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Coco Gauff rages at Australian Open organizers after her shocking behind-the-scenes meltdown was broadcast to the world

Daily Mail (Articles) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 09:00:41 +0000

The US star, still just 21, was dumped out of the tournament in under an hour by Elina Svitolina and she let her frustration out in a rare display of anger - which was broadcast for the world to see.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/tennis/article-15502001/coco-gauff-australian-open-racket-meltdown.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490

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Keir Starmer

Let the kowtowing begin! **Starmer** arrives in Beijing hoping to boost trade ties despite fury over spying and human rights abuses

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 10:50:03 GMT

Keir Starmer stepped off the plane in Beijing for the first visit by a UK premier for eight years.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15504741/As-flies-Beijing-trip-Starmer-insists-Chinese-spies-NOT-hacked-teams-phones-leaves-government-jet-amid-tight-security.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Starmer lands in Beijing after claiming that engaging with China will make UK richer and safer

Independent (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 10:48:00 GMT

The PM is under pressure to raise several difficult subjects, including China's espionage activity, when he meets with President Xi Jinping on Thursday

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/keir-starmer-china-visit-uk-xi-jinping-b2909152.html>

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Starmer warned on 'severe' risk of trading with China

City AM (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 10:38:35 +0000

Keir Starmer has been warned about the "severe" risk of trading with China as he said building economic relations with the world's second largest economy would drive growth. The Prime Minister landed in Beijing on Wednesday for meetings with Chinese officials including President Xi Jinping in the coming days.

<https://www.cityam.com/starmer-warned-on-severe-risk-of-trading-with-china/>

Join Q&A with John Rentoul on Labour's civil war, Andy Burnham and a government at odds with itself

Independent (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 10:35:59 GMT

Our chief political commentator John Rentoul answers your questions on Labour's internal tensions, Keir Starmer's authority, the Burnham row, repeated U-turns and why this is the most unruly parliamentary Labour party in history

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/labour-starmer-burnham-leadership-challenge-b2909123.html>

Starmer vows to raise issues 'that need to be raised' with Xi amid push to free Jimmy Lai

Guardian (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 09:59:41 GMT

PM may also discuss fate of Uyghurs with Chinese leader on trip aimed at improving economic relations 'Very low bar': Starmer faces slim pickings in China Keir Starmer has said he will "raise the issues that need to be raised" on human rights with China's president, Xi Jinping, as he arrived in Beijing for the first time

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/28/keir-starmer-jimmy-lai-human-rights-china-xi-jinping>

Keir Starmer insists he will take 'pragmatic' approach during Beijing trip

Financial Times (UK) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 09:44:54 GMT

Four-day visit to China overshadowed by concerns about human rights and spy threats

<https://www.ft.com/content/8310247b-b783-4768-a705-9a74d76e0114>

'That's a matter for Andy': **Starmer** declines to welcome Burnham to parliament | ITV News - ITVX

ITV (Google News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 09:40:19 GMT

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMirgFBVV95cUxOOG1UMEZsLXI2VEo0QUVvN3dtTm5VQWNreTZkSXY3ajhYNmcydW9ZNkRSNVliY0IGZTZqQmNVMXhwMlpEYldmQmgtZUFWUGtyb3JCMG5LV0xmWTRtYVlQbmFFQ0pnMno1M01qaHUxWDIHcXFJS0p1SEIjNU5sZ1B1c2V0MHRXT2ZjVVRkZEd6SmkzOHhfeVI4ODZLWTI0WWJ2NHJkS0R5VE11NmwybXc?oc=5>

'I'm not dead yet': Angela Rayner prepares her return to the political frontline and warns **Starmer** 'must do better'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 09:27:50 GMT

Infighting is threatening to escalate with the PM away in China, as the party braces for a potential by-election humiliation in Gorton & Denton.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15504757/Angela-Rayner-Starmer-allies-fight-Wes-Streeting-No10-PM-power-loosening-Burnham-shut-out.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

PM's role in witch-hunt against British troops as **Keir Starmer** and Lord Hermer 'helped pave way for war crime probes'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 09:18:47 GMT

Keir Starmer was involved in a landmark legal case that opened the door to hundreds of British soldiers being pursued for alleged war crimes, it emerged last night.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15503973/PMs-witch-hunt-against-British-troops-Keir-Starmer-Lord-Hermer-helped-pave-way-war-crime-probes.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Gorton and Denton is 'straight fight' between Labour and Reform, says **Starmer** - ITVX

ITV (Google News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 08:58:29 GMT

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMiugFBVV95cUxOdWE2dUpSTIdybGhhZWV0Q0tmMWdZbkRwd014empJYVdyQXJ2aEpVWkFNWlcvRENyHBwMUxhSUhSZ2RXtU1ZNDIFUGF4RDVaeWlWOUF6WmVHM25IMy05a2szc0hFcVpad053WWh5dVpVjVvMnhPN1MwMGtSZWxlaWk3OGN4QIVzcmtlQ0JGVdIhOEExhRVA3X0N2OHdYdGpmdVRlMFg4SjRzeW5jQU1pR0RUTWltZk9MDEE?oc=5>

Angela Rayner declares 'I'm not dead yet' as supporters plot **Starmer's** downfall

Independent (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 08:43:43 GMT

Former deputy PM was speaking before Andy Burnham's pathway back to parliament was blocked

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/angela-rayner-starmer-labour-leader-election-b2908833.html>

As he flies out for Beijing trip, **Starmer** insists Chinese spies have NOT hacked his team's phones...but he leaves government jet behind amid tight security - Daily Mail

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Starmer speaks to Burnham after by-election row

BBC (UK) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 08:16:54 GMT

Sir Keir rejects claims that Andy Burnham was told in advance he would not be accepted as a candidate.

https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cp3zp2p8qwzo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss

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Starmer blasts ‘toxic’ politics of Reform UK’s by-election candidate

Financial Times (UK) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 07:00:04 GMT

Prime minister launches attack on Matt Goodwin ahead of high-stakes vote next month

<https://www.ft.com/content/db830ac8-5a04-4beb-b5bc-c1db584c45b6>

FTSE 100 Live: Pound at 2021 high as Trump shrugs at dollar woes

City AM (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 06:45:00 +0000

Good morning and welcome back to the City AM liveblog. Has the mining sector’s rally finally run out of steam? It appeared so on Tuesday, where City banks helped lift the FTSE 100 out of the red as miners across the board sank despite the ever-increasing price of precious metals. Fresnillo; the best performer

<https://www.cityam.com/ftse-100-live-pound-stocks-fresnillo-gold-trump-starmer/>

From the Burnham row to the China visit, avoiding hard choices is the **Starmer** doctrine | Rafael Behr

Guardian (Politics) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 06:00:05 GMT

Whether at home or abroad, the pattern of ducking difficult arguments and calling it pragmatism is the same. There comes a point in a prime minister’s career when foreign travel offers respite from domestic trouble. Even when relations with the host country are tricky, as Britain’s are with China, the dignifying protocol

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/28/andy-burnham-china-visit-keir-starmer>

Starmer is wrong to say he doesn’t have to choose between the US and China

City AM (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 05:26:00 +0000

Is Keir Starmer a geopolitical genius? As he jets off to China for the first visit by a UK Prime Minister since 2018, we must at least consider the possibility that he is. Ahead of his departure Starmer said ‘I’m often invited to simply choose between countries [but] I don’t do that.’ The country

<https://www.cityam.com/starmer-wrong-to-say-no-need-to-choose-between-us-and-china/>

PM's role in witch-hunt against British troops as **Keir Starmer** and Lord Hermer 'helped pave way for war crime probes' - Daily Mail

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How Labour's leasehold flat reforms could deal a blow to pension funds

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 00:31:20 GMT

Prime Minister Keir Starmer yesterday proposed that ground rents paid by owners of leasehold properties, mostly flats, will be capped at £250 per year.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15503793/How-Labours-leasehold-flat-reforms-deal-blow-pension-funds.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

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The last thing the Tory party needs is the return of the bunch of liberal failures who made them unelectable last time: DANIEL JOHNSON

Daily Mail (Articles) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 02:32:21 +0000

No Tory leader in history has been handed as daunting a task as Kemi Badenoch. Who would want the job of picking up the pieces after the catastrophic 2024 election?

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15503415/Tory-party-return-bunch-liberal-failures-unelectable.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490

John Swinney

The heartbreaking technicality that meant The Traitors winner Rachel Duffy couldn't take her 'beautiful mummy' on dream holiday before she died - despite winning the show's £47k prize pot

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 08:09:28 GMT

Rachel Duffy made The Traitors history on Friday night after she became the first female to win the BBC show in a momentous double traitor win alongside Stephen Libby.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-15502365/Heartbreaking-Traitors-Rachel-Duffy-mummy-dream-holiday-died-47k-prize-pot.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Ed Davey

Horror as 'vile' thug ties 95-year-old woman up during brutal robbery attempt

Daily Express (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 10:05:00 +0000

Detective Inspector Paul Davies described it as "a vile incident in which a woman was tied up and threatened in her own home".

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/2163524/horror-vile-thug-ties-95-year-old-woman-up-robbery-manchester>

Dave Grohl makes a rare red carpet appearance with wife Jordyn Blum after he fathered a secret baby outside of their marriage

Daily Mail (Articles) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 09:46:08 +0000

The couple's marriage was rocked after the Foo Fighters frontman confirmed he had fathered a baby with another woman - rock and roll fan Jennifer Young- in September 2024.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-15504633/Dave-Grohl-rare-red-carpet-appearance-wife-Jordyn-Blum-fat-hered-secret-baby.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490

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Mary Lou McDonald

McDonald's axes virtually all its vegetarian menu due to poor sales of meat-free options

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 10:41:10 GMT

The fast food chain has revealed that it will stop selling around 80 per cent of its plant-based products from next week in a decision which has left vegetarians furious.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15504901/McDonalds-axes-virtually-vegetarian-menu-poor-sales-meat-free-options.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Donald Trump rattled as four key moments show he's on the ropes

Daily Mirror (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 10:38:54 +0000

Donald Trump's second term is rapidly unravelling, with dissent spreading beyond his critics to senior Republicans and furious MAGA voters - a collapse laid bare when he was heckled by his own supporters

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/us-news/donald-trump-rattled-four-key-36627631>

New hope for IPP prisoners as five men held on indefinite jail terms referred to appeal courts

Independent (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 09:47:00 GMT

IPP prisoner Luke Ings, who served more than 18 years after he was jailed for robbery and a fight in McDonalds aged just 17, is among cases which will be reviewed by judges

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/ipp-sentence-jail-prisoners-miscarriage-justice-appeal-b2909208.html>

Gavin Robinson

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