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## **Nigel Farage**

'Improve the NHS fast or people will fall for the charlatans' – so says a departing trust head. We'd do well to listen | Polly Toynbee

Guardian (Politics) · Tue, 16 Dec 2025 06:00:13 GMT

In his 46 years of service, Nick Hulme has seen the best and the worst of the NHS. He issues a stark warning about its future I catch him before he slips out of the NHS ahead of Christmas. After 46 years in the health service, no better time for an exit interview with a leading NHS trust chief executive, who has seen t

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2025/dec/16/improve-nhs-charlatans-trust-head-nick-hulme>

What happened when Reform took power – podcast

Guardian (UK News) · Tue, 16 Dec 2025 03:00:09 GMT

When Reform took over 10 local councils in England this summer, it offered the first glimpse of how the party might govern if it were to get into No 10. Helen Pidd reports For seven months Helen Pidd has been keeping a close eye on what has been happening in Lancashire, her home county. It is one of 10 local councils R

<https://www.theguardian.com/news/audio/2025/dec/16/what-happened-when-reform-took-power-podcast>

## **Keir Starmer**

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**Starmer** urged to defend BBC after Trump's \$10 billion dollar lawsuit - latest

Independent (News) · Tue, 16 Dec 2025 10:20:06 GMT

President Trump claimed the broadcaster 'intentionally, maliciously, and deceptively' doctored a speech he made in a Panorama edit

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/trump-bbc-lawsuit-starmer-live-updates-b2885306.html>

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<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2025/dec/16/donald-trump-bbc-lawsuit-keir-starmer-kemi-badenoch-reaction-latest-news-updates>

Why not even ‘Trump whisperer’ **Starmer** can save the BBC from the US President’s wrath

Independent (News) · Tue, 16 Dec 2025 09:56:37 GMT

Keir Starmer has earned a reputation as a ‘Trump whisperer’ with international peers but the BBC scandal has shown the hard limits of his influence, writes political editor David Maddox

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/trump-bbc-starmer-panorama-defamation-b2885259.html>

**Starmer** premiership will not survive this parliament

Financial Times (World) · Tue, 16 Dec 2025 09:30:04 GMT

Lack of a standout replacement and difficulty removing Labour PMs mean he might remain in post for another year

<https://www.ft.com/content/85862da0-ad7e-4a5f-a035-984a5373d22a>

BBC bosses ‘right to stick by their guns’ against Trump, says minister

Guardian (UK News) · Tue, 16 Dec 2025 08:46:06 GMT

Lib Dems urge Keir Starmer urged to ‘stand up for the BBC’ after US president files \$10bn lawsuit against corporation BBC bosses are “right to stick by their guns” against Donald Trump , a minister has said, after the US president filed a \$10bn lawsuit against the corporation . The UK government is under pressure to th

<https://www.theguardian.com/media/2025/dec/16/bbc-bosses-right-to-stick-by-their-guns-against-trump-says-minister>

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<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/donald-trumps-outrageous-threat-bbc-36407440>

**Starmer** hit by five Labour defections to Greens in London

Independent (News) · Tue, 16 Dec 2025 08:08:40 GMT

It comes amid concerns that the Greens could take control of Labour councils in next year's elections

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/labour-defections-greens-london-starmer-polanski-b2884855.html>

**Starmer**'s communications chief to address cabinet on media strategy overhaul

Guardian (UK News) · Tue, 16 Dec 2025 07:00:15 GMT

Exclusive: David Dinsmore to advise ministers as they step up efforts to combat far-right rhetoric online Keir Starmer's Whitehall communications chief will address the cabinet on overhauling the government's media strategy on Tuesday as ministers increasingly try to combat far-right rhetoric online. David Dinsmore, a

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2025/dec/16/starmer-communications-chief-address-cabinet-media-strategy-overhaul>

The City is thirsty for more detail from Reform

City AM (News) · Tue, 16 Dec 2025 05:59:00 +0000

Appearing before MPs yesterday, Keir Starmer bemoaned the “consultations, regulations [and] arms-length bodies” that create “a thicket of reasons why you can’t do something.” He was responding to a question from Dame Meg Hillier, the Labour MP who chairs the committee in front of which he

<https://www.cityam.com/the-city-is-thirsty-for-more-detail-from-reform/>

### **Starmer** calls for police crackdown on antisemitic chants at pro-Palestine marches

Independent (News) · Tue, 16 Dec 2025 04:23:16 GMT

The prime minister's official spokesperson said that while 'free speech is an important right in this country, that can't extend to inciting hatred or harassing others'

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/starmer-antisemitism-palestine-protests-bondi-beach-shooting-b2885166.html>

### **Kemi Badenoch**

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### **John Swinney**

Strictly Come Dancing fans jeer 'it's game over!' as they call out 'obvious' clue this year's winner has already been decided

Daily Mail (Articles) · Tue, 16 Dec 2025 09:05:44 +0000

The series, which is due to come to an end on Saturday night (December 20), has seen the professional dancers and their celebrity partners whittled down to a final three pairings.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tv/article-15387773/strictly-come-dancing-winner-final-clue.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tv/article-15387773/strictly-come-dancing-winner-final-clue.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

### **Ed Davey**

Strictly Come Dancing's Balvinder Sopal 'throws Amber Davies under the bus' in 'unnecessarily shady' It Takes Two interview - with shocked viewers branding her a 'bad loser'

Daily Mail (Articles) · Tue, 16 Dec 2025 10:40:21 +0000

The EastEnders star, 47, who plays Suki Panesar in the BBC soap, appeared on the sister show alongside her dance partner Julian Caillon, 30, to talk about their stint in the competition.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tv/article-15387769/Strictly-Come-Dancing-Balvinder-Sopal-throws-Amber-Davies-bus-takes-two.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tv/article-15387769/Strictly-Come-Dancing-Balvinder-Sopal-throws-Amber-Davies-bus-takes-two.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

The Bondi rescue heroes: Lifeguards are praised for their bravery helping the wounded during beach massacre, with viral image showing one sprinting to the scene

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 16 Dec 2025 10:40:13 GMT

A viral image captured the moment one sprinted barefoot to the scene carrying life-saving equipment.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15387903/The-Bondi-rescue-heroes-Lifeguards-praised-bravery-helping-wounded-beach-massacre-viral-image-showing-one-sprinting-scene.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15387903/The-Bondi-rescue-heroes-Lifeguards-praised-bravery-helping-wounded-beach-massacre-viral-image-showing-one-sprinting-scene.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Tragic hero's last act of bravery: Bondi Beach victim throws a brick at gunman during massacre... before ISIS-supporter coward shoots him dead

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 16 Dec 2025 10:26:33 GMT

Reuven Morrison, who served as an assistant at Bondi's Wellington Street synagogue, put himself in harm's way after meeting his best friend Vladimir at the Hannukah event at the iconic Sydney beach.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15387811/Tragic-heros-act-bravery-Bondi-Beach-victim-throws-brick-gunner-massacre.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15387811/Tragic-heros-act-bravery-Bondi-Beach-victim-throws-brick-gunner-massacre.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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Aussies call for Bondi Beach hero to be named Australian of the Year after he bravely disarmed one of the gunmen

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 16 Dec 2025 05:40:18 GMT

Calls are mounting for the humble hero who bravely disarmed one of the Bondi Beach gunmen on Sunday to be named Australian of the Year.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15386913/Bondi-Beach-hero-Australian-Year-shooting.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15386913/Bondi-Beach-hero-Australian-Year-shooting.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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Piers Morgan hits out at Donald Trump over Rob Reiner death comments

Independent (News) · Tue, 16 Dec 2025 10:20:39 GMT

Piers Morgan has criticised Donald Trump for his comments on the death of Rob Reiner and his wife Michelle Singer Reiner.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/tv/news/piers-morgan-trump-rob-reiner-death-b2885245.html>

Donald Trump files his \$10BILLION lawsuit against the BBC over doctored Panorama speech

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 16 Dec 2025 09:44:27 GMT

Attorneys for the president accused the BBC of publishing a 'false, defamatory, deceptive, disparaging, inflammatory, and malicious depiction' of him.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15387123/Donald-Trump-filed-10BILLION-lawsuit-against-BBC-doctored-Panorama-speech.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15387123/Donald-Trump-filed-10BILLION-lawsuit-against-BBC-doctored-Panorama-speech.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Donald Trump 'strongly' considering marijuana law change

Independent (News) · Tue, 16 Dec 2025 09:14:16 GMT

Donald Trump spoke about the cannabis industry in the Oval Office on Monday

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/donald-trump-marijuana-law-change-b2885273.html>

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Donald Trump Jr is engaged to Bettina Anderson: 'She said yes!'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 16 Dec 2025 08:10:11 GMT

Donald Trump Jr announced his engagement to girlfriend Bettina Anderson at the White House on Monday night.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15387407/Donald-Trump-Jr-Bettina-Anderson-engaged.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15387407/Donald-Trump-Jr-Bettina-Anderson-engaged.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Donald Trump says he will sue the BBC in a matter of hours after they 'put terrible words in my mouth' in doctored Panorama speech

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 16 Dec 2025 02:10:49 GMT

The US president said he would file a libel lawsuit 'probably this afternoon or tomorrow morning' after the corporation doctored one of his speeches.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15386631/Donald-Trump-says-sue-BBC-matter-hours-terrible-words-mouth-doctored-Panorama-speech.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15386631/Donald-Trump-says-sue-BBC-matter-hours-terrible-words-mouth-doctored-Panorama-speech.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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