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What's really behind Labour's civil war: John Rentoul answers your questions

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Reform UK challenge Green Party leader Zack Polanski to a 'head to head' TV debate as they attempt to push Labour into third place in Gorton and Denton by-election

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 11:31:05 GMT

Nigel Farage's party has sent a letter to the Greens challenging the party to a 'head to head debate' in Gorton and Denton.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15518177/Reform-challenge-Green-Zack-Polanski-debate-Labour-election.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15518177/Reform-challenge-Green-Zack-Polanski-debate-Labour-election.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/feb/02/labour-reform-tories-keir-starmer-threat-democracy>

Syria's only female minister pushes for change: 'I'm not here for window dressing'

BBC (World) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 00:28:13 GMT

The BBC's Lyse Doucet follows Hind Kabawat as she confronts the challenges of fragmented, post-Assad Syria.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cj0n3j16p8lo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cj0n3j16p8lo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

## **Keir Starmer**

**Keir Starmer** says Peter Mandelson should NOT be Lords member after Epstein links

Daily Mirror (News) · Mon, 2 Feb 2026 12:41:08 +0000

Keir Starmer does not think Peter Mandelson should be a member of the House of Lords or use the title, No10 has said, after further revelations about his friendship with Jeffrey Epstein

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/breaking-keir-starmer-says-peter-36655632>

Who is Peter Mandelson?

BBC (Politics) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 14:46:12 GMT

Sir Keir Starmer believes Peter Mandelson should not be a member of the House of Lords over his links to the late sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/videos/clyg55g423no?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/videos/clyg55g423no?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

**Starmer** believes Mandelson 'should not be member of Lords'

BBC (Politics) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 14:35:02 GMT

He has ordered an "urgent" investigation into Lord Mandelson's contact with sex offender Jeffrey Epstein while the peer was a minister.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cgm4rkn7x7po?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cgm4rkn7x7po?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Mandelson 'sent Epstein secret No10 tax plans after receiving \$75,000' as PM orders probe

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 14:17:07 GMT

Lord Mandelson finally quit Labour last night, with Keir Starmer branded 'weak' for failing to kick him out earlier.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15519279/MPs-Starmer-Lord-Mandelson-Labour-US-Epstein-peerage.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15519279/MPs-Starmer-Lord-Mandelson-Labour-US-Epstein-peerage.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer:** Mandelson should quit Lords after leaking No 10 emails to Epstein

City AM (News) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 13:51:11 +0000

Sir Keir Starmer has called on Peter Mandelson to quit the House of Lords over his financial links with Jeffrey Epstein, with an "urgent" investigation to be launched into the nature of the relationship whilst the Labour grandee was serving in cabinet. The Prime Minister's spokesman said Lord Mandelson

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<https://www.cityam.com/starmer-mandelson-should-quit-lords-after-leaking-no-10-emails-to-epstein/>

Mandelson leaked sensitive UK government tax plans to Epstein

Financial Times (UK) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 13:49:37 GMT

Sir Keir Starmer orders inquiry into former business secretary's conduct during his time as minister

<https://www.ft.com/content/fdf7afe9-9ad3-4325-8843-f590dcdd7e57>

5 things you need to know about Lord Peter Mandelson and the Epstein scandal

Daily Express (Politics) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 13:48:00 +0000

Lord Peter Mandelson has come under renewed scrutiny following the release of documents related to Jeffrey Epstein

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2165664/peter-mandelson-keir-starmer-need-to-know>

House of Lords should strip Mandelson of peerage, says **Starmer**

Guardian (UK News) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 12:41:12 GMT

PM believes ex-Labour minister should not be member of House of Lords or use title, No 10 spokesperson says UK politics live – latest updates Keir Starmer has suggested that Peter Mandelson should resign from the House of Lords and that the upper chamber should urgently modernise its disciplinary procedures to strip hi

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/feb/02/house-of-lords-should-strip-mandelson-of-peerage-says-starmer>

**Keir Starmer** hints at comeback for Angela Rayner

Independent (News) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 12:37:34 GMT

Keir Starmer says he wants to bring Angela Rayner back to the front line 'at the right point'

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/angela-rayner-keir-starmer-comeback-b2911996.html>

POLL OF THE DAY: Should the King force Andrew to testify in the US over Jeffrey Epstein?

Daily Mail (Articles) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 12:31:19 +0000

Sir Keir Starmer has joined calls for Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor to travel to the US to testify to a congressional investigation into Jeffrey Epstein.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/royals/article-15519777/Poll-King-force-Andrew-testify-US-Jeffrey-Epstein.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/royals/article-15519777/Poll-King-force-Andrew-testify-US-Jeffrey-Epstein.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

Mandelson has been ousted from Labour – but **Starmer** hasn't heard the end of it

Independent (News) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 12:23:08 GMT

The scandal has echoes of the Christopher Pincher affair – which finished off Boris Johnson, writes political editor David Maddox

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/mandelson-epstein-files-keir-starmer-labour-b2912045.html>

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**Keir Starmer** 'could hand EU students cut-price tuition fees' in latest 'Brexit betrayal'... as young Brits struggle under mountain of debt

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 11:09:51 GMT

The Prime Minister is being warned that UK universities will suffer a £580million hit if he allows a discount for under-30s from the EU who study in Britain.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15519481/Keir-Starmer-hand-EU-students-cut-price-tuition-fees-latest-Brexit-betrayal-young-Brits-struggle-mountain-debt.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15519481/Keir-Starmer-hand-EU-students-cut-price-tuition-fees-latest-Brexit-betrayal-young-Brits-struggle-mountain-debt.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Keir Starmer** 'could hand EU students cut-price tuition fees' in latest 'Brexit betrayal'... as young Brits struggle under mountain of debt - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 11:07:03 GMT

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**Keir Starmer** is scared to death of Andy Burnham

City AM (News) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 11:04:05 +0000

Blocking Andy Burnham from standing in the Gorton and Denton by-election shows Starmer is a weak leader whose time in Downing Street will soon be over, says Sacha Lord We are witnessing the beginning

of the end of Starmer's short stint as PM. How is it possible, that someone with such a stomping majority, has [...]

<https://www.cityam.com/keir-starmer-is-scared-to-death-of-andy-burnham/>

### **Starmer's Chinese takeaway leaves a nasty taste**

City AM (News) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 10:35:09 +0000

The Prime Minister returns from China a rather diminished figure. His vaunted commitment to human rights and international law rings very false when he kowtows to the regime in Beijing, and even the likely modest economic impact of his visit cannot offset that, says Eliot Wilson We need to talk about Sir Keir Starmer.

<https://www.cityam.com/starmers-chinese-takeaway-leaves-a-nasty-taste/>

### **The City is leading the charge against fraud**

City AM (News) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 10:08:52 +0000

Fraud now accounting for 44 per cent of all UK crime, but the City is fighting back, says Chris Hayward Last week marked a generational milestone for policing &#8211; and one we must get right. In publishing her long-awaited White Paper, home secretary Shabana Mahmood set out a blueprint to modernise policing in England

<https://www.cityam.com/the-city-is-leading-the-charge-against-fraud/>

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### **MPs rage at 'weak' **Starmer** after Lord Mandelson quits Labour as he 'faces US summons' over latest Epstein storm... with calls for peerage to be stripped - Daily Mail**

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### **Now **Starmer** wants us to sign up to £130billion EU defence fund**

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 01:23:36 GMT

Keir Starmer wants Britain to join a costly EU defence fund as he once more lambasted Brexit and claimed the successful Leave campaign was based on benefits that never materialised.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15518289/Now-Starmer-wants-sign-130billion-EU-defence-fund.html?ns\\_mc\\_hannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15518289/Now-Starmer-wants-sign-130billion-EU-defence-fund.html?ns_mc_hannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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## ***John Swinney***

Luther Vandross trends on social media after Cher accidentally announces the late icon as winner of Record Of The Year at Grammys instead of Kendrick Lamar: 'The way he's been dead for two decades!'

Daily Mail (Articles) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 12:19:11 +0000

The pop icon, 79, brought the ceremony to a shambolic end by walking offstage prematurely and then mistakenly declaring Luther had won Record Of The Year instead of Kendrick Lamar.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-15519191/Luther-Vandross-trends-social-media-Cher-accidentally-announces-late-icon-winner-Record-Year-Grammys-instead-Kendrick-Lamar-way-hes-dead-two-decades.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-15519191/Luther-Vandross-trends-social-media-Cher-accidentally-announces-late-icon-winner-Record-Year-Grammys-instead-Kendrick-Lamar-way-hes-dead-two-decades.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

## ***Ed Davey***

Besotted prison officer, 27, who told gangster inmate lover 'I'm literally praying to have your babies' is jailed

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 14:43:04 GMT

Charlotte Winstanley, 27, began the forbidden affair with inmate Jabhari Blair, 30, while working at HMP Lindholme, South Yorkshire.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15519939/Besotted-prison-officer-27-told-inmate-lover-Im-literally-praying-babies-jailed.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15519939/Besotted-prison-officer-27-told-inmate-lover-Im-literally-praying-babies-jailed.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Transfer Deadline Day LIVE: Major deal COLLAPSES, Harvey Elliott talks escalate, surprise news on Kalvin Phillips and Chelsea and Arsenal are active - All the latest updates

Daily Mail (Articles) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 14:41:39 +0000

It's transfer deadline day - and there are huge moves in the works in the Premier League ahead of tonight's 7pm (UK time) closure of the January window.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/football/article-15519053/transfer-deadline-day-live-chelsea-liverpool-arsenal-man-united-tottenham.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/football/article-15519053/transfer-deadline-day-live-chelsea-liverpool-arsenal-man-united-tottenham.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

'Brave' boy, 13, swims 4km to save family stranded off Australia coast

BBC (World) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 13:37:46 GMT

The teenager is praised for his courage and bravery after swimming back to shore to raise the alarm.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cx20zkkq54go?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cx20zkkq54go?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Charley Webb reveals the standout moment she knew her mum had early onset dementia on Good Morning Britain - and the huge struggle she faced to get her diagnosed

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 11:48:49 GMT

Charley Webb has bravely opened up about her mum's devastating battle with early-onset dementia - and the struggle she had to get her diagnosed at the age of just 64.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tv/article-15519493/Charley-Webb-moment-mum-early-onset-dementia-Good-Morning-Britain.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tv/article-15519493/Charley-Webb-moment-mum-early-onset-dementia-Good-Morning-Britain.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## **Rhun Ap Iorwerth**

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## **Mary Lou McDonald**

Trump's Inner Circle: Who's UP, who's OUT and who's on the edge as deportation chaos spirals and midterms loom

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 07:52:37 GMT

Donald Trump's second year of his second term began with renewed fervor to conquer more foreign territory abroad and unrest over his ruthless deportation campaign at home.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15489117/trump-circle-deportations-midterms.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15489117/trump-circle-deportations-midterms.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Donald Trump says latest release of Epstein files clear his name despite them detailing 'an alleged sex assault on a young girl'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 02 Feb 2026 07:28:21 GMT

A document containing a sexual assault allegation against the US President emerged in the latest Epstein files but was removed just hours after being published - before then later being restored.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15518437/Donald-Trump-Epstein-files-alleged-sex-assault-young-girl.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15518437/Donald-Trump-Epstein-files-alleged-sex-assault-young-girl.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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