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Italy's foreign minister defends ICE attendance at Winter Olympics after outrage: 'It's not like the SS are coming'

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Italian opposition parties are urging the government to stand up to Donald Trump and bar agents from entry

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/italy-ice-winter-olympics-backlash-ss-b2909240.html>

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

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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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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 byelection 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-byelection-keir-starmer-reaction-toxic-division-ntwnfb>

Keir Starmer

David Lammy torn apart in PMQs row as **Keir Starmer** hides in China - 'left behind!'

Daily Express (Politics) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 12:31:00 +0000

Deputy Prime Minister David Lammy was forced to defend Labour's record while Keir Starmer was overseas

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2163689/david-lammy-torn-apart-pmqs>

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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 12:24:02 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

Burnham blocked but Rayner's returning: Why **Starmer** cannot shake the leadership speculation

Independent (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 12:21:37 GMT

The former deputy prime minister was forced to resign last year over her tax affairs, but political editor David Maddox explains why her charisma could see her launch a remarkable comeback

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/angela-rayner-keir-starmer-labour-andy-burnham-b2909222.html>

Kemi Badenoch demands the Right focuses fire on **Keir Starmer** as she accuses Reform of 'letting Labour off the hook' with attacks on Tories and push for defections

Daily Mail (Articles) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 12:20:33 +0000

The Conservative leader blasted a wave of defections by 'drama queens' to Reform in the past fortnight which have taken attention away from the Prime Minister when he is struggling.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15505155/Kemi-Badenoch-Right-focuses-fire-Keir-Starmer.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490

Mystery over Reeves' absence from big China trip amid rumours of tensions with **Starmer**

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 12:18:26 GMT

Chancellor Rachel Reeves had been widely expected to join the PM on the visit, after pushing for stronger economic ties with the Asian giant.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15505325/Mystery-Rachel-Reeves-Chancellor-absence-China-trip-tensions-Starmer.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 12:15:55 GMT

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

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

Wales' first minister refuses to support **Keir Starmer**

BBC (UK) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 12:15:28 GMT

Eluned Morgan repeatedly refused to say if the prime minister is good at his job in a BBC interview.

https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cdjnp02zevko?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss

Wales' Labour First Minister begs voters not to punish her party in Senedd election because they hate **Keir Starmer** as she refuses to say he's a 'good PM'

Daily Mail (Articles) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 12:12:59 +0000

Baroness Eluned Morgan said Sir Keir is 'not on the ballot paper' in Wales and refused to say he was a 'good prime minister' as she appeared on BBC Radio 4's Today programme.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15505451/Wales-Labour-Minister-begs-voters-not-punish-party-Senedd-election-Keir-Starmer.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490

Labour failed to terminate asylum deal, claims Rwandan government, landing UK taxpayer with potential £100million bill, as Tories blast 'catastrophic incompetence'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 12:09:19 GMT

An official statement from the government of the east African nation criticised Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer's handling of the affair.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15505401/Labour-failed-terminate-asylum-deal-claims-Rwandan-government-landing-UK-taxpayer-potential-100million-bill-Tories-blast-catastrophic-incompetence.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

POLL OF THE DAY: Is **Keir Starmer** right to forge closer ties with China?

Daily Mail (Articles) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 12:08:41 +0000

Sir Keir Starmer arrived in China today on the first visit by a British Prime Minister in eight years as he continues his efforts to build bridges with Beijing.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15505101/Poll-Keir-Starmer-right-forge-closer-ties-China.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490

Criminal Cases Review Commission refers indefinite sentences of five men for appeal

Guardian (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 12:06:05 GMT

Referrals all relate to controversial imprisonment for public protection scheme or its equivalent for children UK politics live – latest updates Five men have had their indefinite sentences under the imprisonment for public protection (IPP) scheme, or its equivalent for children, referred for appeal. The decision by th

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2026/jan/28/five-men-jailed-indefinitely-for-public-protection-get-sentences-referred-for-appeal>

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

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 12:05:28 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

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

Financial Times (World) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 12:03:10 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>

POLL OF THE DAY: Is **Keir Starmer** right to forge closer ties with China? - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 12:01:40 GMT

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Keir Starmer voices concern over shooting of nurse by Donald Trump's ICE agents

Daily Mirror (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 12:00:00 +0000

Prime Minister Keir Starmer said the shooting of Alex Pretti was 'concerning' as he responded to questions about Donald Trump's Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/keir-starmer-voices-concern-over-36627427>

Andy Burnham can become a Labour MP – but not until 2028, **Starmer** suggests

Independent (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 11:54:49 GMT

Greater Manchester mayor, who the prime minister blocked from standing in the Gorton and Denton by-election, due to finish his term in three years

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/andy-burnham-keir-starmer-labour-election-b2909249.html>

Fears grow **Keir Starmer's** new £250 rule 'will be devastating for pensions'

Daily Express (Politics) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 11:52:00 +0000

Experts have warned some pensioners could lose out because of the change.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2163657/fears-grow-keir-starmer-new-rule-ground-rents-leasholders>

Kemi Badenoch has room in stitches with hilarious takedown of **Keir Starmer's** China trip

Daily Express (Politics) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 11:50:00 +0000

The Tory leader was asked if she would also be visiting China like Sir Keir Starmer is over the next few days.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2163655/kemi-badenoch-china-starmer-joke>

Centrist ideas no longer wanted in Conservative party, says Kemi Badenoch

Guardian (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 11:45:55 GMT

Party leader tells MPs that one-nation Tories doubting her rightward direction 'need to get out of the way' UK politics live – latest updates Centrist ideas are no longer wanted in the Conservative party, Kemi Badenoch has said, arguing that one nation-type Tories or others who have qualms about her rightward direction

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/28/centrist-ideas-no-longer-wanted-in-conservative-party-says-kemi-badenoch>

PMQs LIVE: David Lammy makes brutal Sol Campbell jibe at Tories over Reform defections

Daily Mirror (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 11:43:09 +0000

Deputy Prime Minister David Lammy will face questions at this week's PMQs session as Keir Starmer is in China ahead of a historic meeting with president Xi Jinping

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/pmqs-live-david-lammy-steps-36627865>

Mystery over Reeves' absence from big China trip amid rumours of tensions with **Starmer** - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 11:26:30 GMT

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Three things business needs from a UK China strategy

City AM (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 11:15:00 +0000

The UK must replace its current reactive approach to China with a clear, predictable, and durable strategic framework to provide businesses with the stability needed to manage risk, diversify supply chains, and leverage opportunities in advanced services, says David Bharier Today the Prime Minister is in China for the

<https://www.cityam.com/three-things-business-needs-from-a-uk-china-strategy/>

Chris Mason reports from the tarmac in Beijing

BBC (Politics) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 11:01:44 GMT

Keir Starmer has arrived in China for a three-day visit - the first time a UK prime minister has visited the country since 2018

https://www.bbc.com/news/videos/c14r2dk1kgeo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss

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/>

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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

Starmer's China visit seen as pivotal moment for future Beijing-London relations ITVX

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMitgFBVV95cUxQUmotdERvNVRtdHFGeTI0UmFoQWdKSFpBZFRPY0tZZkNqUElyQWFITEI0SV9vRXdpQVx5ZkNJQIZDUS03aGhYdHNkOTVWZlpQXQFxbDdvRkIRcFdEeE5nT1ViNG9INi0wdVhRc2JOcGhIM1gzXzYxYXhoWIByeFJpb0s1Ukc0MUFsQjZLTUktR2Vid1IHT0t2U0ktREFhM0I3cFBiTFBYR2QwbFFmc01DX2tmTU12QQ?oc=5>

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/CBMiugFBVV95cUxOdWE2dUpSTIdybGhhZWV0Q0tmMWdZbkRwd014empJYVdyQXJ2aEpVWkFNWlcwRENydhBwMUxhSUhSZ2RXTU1ZNDIFUGF4RDVaeWIWOUF6WmVHM25IMy05a2szo0HFcVpad053WWH5dlVPVjYvMnhPN1MwMGtSZWxlaWk3OGN4QIVzcmtlQ0JGVdIhOEhRVA3X0N2OHdYdGpmdVRI MFg4SjRzeW5jQU1pR0RUTWltZk9MdEE?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>

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

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

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

Starmer and Badenoch blast 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/>

Kemi Badenoch

Badenoch mocks Jenrick and Braverman as she tries to get Tories back on track after Reform defections

Independent (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 12:28:38 GMT

Kemi Badenoch delivers speech denouncing Westminster 'psychodrama' as she fights to rescue her party

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/kemi-badenoch-reform-defector-speech-b2909263.html>

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The Conservative leader blasted a wave of defections by 'drama queens' to Reform in the past fortnight which have taken attention away from the Prime Minister when he is struggling.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15505155/Kemi-Badenoch-Right-focuses-fire-Keir-Starmer.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490

Kemi Badenoch has room in stitches with hilarious takedown of Keir Starmer's China trip

Daily Express (Politics) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 11:50:00 +0000

The Tory leader was asked if she would also be visiting China like Sir Keir Starmer is over the next few days.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2163655/kemi-badenoch-china-starmer-joke>

Centrist ideas no longer wanted in Conservative party, says **Kemi Badenoch**

Guardian (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 11:45:55 GMT

Party leader tells MPs that one-nation Tories doubting her rightward direction 'need to get out of the way' UK politics live – latest updates Centrist ideas are no longer wanted in the Conservative party, Kemi Badenoch has said, arguing that one nation-type Tories or others who have qualms about her rightward direction

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/28/centrist-ideas-no-longer-wanted-in-conservative-party-says-kemi-badenoch>

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMiogFBVV95cUxQdklnTHgxNi1vcUJfaGI4dFFMYWVFamVFbGZkS3Q4Q3Fkenh3T2dHRGYtV0lfZm14bzhEaTIGY0VEU2VHdGhINXVUNzY0V3d2akZLeVZWY0wwWHFQeWFmRmo3OWp5dm9hd1NabmhvYkdid2xHUUFQak9MMUICc0xTUnVGRExVUmFSEhpMU9OdVJJdnVWVW9iWDJ6N1VKtjIROFHSAacBQVVfeXFMT2kyZmpPRThGOHZTdKJcDRqQzJPLWhvMEc2c2JaQ1QwaTg2YjRKcmRtRmJBVFAyZlXa0p3RGtiNDIY0x3R3F3NTIsakt2ZnVQNWVfTG55VHFDV0FtcUJGek1kY05mdURJLWVRMzdkRUIBd2J0Z2VDNXFkRXBVNW03LUdTUUdKbV94SWpaaDRqM3F5RUZrNGI4YjdWZ0cyQnluWVhzc2M?oc=5>

Starmer and **Badenoch** blast 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>

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

Should King Charles extend an olive branch to Harry & Meghan? Take our poll and have your say

Daily Mirror (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 11:50:05 +0000

With the monarch and his estranged son crossing paths more frequently, and Charles planning a trip to the US in the coming months, royal watchers have been wondering whether a reconciliation is finally on the cards

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/royals/should-king-charles-extend-olive-36628760>

Baby dies eating 'party drugs' M-CAT and ecstasy at home as fresh probe launched

Daily Mirror (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 11:42:19 +0000

Three-month-old Olly-James Sievwright was exposed to M-CAT and Ecstasy at his home in Sandhaven, Aberdeenshire - and tragically died in hospital after developing a life-threatening infection

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/baby-dies-ingesting-party-drugs-36627796>

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-fathered-secret-baby.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490

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Donald Trump's 4-word remark that could mark the beginning of the end of his presidency

Daily Express (Politics) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 12:13:00 +0000

The US President has provoked the ire of his own side following comments in the wake of the shooting of Alex Pritti in Minnesota.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/2163670/donald-trumps-4-word-remark>

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

Independent (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 12:08:57 GMT

IPP prisoner Luke Ings, who served more than 18 years after he was jailed for robbery and a fight in McDonald's aged just 17, is among the cases up for review by judges

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

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

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 12:04:53 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

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