

# Daily UK Party Leaders Mentions

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## ***Nigel Farage***

Jenrick defects to Reform UK after being sacked by Tories

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

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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 02:27:35 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](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)

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](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?

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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.

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'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](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)

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

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 00:01:56 GMT

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-FUREDÍ.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15468517/Driven-naked-expediency-sinister-define-anti-Muslim-hostility-leave-Britain-fragmented-writes-FRANK-FUREDÍ.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## ***Keir Starmer***

**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 07:00:49 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](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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Labour can't even sack a failing police chief - the whole thing stinks

Daily Express (News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 05:54:00 +0000

Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood has stuck the knife into bungling chief constable Craig Guildford - but doesn't have the power to sack him.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/2158118/Shabana-Mahmood-Keir-Starmer-Labour-West-Midlands-Birmingham>

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

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

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 03:13:59 GMT

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&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/lifestyle/article-15468399/JAN-MOIR-Starmer's-Ikea-insult-shows-Tarnestad-knob-5-two.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](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15467567/Dutch-activist-barred-UK-criticising-Keir-Starmer.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMitwFBVV95cUxOTEtRSEVHXzk2d2JOZXNqeS1KZGhxv3Q0Z19pbUhlcEZONUpHwJnVmV0NXFWcWJ3MnVBVW8yYXRCaTV5TlV4dThQbzcU05YaWVWUUIJZUdjWC05QmFnaGtXYlBnaURocDY5U1dXX2V5eW5NOXE5bTZ5UlpkZ0tHWW5ISF9fRII2UIhaWEpQMEdNWY5UU12LXZlaUV1NTVPWlJHdFdTOWMxZUtdHZvZ2ZVb3Y4X2M?oc=5>

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](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)

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## ***Kemi Badenoch***

Politics LIVE: **Kemi Badenoch** prepares to face questions after sacking Robert Jenrick

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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](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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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](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](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**

— no mentions today —

## **Ed Davey**

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

## **Rhun Ap Iorwerth**

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## **Mary Lou McDonald**

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

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