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Reform UK enlists Boris Johnson ally to write party nature policies

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 06:00:14 GMT

Exclusive: Ben Goldsmith will work on issues including fishing and green belt preservation to attract green Tories Ben Goldsmith, the veteran Conservative environmentalist and ally of Boris Johnson, has been approached to write Reform UK's policies on nature, as Nigel Farage's party attempts to make inroads with voters

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/30/reform-uk-enlists-boris-johnson-ally-ben-goldsmith-write-party-nature-policies>

## **Keir Starmer**

**Starmer** says progress made on tariffs and visa-free travel in Beijing talks – video

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 10:24:53 GMT

Keir Starmer hailed the economic benefits of resetting relations with China during a visit to Beijing – the first by a British prime minister in eight years. Starmer said bilateral meetings with the Chinese president, Xi Jinping, and its premier, Li Qiang, 'made some real progress', and announced the halving of ta

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/video/2026/jan/30/starmer-progress-tariffs-visa-free-travel-beijing-talks-video>

Trump warns **Starmer** against closer business ties with China

Financial Times (UK) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 10:02:38 GMT

UK prime minister travels to Shanghai seeking to drum up deals after meeting Xi Jinping

<https://www.ft.com/content/1f6504be-9ee3-4a71-ab46-1e9fb139e2f1>

Trump warns UK against doing business with China after **Starmer** visits Beijing – UK politics live

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 10:01:54 GMT

It comes after the US president threatened to impose tariffs on Canada if it went through with economic deals struck with China. Here are some early pictures of Keir Starmer in Shanghai. He is seen visiting Yuyuan Garden, a popular tourist destination located in Shanghai's Old City, famous for its lantern festivals. The

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2026/jan/30/donald-trump-keir-starmer-china-uk-us-trade-deals-tariffs-latest-news>

Donald Trump's 'very dangerous' UK claim slammed as 'absolutely bonkers'

Daily Mirror (News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 09:51:23 +0000

Trade minister Sir Chris Bryant said it would be "absolutely bonkers" for the UK not to engage with China after the US President expressed disapproval of Keir Starmer's trip

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/donald-trump-slapped-uk-minister-36640922>

UK-China latest: Minister says 'bonkers' not to deal with Beijing after Trump blasts **Starmer**'s Xi meeting

Independent (News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 09:42:58 GMT

PM met Chinese president on Thursday as he made case for 'more sophisticated' relationship between two nations

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/starmer-trump-china-warning-xi-jinping-politics-latest-b2910725.html>

The 1 reason why Donald Trump keeps attacking **Keir Starmer** - bad news for PM

Daily Express (Politics) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 09:24:00 +0000

US President Donald Trump keeps attacking the UK Prime Minister - Political Editor Martyn Brown, who is in China with Keir Starmer, explains why

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2164534/donald-trump-keeps-attacking-keir>

**Starmer** warned Xi Jinping faces BAN on addressing Parliament over China's sanctions against MPs - after 'kowtowing' PM opened the door to a UK visit

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 09:21:18 GMT

No10 sparked fresh outrage by opening the door to the Chinese president coming to the UK.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15512219/Starmer-warned-Xi-Jinping-faces-BAN-addressing-Parliament-Chinas-sanctions-against-MPs-kowtowing-PM-opened-door-UK-visit.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15512219/Starmer-warned-Xi-Jinping-faces-BAN-addressing-Parliament-Chinas-sanctions-against-MPs-kowtowing-PM-opened-door-UK-visit.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Trump says 'very dangerous' for UK to do business with China as **Starmer** lands in Shanghai

BBC (UK) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 09:14:25 GMT

The US president's comments come as Sir Keir Starmer arrives in Shanghai on the third day of his visit to China.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0keyyeyr41o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0keyyeyr41o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Trump says **Keir Starmer**'s kowtowing efforts to get closer to China are 'very dangerous'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 08:53:16 GMT

In a blow to Keir Starmer, Donald Trump hit out at his attempts to improve relations with Beijing on his landmark trip this week.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15511923/Donald-Trump-Keir-Starmers-closer-China-dangerous.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15511923/Donald-Trump-Keir-Starmers-closer-China-dangerous.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

What did UK and China get out of **Starmer's** reset visit?

BBC (Politics) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 08:23:12 GMT

Sir Keir Starmer's visit to China brought agreements on visas, services, healthcare, green tech and finance.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cm2j04lk83zo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cm2j04lk83zo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

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**Starmer** arrives in Shanghai as he looks to boost UK business opportunities

Independent (News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 07:55:00 GMT

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer has arrived in the Chinese financial center of Shanghai in his bid to boost business opportunities for U.K. firms in the world's second-largest economy, just hours after President Donald Trump signaled a possible opposition to any deal between Beijing and London

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/keir-starmer-donald-trump-canada-beijing-shanghai-b2910717.html>

'Upset' Rachel Reeves 'sidelined' after being dropped from **Keir Starmer's** China trip at the last minute

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 07:17:52 GMT

The Chancellor had been expected to join Sir Keir on his 'historic' visit to Beijing this week after leading the charge in government for closer trade links with Beijing.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15510505/Rachel-Reeves-sidelined-dropped-Keir-Starmers-China-trip.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15510505/Rachel-Reeves-sidelined-dropped-Keir-Starmers-China-trip.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Friday briefing: How Britain's high streets became a barometer of national decline

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 06:50:13 GMT

In today's newsletter: As boarded-up units spread from coastal towns to former industrial centres, a new **Guardian** investigation reveals how our high streets have become a litmus test for public frustration and political choices Good morning. There is a familiar refrain about Britain's high streets – that they are

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2026/jan/30/friday-briefing-how-britains-high-streets-became-a-barometer-of-national-decline>

Trump says **Keir Starmer's** kowtowing efforts to get closer to China are 'very dangerous' - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 06:22:09 GMT

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMipwFBVV95cUxQRHc0b0RHUIdGU2ZYdlZRWXN6dHNGdUV2bzZJME1IZXhbmbndbxVQxc09EbXIScVJqSVhWeE5KbG5PdDNHMm50YXRiVDJaUnNjQIVUU3BZWGk3TDNuMEtBbEtpWXpockl3ekR4UkF0VIBCa0lwTGtEUKZWU25tYnFPZVRKUzdqZksyVmfpZnVMZVpCSjBzZ3VQakFvLWdTbVdoVXpHTmtaZ9lBrAFBV95cUxQNS1iNnpVbmZZSHFDSE1XTDUyNzMyanFxSk1nV3RTMG4xRThoeDdiNUx6U1JCY3VhTERyMzVuSFFwQ1Q2a2hhcjMydXJZYTRJamV6ZVJqaFdDOE5rdzZmTGk1UE93T3A4VjNpREVQQzZ0aC1UOFBPOW1nYTUxQkhNUzBpaHJxMklhNjhPYnFVQnk3Z1pSWnNoNUlveEJlQk5rSkJ4d3ZYOE51bFpJ?oc=5>

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The Papers: 'Capitulation in Beijing' and 'Revolt over cancelled elections'

BBC (UK) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 05:31:03 GMT

Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer is pictured alongside China's Xi Jinping on most of Friday's papers.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c4gry9de2w0o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c4gry9de2w0o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Trump says 'very dangerous' for UK to do business with China, after **Starmer** hails progress in Beijing

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 04:32:38 GMT

US president warns Keir Starmer over closer ties with China during British PM's trip to secure lower tariffs and better access to Chinese market Donald Trump has warned the UK against doing business with China, just hours after Keir Starmer lauded the economic relationship during a landmark visit to Beijing . The US pr

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2026/jan/30/trump-dangerous-uk-china-starmer-xi-jinping-beijing>

**Keir Starmer** opens door to UK visit by Xi Jinping after bilateral talks

Guardian (Politics) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 02:19:39 GMT

PM says trip to China has put relationship in stronger place, but possible return visit angers British critics Keir Starmer has taken a big step towards rapprochement with China, opening the door to a UK visit from Xi Jinping in a move that drew immediate anger from British critics of Beijing. During the first visit by

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/29/keir-starmer-opens-door-to-uk-visit-by-xi-jinping-after-bilateral-talks>

China to relax travel rules for British visitors, UK says

BBC (UK) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 02:09:13 GMT

It comes as Sir Keir Starmer visits Beijing - the first UK prime minister to do so in eight years.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c150yv75pn7o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c150yv75pn7o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Is that it? Sir Kowtow **Starmer** capitulates in Beijing after giving the go-ahead to China's nest of spies London embassy and flies home from sucking up to Xi with raft of underwhelming deals

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 01:55:25 GMT

The Prime Minister comes away with only warm words and marginal deals, having flown 5,000 miles with the promise of 'history-making' talks with president Xi Jinping.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15511035/Keir-Starmer-prepares-leave-China-underwhelming-deals.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15511035/Keir-Starmer-prepares-leave-China-underwhelming-deals.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

'Upset' Rachel Reeves 'sidelined' after being dropped from **Keir Starmer**'s China trip at the last minute - Daily Mail

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### Business confidence drops in blow to Labour

City AM (News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 00:06:00 +0000

Business confidence fell again at the start of the year, according to a tracker frequently cited by Keir Starmer and Rachel Reeves, dealing a blow to the government in its hopes of boosting the UK economy before difficult elections in May. Starmer and Reeves have frequently pointed to the Lloyds Bank business barometer

<https://www.cityam.com/business-confidence-drops-in-blow-to-labour/>

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Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 00:05:00 GMT

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### **Kemi Badenoch**

— no mentions today —

### **John Swinney**

**Swinney** on the rack over NHS bug death bombshell

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 00:33:12 GMT

A damning document has backed up claims that 'political pressure' was behind the NHS infections scandal.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15510843/Swinney-rack-NHS-bug-death-bombshell.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15510843/Swinney-rack-NHS-bug-death-bombshell.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

### **Ed Davey**

Calls for King Charles to formally apologise for slavery after research shows crown's role

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 06:00:12 GMT

Book The Crown's Silence details how crown profited from and protected trade in enslaved African people for centuries MPs, experts and campaigners have called on King Charles to make a formal apology for transatlantic slavery, after research highlighted how the British crown and Royal Navy extended and

protected the tr

<https://www.theguardian.com/news/2026/jan/30/calls-for-king-charles-to-formally-apologise-for-slavery-after-research-shows-crowns-role>

## **Rhun Ap Iorwerth**

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## **Mary Lou McDonald**

Donald Trump forces deploy TWO key weapons signalling Iran attack IMMINENT

Daily Mirror (News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 10:03:35 +0000

The US president has already warned Iran a 'very big, powerful' warship is travelling to the region but now specialist weaponry has been deployed signalling an attack may come soon

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/donald-trump-forces-deploy-two-36640757>

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<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/donald-trump-slapped-uk-minister-36640922>

**McDonald**'s 'hidden' menu item fans can get for small fee if they 'just ask staff'

Daily Mirror (News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 09:28:41 +0000

People have claimed this worked at their local fast food location

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/lifestyle/food-drink/mcdonalds-hidden-menu-item-fans-36640729>

Donald Trump threatens tariffs on any country selling oil to Cuba

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 03:08:16 GMT

Mexico is Cuba's number one supplier, providing roughly 44 percent of the island's crude in 2025.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15511211/Donald-Trump-threatens-tariffs-country-selling-oil-Cuba.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15511211/Donald-Trump-threatens-tariffs-country-selling-oil-Cuba.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## **Gavin Robinson**

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