donald Trump's family is rumoured to be in discussion to develop their first Trump Tower in Australia.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15469453/Trump-Tower-Gold-Coast-rumour.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Karoline Leavitt defends Trump's **McDonald's** habit after MAHA tsar RFK Jr said president should be dead

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 00:30:54 GMT

The president's love for McDonald's was slated this week by his Secretary of Health and Human Services, Robert F Kennedy Jr., who said he was 'pumping himself full of poison' on a daily basis.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468143/Trump-McDonalds-diet-Leavitt-MAHA-junk-food.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Gavin Robinson

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