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## **Keir Starmer**

Peter Mandelson refuses to 'hide under a rock' - next steps after Epstein bombshell

Daily Mirror (News) · Tue, 3 Feb 2026 11:11:28 +0000

Keir Starmer has made it clear he does not want Peter Mandelson in the House of Lords any longer as fresh allegations came to light - but it isn't as straightforward as he would like

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/what-next-peter-mandelson-peerage-36660427>

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**Starmer** 'wobbled over Chagos deal' amid panic over £35bn price tag and doubts over legal case for handing territory to Mauritius

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 09:53:02 GMT

Keir Starmer has been adamant that handing over the British territory to Mauritius - and leasing back the crucial Diego Garcia military base - is the right thing to do.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15522951/Starmer-Chagos-deal-price-tag-legal-case-Mauritius-Trump.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15522951/Starmer-Chagos-deal-price-tag-legal-case-Mauritius-Trump.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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Mandelson row hits **Starmer** already at rock bottom

Financial Times (World) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 09:40:20 GMT

Morgan McSweeney could be forced out over misjudgment, raising stakes for PM's survival

<https://www.ft.com/content/08b4aebd-87c5-4183-8ef6-1986499da3a4>

Why is Peter Mandelson still a Lord? **Starmer** is gutless and the peerage must go, says ANDREW PIERCE

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 09:32:36 GMT

Why is he still called Lord Mandelson? He should lose that peerage and lose it now.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15522901/Video-Peter-Mandelson-Lord-Starmer-gutless-peerage-says-ANDREW-PIERCE.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15522901/Video-Peter-Mandelson-Lord-Starmer-gutless-peerage-says-ANDREW-PIERCE.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Keir Starmer** has abandoned us! Desperate residents heartbroken as US energy giant slashes jobs at oil refinery after its collapse with millionaire former owner facing lawsuit

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 09:18:38 GMT

EXCLUSIVE: Redundancy packages for workers at the Prax Lindsey Oil Refinery have been slashed, local jobs cut and the influx of hundreds of visiting contractors vital to businesses has vanished.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15444893/Residents-heartbroken-US-giant-slashes-jobs-oil-refinery.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15444893/Residents-heartbroken-US-giant-slashes-jobs-oil-refinery.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

QUENTIN LETTS: The Persian cat's corpse was torn apart by hounds. Lord Mandelson had no defenders

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 07:47:33 GMT

Sir Keir Starmer legged it from the Commons the moment he completed a mid-afternoon statement on his China visit. You never saw a potato move so fast.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15521519/QUENTIN-LETTS-Persian-cats-corpse-torn-apart-hounds-Lord-Mandelson-no-defenders.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15521519/QUENTIN-LETTS-Persian-cats-corpse-torn-apart-hounds-Lord-Mandelson-no-defenders.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer** has little to offer voters of either right or left in Gorton and Denton. That's why he's facing a perfect storm | Owen Jones

Guardian (Politics) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 07:00:32 GMT

The Greens are buoyant as Labour struggles. After shredding any semblance of a progressive agenda, fear of Reform is all the PM's party has left Labour's soul is being laid bare in the Gorton and Denton byelection campaign. Insofar as the party's masters have had a coherent political strategy, it is this: define

Labour

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/feb/03/keir-starmer-gorton-denton-byelection-greens-labour>

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**Starmer** seeks to push forward with delayed defence investment plan

Financial Times (World) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 05:00:17 GMT

Meeting convened by UK prime minister comes as officials examine ways of overriding multibillion-pound funding gap

<https://www.ft.com/content/445857cd-1798-497a-ac58-6f1f7eff8af7>

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### **John Swinney**

— no mentions today —

### **Ed Davey**

'Red flags' missed before boy's murder, say family

BBC (UK) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 11:25:19 GMT

Harvey Willgoose's family say they believe he would "100%" be alive if school his had acted sooner.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cdxj0752n2lo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cdxj0752n2lo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

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Harvey Willgoose parents say 'too many red flags' ignored before school stabbing

Independent (News) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 09:04:36 GMT

An independent review into Harvey’s death found “several missed opportunities” to address behaviour and manage risk before the fatal stabbing

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/harvey-willgoose-death-mohammed-umar-khan-sheffield-b2912492.html>

Watch: Why is no-one being prosecuted over the Epstein files?

BBC (World) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 01:45:52 GMT

Gary O'Donoghue looks at why no prosecutions have yet come from the release of millions of documents.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/videos/cd9e3nzzw3zo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/videos/cd9e3nzzw3zo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Mother of murdered teen Harvey Willgoose hits out at 'missed opportunities' to save him before he was stabbed at school and says she still hears him say, 'I love you'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 00:33:13 GMT

Harvey Willgoose, 15, was attacked by Mohammed Umar Khan, also 15, during a nine-second confrontation on February 3 last year after the two former friends had argued on social media.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15520857/Mother-murdered-teen-Harvey-Willgoose-hits-missed-opportunities-save-stabbed-school-says-hears-say-love-you.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15520857/Mother-murdered-teen-Harvey-Willgoose-hits-missed-opportunities-save-stabbed-school-says-hears-say-love-you.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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