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## ***Nigel Farage***

Suella Braverman's defection to Reform UK could have surprising outcome for Tories

Daily Express (Politics) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 08:12:00 +0000

There's no doubt her defection is a win for Farage, but the effect on the Conservative Party could surprise politicians.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2163478/suella-braverman-reform-tories>

Starmer says Reform pursuing politics of 'toxic division' after Matt Goodwin unveiled as by-election candidate

Guardian (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 07:00:07 GMT

Prime minister says Reform seeking to 'tear people apart' after Gorton and Denton candidate questions whether all UK-born people are British Keir Starmer has accused the Reform UK candidate in the Greater Manchester by-election of pursuing the politics of "toxic division" after he refused to disown his claim that UK-born

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/28/reform-matt-goodwin-by-election-keir-starmer-reaction-toxic-division-ntwnfb>

## ***Keir Starmer***

Angela Rayner warns **Starmer** 'must do better' as allies say she is ready to fight Wes Streeting for No10 with PM's grip on power loosening and Burnham 'shut out'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 08:17:18 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](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)

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

**Keir Starmer** responds as pressure mounts to confront Chinese leader on historic trip

Daily Mirror (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 07:16:49 +0000

Keir Starmer said he will raise 'issues that need to be raised' during a trip to China as he prepares for crunch talks with President Xi Jinping

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/keir-starmer-responds-pressure-mounts-36626762>

**Keir Starmer** takes swipe at Reform by-election pick - 'toxic division'

Daily Mirror (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 07:08:22 +0000

Keir Starmer said the Gorton and Denton by-election will be a straight fight between Labour and Reform, and hit out at the choice of Matthew Goodwin as Reform UK's candidate

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/keir-starmer-takes-swipe-reform-36626734>

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 07:02:05 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](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)

**Keir Starmer** forced to ditch government jet for China trip over bugs fear

Daily Express (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 07:01:00 +0000

Keir Starmer's trip to China has sparked intrigue and controversy, as whispers of espionage and security risks swirl around his visit to the Communist state.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2163439/starmer-China-trip-spy-fears-government-jet>

Desperate **Starmer** accuses Reform UK of 'tearing people apart' as Labour civil war deepens

Daily Express (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 07:01:00 +0000

Keir Starmer's leadership faces a storm as Reform UK stirs the political pot, unveiling a new candidate that has everyone talking. What's really at stake?

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2163437/starmer-lashes-out-Reform-UK-labour-crisis>

**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 07:00:08 GMT

The prime minister may also discuss the fate of the Uyghurs with the Chinese leader 'Very low bar': analysts say 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 leader, Xi Jinping , as he arrived in Beijing for the first trip to t

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

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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 poll 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/>

**Keir Starmer** worked for FREE in legal 'witch hunt' against British veterans

Daily Express (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 05:08:00 +0000

Sir Keir Starmer's past legal work has resurfaced, revealing a controversial role in a case that changed the legal landscape for British soldiers.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/2163441/keir-starmer-led-free-legal-case-british-troops>

**Starmer** flies to China vowing to defend national security and make Britons better off

Independent (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 01:49:05 GMT

The prime minister will lead a delegation of over 50 British business, sports and cultural representatives to China for the three-day visit

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/starmer-china-visit-uk-trade-b2908979.html>

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

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 01:13:00 GMT

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMi5AFBVV95cUxNcXBaUtlVmdZZG51ckxqSkFTY19SQ2NmMkZFb2xnLXBhODhQTVPvVY3ZzSXd3ZHV4RWRaeXFpME11Mm5FTVpyQkktcURPN2VtOEEdkNGROYlIKdzk5NW1KYVJieGtYlXZndXYtR0FPbEILcUdwamZ3bjVBX0JuMGVKd2NveFM1NVRydmFaVnRWd0ZEVXg0TnVINE1QSWVKN2R5NkxUTU5TMWZ6dzdKN0pYSkxGaDNWVUFOYVBSa05aUXNNLVJVQIR2QVE5YXJvMUptZVExUHBBS2lZcnRiVmJOYnhWLUTSAeoBQVVfeXFMTnZ6TTIEZxFOUzqaw1zbDdod2huQVFsFdzA1V0ZzdXUVIFY3Vxd0MwM05DOXdDbS16SFB4VkU1SGtuUnQ2NEJMRIA5MGJhQTZMdGxBOTdVenJEOGZ1eWM3SnVLTnY2N05tcnp5OWZnTmhGREV1aUI5eDdKWk92aFR3bGRCTVRZZGxtUnY0ODBS1hjVUFicHgxUDUxUFZRR2h5Y21TUTFzaGV0MFZUSVNYcUlieXFVS3I1UnI2Q2ZVMjk5ZU5FbUNYN1Z4V25ERnVUXzA3aFVyUk1IMGQ0T243eTILSGtzaFB3?oc=5>

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](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)

## ***Kemi Badenoch***

PMQs LIVE: **Kemi Badenoch** to make major Tory announcement at 10am

Daily Express (Politics) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 08:25:00 +0000

Follow our live blog for the latest political updates

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2163453/pmqs-live-kemi-badenoch-david-lammy>

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 (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 02:32:21 GMT

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

— no mentions today —

## ***Rhun Ap Iorwerth***

— no mentions today —

## ***Mary Lou McDonald***

**McDonald's** drops biggest ever collaboration - and it includes adult Happy Meal toys

Daily Mirror (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 08:05:07 +0000

McDonald's have launched a huge collaboration with a well known franchise - and fans can now get their hands on their very own adult HappyMeal toys that are perfect for collectors

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/lifestyle/food-drink/mcdonalds-drops-biggest-ever-collaboration-36623764>

## ***Gavin Robinson***

— *no mentions today* —