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<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2167248/nigel-farage-keir-starmer>

Nigel Farage's dangerous proposal on central-bank reserves

Economist (Latest) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 13:47:23 +0000

Reform UK has found rare common cause with leftists and technocrats

<https://www.economist.com/britain/2026/02/05/nigel-farages-dangerous-proposal-on-central-bank-reserves>

Ex Tory councillor unveiled by **Nigel Farage** as Reform's Welsh leader

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Farage said he had chosen Thomas ahead of the Senedd election because was "battle hardened".

https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ckgndvkv80ro?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss

Former Tory head of London council appointed Reform leader in Wales

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Dan Thomas unveiled by Nigel Farage at sold-out rally as party prepares for Senedd elections UK politics live – latest updates Dan Thomas, a former Conservative leader of Barnet council, has been announced by Nigel Farage as Reform UK's leader in Wales, three months before Senedd elections in which the hard-right party

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/feb/05/dan-thomas-former-tory-london-council-reform-leader-wales>

Farage apology over school racism allegations does not go far enough, ex-pupil says

BBC (Politics) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 12:59:46 GMT

The Reform UK leader was challenged on allegations of racism at his former school in a BBC documentary.

https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cjw1ewe9y93o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss

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Farage unveils Reform UK's Welsh leader

BBC (Politics) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 12:10:03 GMT

Nigel Farage unveils Dan Thomas as Reform UK's Welsh leader at a rally in Newport.

https://www.bbc.com/news/videos/cddg1532p7no?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss

Argentina's homegrown companies lead oil and gas boom

Financial Times (World) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 11:00:07 GMT

Production accelerates as domestic producers fill gap left by international majors

<https://www.ft.com/content/3d5135b8-3e93-40a4-b9ec-d2fe3a67b5e9>

Gorton and Denton by-election will be a snapshot of Britain in chaos

City AM (News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 10:41:03 +0000

The upcoming Gorton and Denton by-election is a four-way fight with each party pitching itself as the best way to block the other, says Helen Thomas. The upcoming Gorton and Denton by-election is shaping up to be one of the most frenzied of recent times. By-elections are often used by voters to send a message [...]

<https://www.cityam.com/gorton-and-denton-by-election-will-be-a-snapshot-of-britain-in-chaos/>

Watch: Giant phantom jellyfish floating off Argentina

BBC (World) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 05:18:28 GMT

A rare phantom jellyfish has been spotted by scientists exploring the deep sea in the South Atlantic.

https://www.bbc.com/news/videos/cm24jl73pydo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss

Keir Starmer

Keir Starmer 'sorry' to Epstein victims as he gives Mandelson police warning

Daily Mirror (News) · Thu, 5 Feb 2026 12:49:12 +0000

At the start of a major speech today, the Prime Minister confronted the scandal and said Lord Mandelson had lied to him about the extent of his ties to the convicted paedophile

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/keir-starmer-sorry-epstein-victims-36675008>

Everyone's fault but his! **Starmer** blames MI5 and MI6 for failing to flag Mandelson's well-known Epstein ties and moans cops won't let him release evidence - as he grovels for his job

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 13:52:11 GMT

Keir Starmer painted himself as a victim of Lord Mandelson's 'lies', claiming he believed assurances he 'barely knew' paedophile financier Jeffrey Epstein.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15530403/Rivals-Starmer-Mandelson-Rayner-Streeting-Burnham-Labour-Parliament.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Rival parties call for **Starmer** to face confidence vote over Mandelson scandal as PM vows to carry on in No 10: Live updates

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 13:50:01 GMT

LIVE UPDATES: Keir Starmer's premiership is under growing pressure from Labour MPs, angry at his decision to approve the appointment of Peter Mandelson to the role of ambassador to the US.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15530377/keir-starmer-mandelson-labour-live-updates.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

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Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 13:50:01 GMT

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I was in the room when **Keir Starmer** tore into Peter Mandelson

Daily Express (News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 13:48:00 +0000

The Prime Minister's voice echoed in the sports complex, as he confronted a scandal that threatened to topple his leadership.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2167251/i-was-room-when-keir>

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Keir Starmer 'sorry for having believed Mandelson's lies' about Epstein ties – UK politics live

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 13:44:58 GMT

PM under pressure after confirming he knew about Mandelson's later ties with Epstein before his appointment as US ambassador Report: Starmer apologises to Epstein victims as he seeks to weather Mandelson scandal After the release of a vast tranche of documents and emails that shed further light on the close relationshi

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2026/feb/05/peter-mandelson-keir-starmer-jeffrey-epstein-labour-updates-latest-news>

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Kemi Badenoch tells 'coward' **Keir Starmer** to quit over Mandelson admissions and says it is a matter of 'if not when' he is forced from power by paedophile scandal

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 13:22:37 GMT

The Conservative Party leader said Sir Keir was failing to govern as his administration becomes ever more wrapped in sleaze associated with the former US ambassador.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15531389/Kemi-Badenoch-coward-Keir-Starmer-quit-Mandelson-Epstein.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Labour MP says 'serious questions' about **Keir Starmer**'s position over Mandelson | ITV News - ITVX

ITV (Google News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 13:09:44 GMT

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POLL OF THE DAY: Should **Keir Starmer** resign over his handling of the Mandelson scandal?

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 13:09:40 GMT

Labour's former shadow chancellor John McDonnell suggested Sir Keir Starmer should quit over the growing scandal over Peter Mandelson - but what do you think? Vote in our latest poll.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15530319/POLL-Keir-Starmer-resign-handling-Mandelson-scandal.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Starmer-Mandelson latest: I'm sorry for appointing US ambassador and believing his Epstein lies, PM says

Independent (News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 13:08:12 GMT

Starmer in 'crisis situation' as he insists 'none of us knew the depth and the darkness' of Mandelson-Epstein relationship

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/starmer-mandelson-epstein-files-latest-b2914352.html>

Starmer apologises to victims of Epstein

Financial Times (UK) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 13:07:55 GMT

UK prime minister faces criticism from Labour MPs but insists he is not about to quit

<https://www.ft.com/content/584aec03-6eaa-4aee-8751-88592253d3bc>

Starmer apologises to Epstein victims for believing Mandelson's 'lies'

BBC (Politics) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 13:01:22 GMT

The PM says the depth of the pair's relationship was not known when he was appointed US ambassador.

https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cp37v4kyv3eo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss

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'Sorry for having believed Mandelson's lies': **Keir Starmer** apologises to Epstein victims – video

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 12:53:09 GMT

Keir Starmer has addressed the fallout from the Epstein scandal during a speech on Thursday morning in East Sussex. He apologised to Epstein's victims for appointing Mandelson as US ambassador, saying: 'I am sorry, sorry for what was done to you, sorry that so many people with power failed you. Sorry for

having believe

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/video/2026/feb/05/keir-starmer-apologises-to-epstein-victims-video>

Starmer apologises to Epstein victims over Mandelson role as Badenoch calls on PM to quit

City AM (News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 12:52:30 +0000

Keir Starmer has vowed to stay on as Prime Minister, denying knowing the depth and darkness of Peter Mandelson's relationship with Jeffrey Epstein when he appointed the disgraced politician as US ambassador. Speaking at an event in east Sussex, the Prime Minister apologised to Epstein's victim

<https://www.cityam.com/starmer-apologises-to-epstein-victims-over-mandelson-role-as-badenoch-calls-on-pm-to-quit/>

Kemi Badenoch tells 'coward' **Keir Starmer** to quit over Mandelson admissions and says it is a matter of 'if not when' he is forced from power by paedo scandal - dailymail.co.uk

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 12:39:39 GMT

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Sterling hit by **Starmer** leadership speculation and BoE decision

Financial Times (World) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 12:11:08 GMT

Investors worry about political turbulence amid backlash over PM's decision to appoint Peter Mandelson US ambassador

<https://www.ft.com/content/b5da6a78-14e4-4b65-b0f5-a45b695181b3>

Voice: '**Starmer** has to go': Readers on the Mandelson files and Labour's relentless infighting

Independent (News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 12:09:13 GMT

Our community has been discussing the growing pressure on Sir Keir Starmer, focusing on his handling of Lord Peter Mandelson's appointment, the release of sensitive vetting files, and Angela Rayner's dramatic Commons intervention, with many questioning his judgment and calling for new Labour leadership

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/starmer-mandelson-rayner-labour-leader-b2914453.html>

Secret texts with PM's chief aide, what PM knew about Epstein links, and huge 'golden goodbye'... the grim trove of Mandelson papers due for publication that could end **Starmer**

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 12:07:42 GMT

The Prime Minister has been forced to order the publication of a trove of papers after Kemi Badenoch forced a Commons vote on the issue.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15530411/Secret-texts-PMs-chief-aide-PM-knew-Epstein-links-huge-golden-goodbye-grim-trove-Mandelson-papers-publication-end-Starmer.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Keir Starmer and Peter Mandelson are ruthlessly mocked in AI cover of Barry Manilow's classic Mandy amid Epstein furore

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 12:07:22 GMT

The spoof comes with mounting pressure on Sir Keir - and speculation about Labour MP moves to topple him as PM - following the Mandelson and Epstein scandal.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15530423/Keir-Starmer-Peter-Mandelson-ruthlessly-mocked-Al-cover-Barry-Manilows-classic-Mandy-amid-Epstein-furore.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

What are files from Mandelson's US ambassador appointment likely to reveal?

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 11:58:55 GMT

Five key questions MPs are hoping will be answered when records are released after security committee vetting UK politics live – latest updates It remains to be seen how many documents connected to Peter Mandelson's appointment as US ambassador will be released, and also when they will emerge, given they need to be vet

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/feb/05/release-files-peter-mandelson-us-ambassador-jeffrey-epstein>

UK leader apologizes to victims of Epstein for giving Peter Mandelson an ambassador job

Independent (News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 11:41:25 GMT

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer has apologized to victims of Jeffrey Epstein for appointing Peter Mandelson as the U.K.'s ambassador to Washington

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/peter-mandelson-keir-starmer-london-washington-b2914508.htm>

How the 'Prince of Darkness' held a secret influence in Labour: Mandelson 'masterminded' **Starmer's** reshuffle just DAYS before he was sacked as US ambassador over Epstein links... and 'helped pick election candidates'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 11:39:13 GMT

In fresh revelations about the extent of his influence on Labour, the disgraced peer is reported to have been in Downing Street to advise on the Government shake-up.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15531057/How-Prince-Darkness-held-secret-influence-Labour-Mandelson-masterminded-Starmers-reshuffle-just-DAYS-sacked-US-ambassador-Epstein-links-helped-pick-election-candidates.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Mandelson and the money that never sleeps

Financial Times (UK) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 11:31:17 GMT

This is truly grim for Keir Starmer, raising questions about his ethics as well as his judgment

<https://www.ft.com/content/1a296ae4-a19d-4650-bdf9-4a3a1d1b25f7>

Sterling hit as pressure mounts on **Starmer**

Financial Times (UK) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 11:26:19 GMT

Prime minister apologises for appointment of Peter Mandelson amid furore over links to Jeffrey Epstein

<https://www.ft.com/content/7742a227-eefd-401b-ab00-41b71ae161ef>

How the 'Prince of Darkness' held a secret influence in Labour: Mandelson 'masterminded' **Starmer's** reshuffle just DAYS before he was sacked as US ambassador over Epstein links... and 'helped pick election candidates' - dailymail.co.uk

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Trump 'close to BACKING Chagos deal again' after desperate plea from **Starmer**

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 11:08:08 GMT

UK sources suggested the US is sounding more positive about the plan to hand the territory to Mauritius - and pay £35billion to lease back Diego Garcia for 99 years.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15530929/Trump-Chagos-deal-desperate-plea-Starmer-Nato-Diego-Garcia.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Will **Starmer** resign over Mandelson-Epstein scandal and who could replace him?

Independent (News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 11:05:12 GMT

Labour MPs have questioned the prime ministers judgement, with some declaring 'it's over' for Starmer

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/starmer-resign-labour-mandelson-epstein-b2914365.html>

Borrowing costs edge higher as doubts over **Starmer**'s future grow

Daily Mail (Articles) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 11:01:55 +0000

Gilt yields started to rise on Wednesday evening after the Prime Minister admitted he knew of Peter Mandelson's friendship with Jeffrey Epstein before appointing him as US ambassador.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/markets/article-15530713/Borrowing-costs-edge-higher-doubts-Starmers-future-grow.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490

Starmer cannot survive as prime minister without his right-hand man

Independent (News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 10:48:29 GMT

Many people in Labour want Morgan McSweeney sacked as Downing Street chief of staff, but there are doubts Keir Starmer would survive as PM without him, Kate Devlin and David Maddox write

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/keir-starmer-morgan-mcsweeney-mandelson-prime-minister-resign-b2914383.html>

Mandelson files will be published even if embarrassing to No 10, says ISC chair

Guardian (UK News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 09:58:42 GMT

Documents relating to US ambassador appointment being assessed for release by intelligence and security committee UK politics live – latest updates A parliamentary committee looking into the appointment of Peter Mandelson as US ambassador and the depth of his relationship with the convicted child sex offender Jeffrey E

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/feb/05/mandelson-files-intelligence-and-security-committee-starmer-labour>

Angela Rayner wields the knife that could finish **Keir Starmer** – but will she take the crown?

Independent (News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 09:44:41 GMT

Her dramatic intervention in the Commons underlined the PM's weakness and positioned her as his successor, writes political editor David Maddox

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/angela-rayner-starmer-mandelson-morgan-mcsweeney-epstein-files-b2914288.html>

Starmer engulfed in leadership speculation as he backtracks over Mandelson papers

Financial Times (World) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 09:31:58 GMT

Prime minister agrees to parliamentary oversight of release of documents about peer's appointment as ambassador to US

<https://www.ft.com/content/e4f5f18d-6f6c-45f7-ab99-1cbaaeb98bd7>

Every doomed prime minister has a moment — this is **Starmer**'s

Financial Times (UK) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 09:30:08 GMT

This end phase of his leadership requires a crisis or resignation to tip things over the edge

<https://www.ft.com/content/22bcc4e-2047-4998-9a8d-b7acf1d93d8e>

Chris Mason: **Starmer** can ill afford any more days like these

BBC (Politics) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 09:23:32 GMT

Starmer is furious with Mandelson, and the mood among many Labour MPs is darkening, the BBC's political editor writes.

https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cx2pe8m4xk1o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMihwJBVV95cUxOOG5TVlxS2pDY1pWZ3BkNhh5NWZfZ1JJT3ptcVQtRUpQbIBtZDFfUTZ4SHhCbTRQenNJX01Fb2RSM05SaloybnoxdW1SVI9NNjd3T1VGT0tQVERIQVRsTGZCdnByck5ZS19TbEZpZ2wtdmJEv1Z6VmxHdWhKOGs2QlpiYUxiUjB2S2psNTRodkRkNIE3a3JxQWEExN0dNYVJVeTVGVU9fWnR1WW5uQ3d4V1pJbG5wMi05NWZMMS1FMDE2ZH01SzU4alcyME1EcFgwSWp2R25VdUx5bzY3V3NSdjNsaDF1c29PYkREY1NKYXJ4bURXR2MyNDFjMldGVIV1YIZoYVZ6b9IBjAJBVV95cUxQQjRLVkj0T3FNRTNPT1NaU3JSc2xCNzJCbTRVZ24xUXZYRVJUTjNldXZOWEp4Z213Vm3b2M3SG9ZSI5TWozak9GTzNuNUp5X20yVnb1U0NuZjNVWVR1ME1YQ0RDcklKbnhiWEIUeVBZU2hScUVnv1YtU05YUm9QdGZndVFjaVRHUZdnLWR4OUQ1LTE1OURzTUVObHRWWUdJcVZneFp2ODIEM1o3MEdTQ0IEVXVXR3FCSld0dWZDWHhrRXUtnFBBbDICOTA2ckRNR2x1Q29xXzRUc1UKWmZpTnBhXzRkWIZrbnhxaVhTNHjkLTgt ejNxM2tyektRTmpnZzkclVsem1SVHpB?oc=5>

Starmer grovels for his job as he apologises for believing Mandelson's lies and claims he didn't know the 'depth and darkness' of his ties to Epstein - dailymail.co.uk

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How can Britain regain its manufacturing power? Start thinking like a developing country | Larry Elliott

Guardian (Politics) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 08:00:25 GMT

Since the 70s, China has turned around its economy – from introducing subsidies to mining untapped talent, these are the lessons Starmer must take note of Margaret Thatcher and Deng Xiaoping were both on a mission when they came to power within months of each other at the tail end of the 1970s. Thatcher wanted to reinvent

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/feb/05/britain-manufacturing-power-developing-country-lessons-china>

STEPHEN GLOVER: It's laughable to say Labour's been betrayed by Mandelson. Blair, Brown and **Starmer** were the ones who nurtured this monster

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 06:58:05 GMT

The downfall of Peter Mandelson is an immense event in British politics. This bad, and now disgraced, man has been a key figure in the Labour Party for over 30 years.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15529301/STEPHEN-GLOVER-laughable-say-Labours-betrayed-Mandelson-Blair-Brown-Starmer-ones-nurtured-monster.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

QUENTIN LETTS: Punctured perhaps beyond repair, Sir **Keir Starmer** was deflating before our eyes. Kemi kept bayonetting him. From Labour MPs, a cold, sinister silence

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 06:55:09 GMT

Through the whistling stillness came Kemi's insistent interrogations. She was cool, shimmeringly superior. For a third time: did the official vetting of Mandelson disclose the Epstein dirt?

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15528853/Keir-Starmer-Labour-government-parliament-pmqs-Kemi-Badenoch.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Starmer's faith in Mandelson was a catastrophic error of judgement

City AM (News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 06:00:00 +0000

If Keir Starmer had hoped that his own indignation, doubtless sincerely felt, would put distance between Downing Street and the Peter Mandelson scandal, he was mistaken. Amid dramatic and at times chaotic scenes in the House of Commons yesterday, the Prime Minister was forced into a humiliating u-turn as opposition and

<https://www.cityam.com/starmers-faith-in-mandelson-a-catastrophic-error-of-judgement/>

'It's terminal': Now even Cabinet is turning against **Starmer** while Epstein scandal engulfs him... as it's revealed PM did know Mandelson kept in touch with paedophile

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 03:32:11 GMT

Senior Labour MPs rounded on Keir Starmer last night after he admitted for the first time that he knew about Peter Mandelson's longer-term relationship with Jeffrey Epstein.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15529493/terminal-Cabinet-Starmer-Epstein-scandal-Mandelson-kept-touch-paedophile.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Starmer's premiership in grave peril as Angela Rayner twists the knife over his handling of Mandelson scandal: Sir Keir's ex-Deputy forces him into humiliating climbdown with 'ministers considering resigning to hasten his downfall'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 03:31:36 GMT

The former deputy PM forced Sir Keir into a climbdown over the release of documents surrounding his appointment of Mandelson as US ambassador.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15529069/Rayner-twists-knife-PM-Mandelson-scandal-Starmer.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

'It's terminal': Now even Cabinet is turning against **Starmer** while Epstein scandal engulfs him... as it's revealed PM did know Mandelson kept in touch with paedophile - dailymail.co.uk

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Kemi Badenoch

Kemi Badenoch tells 'coward' Keir Starmer to quit over Mandelson admissions and says it is a matter of 'if not when' he is forced from power by paedo scandal

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 13:22:37 GMT

The Conservative Party leader said Sir Keir was failing to govern as his administration becomes ever more wrapped in sleaze associated with the former US ambassador.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15531389/Kemi-Badenoch-coward-Keir-Starmer-quit-Mandelson-Epstein.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Starmer apologises to Epstein victims over Mandelson role as **Badenoch** calls on PM to quit

City AM (News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 12:52:30 +0000

Keir Starmer has vowed to stay on as Prime Minister, denying knowing the depth and darkness of Peter Mandelson's relationship with Jeffrey Epstein when he appointed the disgraced politician as US ambassador. Speaking at an event in east Sussex, the Prime Minister apologised to Epstein's victim

<https://www.cityam.com/starmer-apologises-to-epstein-victims-over-mandelson-role-as-badenoch-calls-on-pm-to-quit/>

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMisAFBVV95cUxOejhKZFIVamxpQWNfVGpSR0xsSnp2SF9iSkhUSU5mYIfMUheUJmdXRqd2wtXy0xdTVINmZONHFiRHZ6YUU4YXZoZTB1Mm5WdEd6RUVjR1RhbklHVVB2OWIQNktsZ3RBX1VTRIB4VHIGM0c4RDViMIVhSlzVIRGdDluSWFLTXNkc2dGU09tWTgtDvdpZGtveDRwMVJCLXQ1c21rcmZBbVZZN09Bd2psNtlBtgFBVV95cUxQaDBVOHg3d3FPSXoxUFRwU3BSTVluU1UtX25MS09DUnhucjR6SExtczVaLXFFOFpzVV9OcUNDQTB5NHFXdXVQY2Ywem5FWmhBV3RLd2JUOU5fZjk0T3ZaOWxwMVg1TGp5aFR2SW9lZnlIVUZkVXk1T3FBbWFMZUVrc0tVS3hoWFd6QmxFWXd2QmRfcGtMFZzR1ZzaTlxLUpxY1VndmNhNGVWRDFKR2piU3YtY1RyUQ?oc=5>

Are the mice panicking at Parliament too? Moment rodent scurries past **Kemi Badenoch** as she gives TV interview

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 12:09:49 GMT

Kemi Badenoch was demanding information on Lord Mandelson's appointment as US ambassador to be released when the rodent dashed across the room.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15530327/mice-Parliament-rodent-Kemi-Badenoch-TV-interview.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Secret texts with PM's chief aide, what PM knew about Epstein links, and huge 'golden goodbye'... the grim trove of Mandelson papers due for publication that could end Starmer

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 12:07:42 GMT

The Prime Minister has been forced to order the publication of a trove of papers after Kemi Badenoch forced a Commons vote on the issue.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15530411/Secret-texts-PMs-chief-aide-PM-knew-Epstein-links-huge-golden-goodbye-grim-trove-Mandelson-papers-publication-end-Starmer.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Moment mouse scurries past **Kemi Badenoch** during live interview

Independent (News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 10:11:04 GMT

A mouse scurried past Kemi Badenoch during a live television interview in her Westminster office on Wednesday, 4 January.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/tv/news/kemi-badenoch-mouse-interview-peston-video-b2914357.html>

Are the mice panicking at Parliament too? Moment rodent scurries past **Kemi Badenoch** as she gives TV interview - dailymail.co.uk

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John Swinney

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Ed Davey

Should Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor be removed from the line of succession? Have your say

Daily Mirror (News) · Thu, 5 Feb 2026 12:52:17 +0000

Months after the disgraced royal was stripped from his titles, the former prince still remains eighth in line for the throne, despite new revelations emerging about his association with Epstein

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/royals/should-andrew-mountbatten-windsor-removed-36674927>

Kelly Brook sells her beloved Hermès Birkin for a HUGE profit amid her fears the designer bag could make her a target for criminals in London - dailymail.co.uk

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Is King Charles right to support Andrew financially? Have your say in the Palace Confidential poll

Daily Mail (Articles) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 09:47:51 +0000

You've read the headlines and heard our experts' opinions - but what do YOU think?

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/royals/article-15527687/King-Charles-Andrew-Mountbatten-Windsor-Jeffrey-Epstein.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490

The chance text that helped put a serial rapist behind bars: Two friends bravely reveal how they caught convicted sex offender who attacked them both on the same night

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 07:42:59 GMT

The women have spoken out a year after convicted sex offender and domestic abuser Aaron Swan was jailed indefinitely in Inverness, with neither victim believing he will ever be safe for release.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15527969/Serial-predator-raped-two-friends-Aaron-Swan.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

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Forget medal targets, Winter Olympics success will be decided on sofas not ski slopes

City AM (News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 07:00:00 +0000

Sports fans have a feast of action, from the Winter Olympics to the Six Nations and the T20 World Cup, to gorge on over the coming days, writes Ed Warner. Have you planned your viewing schedule for the next few days? Pushed the football to the margins of your calendar for once? Six Nations opener [...]

<https://www.cityam.com/forget-medal-targets-winter-olympics-success-will-be-decided-on-sofas-not-ski-slopes/>

Hero cop who saved countless lives with her bravery during the Bondi Junction stabbing arrives at inquest findings bearing the signs of her cancer treatment

Daily Mail (UK News) · Thu, 05 Feb 2026 00:10:35 GMT

Amy Scott - the police officer who single-handedly stopped Joel Cauchi's deadly has arrived at an inquest into the attack.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15529457/amy-scott.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

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Mary Lou McDonald

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Gavin Robinson

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