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## **Nigel Farage**

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## **Keir Starmer**

**Keir Starmer** 'needs a miracle' to stay on as prime minister, says Labour MP amid Mandelson scandal - UK politics live

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 12:31:55 GMT

Pressure continues to build on Keir Starmer and his chief of staff Morgan McSweeney Analysis: How the Epstein scandal has shaken the British government to its core 'If someone had pulled the trigger': MPs rue lack of challenger to oust Starmer Nearly 60,000 unauthorised migrants and convicted criminals have been removed

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2026/feb/06/labour-party-keir-starmer-peter-mandelson-morgan-mcsweeney-live-news-latest-updates>

POLL OF THE DAY: Would Angela Rayner be a successful prime minister?

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 12:03:44 GMT

Angela Rayner has told friends she is 'ready' to launch a leadership campaign - as Labour MPs warned Keir Starmer that his premiership is 'hanging by a thread'.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15534591/Poll-Angela-Rayner-successful-prime-minister.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15534591/Poll-Angela-Rayner-successful-prime-minister.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Will **Keir Starmer** survive the Mandelson-Epstein scandal?

Independent (News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 11:48:19 GMT

Sir Keir Starmer is fighting for his political life amid mounting fury over his decision to appoint Lord Peter Mandelson as the UK's ambassador to the United States, despite being aware of his ties to convicted pedophile Jeffrey Epstein .

<https://www.independent.co.uk/tv/news/starmer-epstein-resign-mandelson-video-b2915289.html>

**Starmer-Mandelson** latest: PM 'needs a miracle' for leadership to survive Epstein scandal, says Labour MP

Independent (News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 11:43:14 GMT

PM under increasing pressure from Labour MPs as leadership speculation intensifies amid widespread anger over scandal

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/starmer-mandelson-epstein-labour-live-updates-b2915145.html>

**Starmer** government prepares to hand over Mandelson files for scrutiny

Financial Times (UK) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 11:03:44 GMT

Cache of potentially embarrassing documents will be examined by committee investigating former minister's appointment as US ambassador

<https://www.ft.com/content/844d2276-c565-4171-b7b1-32be743428e3>

Keir's gone to Iceland: **Starmer** hands supermarket boss and ex-Tory Richard Walker a job as his 'cost of living champion' - despite him rating the PM a lacklustre 'six out of 10'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 10:46:10 GMT

Lord Walker, who was given a seat for life in the House of Lords by Sir Keir last month, is the chairman of Iceland and the son of the chain's founder.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15534795/Keirs-gone-Iceland-Starmer-hands-supermarket-boss-ex-Tory-Richard-Walker-job-cost-living-champion-despite-rating-PM-lacklustre-six-10.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15534795/Keirs-gone-Iceland-Starmer-hands-supermarket-boss-ex-Tory-Richard-Walker-job-cost-living-champion-despite-rating-PM-lacklustre-six-10.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Baby octopus and super strength sausage: the Italian restaurant refusing to bow to trends

City AM (News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 10:30:00 +0000

Italian restaurant 2Veneti is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year by doing things the way they always have, says Adam Bloodworth. How about a great pile of baby octopi for starters? They're super soft and super controversial, with many chefs believing the animals should reproduce three times before being eaten, t

<https://www.cityam.com/baby-octopus-and-super-strength-sausage-the-italian-restaurant-that-refuses-trends/>

Labour thinktank close to Morgan McSweeney 'paid firm to investigate journalists'

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 10:06:31 GMT

Labour Together allegedly hired company to look at Sunday Times and Guardian reporters after article about donations UK politics live – latest updates A thinktank previously run by a Labour minister and the prime minister's chief of staff is alleged to have paid a PR firm to investigate journalists who were looking int

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/feb/06/labour-thinktank-close-to-morgan-mcsweeney-allegedly-paid-firm-to-investigate-journalists>

Top government figures to hand over private messages with Mandelson

BBC (Politics) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 09:51:37 GMT

Sir Keir Starmer faces pressure to release sensitive files about Lord Mandelson's appointment as US ambassador.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0q4jk5pn19o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0q4jk5pn19o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Now Mandelson files could blow up the Special Relationship with 'damaging' criticism of Trump as **Starmer** fights Rayner coup plot

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 09:42:05 GMT

Officials fear material published as part of a probe into how the close friend of Jeffrey Epstein was hired by the PM could include 'damaging' comments about the thin-skinned president.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15534533/Mandelson-files-blow-Special-Relationship-Trump-Starmer-Rayner-coup.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15534533/Mandelson-files-blow-Special-Relationship-Trump-Starmer-Rayner-coup.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Why Al Cars is gaining ground as MPs mull **Starmer**'s replacement

Financial Times (UK) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 09:36:03 GMT

Current challengers to the PM fail to convince Labour rank-and-file, lifting profile of lesser-known alternative

<https://www.ft.com/content/0748eb0c-0569-4e03-ad8c-3981dcf5352c>

Now Mandelson files could blow up the Special Relationship with 'damaging' criticism of Trump as **Starmer** fights Rayner coup plot - dailymail.co.uk

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 09:31:09 GMT

Now Mandelson files could blow up the Special Relationship with 'damaging' criticism of Trump as Starmer fights Rayner coup plot &nbsp;&nbsp; dailymail.co.uk

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMivwFBV95cUxPb1czVVZWTEtDZ092MzVOaW1OajRVaTFibUd6SHZPX09iZ0JQbFVBUnBQZUxxc2dvcjhhsEFZQXRPU243MV9HMEp5N3diTrdaTXhjVGVaWXZrbWFJQ1A0RnotRHBJM0ZXd1NfY0szQmhWZVZGUndjdlZyeUdpbmpTc0ZUQ0M5bjlkVE42VzRhM1RwbkU4Xzjd2dpbXZjeG93dExvenRaUjYyTWQ0dmnRmLV9UN3BwcHlxM3JiRmQ0b9IBxAFBVV95cUxNVmJjbVRBcTBQb0hkLVJRc3dDNVhTNzZ0YjRJT0VUYmU5VEM0VE1kbFdDb1VNRFNCTnUzRWZld2hrQ3lxdlVYzzFGZkFIVHRGVkd2QWpTZDQwQ2RDM2RjlWk0YkhrMk5qYXpRUKN5UIBrMDIUZGF5bGh1c2ZsbGtzTzQ0akxXTzV6a2VoeIRCsvkyMI9JbC1nNmE3YktFcUhFVVk1OEE2VEVBVE9rM0ITNzNRS2owaWYyWGU1NyIWHJNclZY?oc=5>

**Starmer** faces renewed calls to sack chief of staff over Mandelson scandal

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 09:20:58 GMT

Another Labour MP says Morgan McSweeney should go as Harriet Harman says PM left looking 'weak, naive and gullible' UK politics live – latest updates Keir Starmer was facing renewed calls to sack his most senior adviser on Friday as Downing Street braced itself for another round of leadership speculation when the files

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/feb/06/starmer-renewed-calls-sack-morgan-mcsweeney-mandelson>

He's been a disaster, but I still believe he's a decent man. And this is how **Starmer**'s time in No 10 will end, most likely within days... by DAN HODGES

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 08:37:55 GMT

This is how I think it will end. Keir Starmer will take off his tie, pour himself a large glass of wine, kick back, and come to a couple of unwelcome but inevitable conclusions.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15532605/keir-starmer-angela-rayner-epstein-mandelson-labour-government.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15532605/keir-starmer-angela-rayner-epstein-mandelson-labour-government.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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Labour made mistakes in its Caerphilly byelection defeat. It may be about to repeat them in Gorton and Denton | Will Hayward

Guardian (Politics) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 08:00:01 GMT

In Wales, Plaid Cymru sailed through as the anti-Reform party, at Labour's expense. Unless lessons are learned, the Greens could do the same In three weeks, the people of Gorton and Denton will head to the polls for their byelection. And the rest of the UK will be watching. The attention given to this vote will be huge

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/feb/06/labour-mistakes-caerphilly-byelection-gorton-denton>

Rayner: I'm ready to go. As **Starmer** fights for his political life, ex-deputy leader tells friends she's primed to strike

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 07:14:04 GMT

The Daily Mail understands that in the wake of Wednesday's Commons vote, Ms Rayner told an MP who observed that the Prime Minister would have to resign: 'I will be ready.'

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15533497/Rayner-ready-Starmer-fights-ex-deputy-leader.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15533497/Rayner-ready-Starmer-fights-ex-deputy-leader.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

FTSE 100 Live: **Starmer** unease rattles markets; Big tech sell-off

City AM (News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 06:53:35 +0000

Good morning and welcome back to the City AM liveblog. Speculation over Keir Starmer's future has unleashed a fresh round of market unease as investors dumped the pound, UK equities and long-dated government bonds amid rising political uncertainty. The gulf in price between the UK's short- and long-term debt – known as

<https://www.cityam.com/ftse-100-live-starmer-unease-rattles-markets-big-tech-sell-off/>

It's tragic that a decent PM will be brought down by Mandelson's sleaze – but it's a matter of when, not if | Polly Toynbee

Guardian (Politics) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 06:00:03 GMT

With three years left and a huge majority, Labour can govern with more humility and deliver real change. But with Starmer at the helm? I can't see it The smell of death is in the Westminster air. Labour's King Rat Peter Mandelson has again cast his sulphurous odour of villainy around the palace, and contamination may d

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/feb/06/keir-starmer-jeffrey-epstein-peter-mandelson-labour>

I'm sorry for appointing Mandelson and believing his Epstein lies, **Starmer** says

Independent (News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 05:30:22 GMT

Prime minister apologises to Epstein victims but seeks to pin blame on vetting process, amid growing calls from within Labour to sack his right-hand man

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/starmer-peter-mandelson-epstein-victims-apology-labour-b2915104.html>

Morally bankrupt! **Starmer** is accused after blaming security services for vetting process that failed to bar Mandelson

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 00:39:33 GMT

Fighting for survival amid a revolt over his handling of the scandal, the Prime Minister criticised the 'vetting carried out independently by the security services' on the disgraced Labour peer.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15533255/morally-bankrupt-Keir-Starmer-blame-Peter-Mandelson.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15533255/morally-bankrupt-Keir-Starmer-blame-Peter-Mandelson.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 00:11:00 GMT

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMioAFBVV95cUxPMmpMdnExR1BYb2lqYzRBdFdaNDBkNDc3eHlyUTIHG80X3V6MFVRZ1NobGxqMktWLWN4M1dTdG9LaDFvdE1TcWprR3BuTzdpU2xjMDh4RFNvOEphODF2WHJsSnlPLWM1WE5QeG1QWXRiMTJ4VTRLNFdaYndsOEt6WVpaT3FQTDgwR0laMjBxdIdNdW9RRjZNMXhJUV9JRHhE0gGmA>

UFVX3IxTE1CUmF3YTF4Z3paTTBaX3I3N3NGSzJLSTJaMU4tMzJIUHZqRIF6U0pnZVRHUHFiWW5xS3BnHVPRmpZQzhBS1B6M2pVclZqbmVmeGNNSkdSbDdGNmhNd0g4WWhla3VpNWRoZzFmYnpGOW9seWhYRFA0U0x1ZTBEOGNydWQ2NXd1UGpfaGN2dEVmOGIxZGEyTFZESVJQZ2wwN3R0UDhQZWc?oc=5

## **Kemi Badenoch**

Time to take a Milei-style chainsaw to the nanny state

City AM (News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 05:34:00 +0000

Ask any business what is the biggest barrier to growth and time and again they will tell you it's regulation, says Jamila Robertson In a recent talk at the Centre for Policy Studies (CPS), the former Bank of England Governor, Lord King, reflected that the Bank of England staff had risen from 2,000 to 5,000 [...]

<https://www.cityam.com/time-to-take-a-milei-style-chainsaw-to-the-nanny-state/>

## **John Swinney**

Poor Russell's offer of a pint with **Swinney** was snubbed by the First Minister. And with Valentine's Day just around the corner, too...

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 11:59:29 GMT

If I could give one piece of advice, it would be this: never go drinking with a politician. The tight gits seldom put their hand in their pocket. When it comes time for their round, there's always an urgent

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15535073/Poor-Russells-offer-pint-Swinney-snubbed-Minister-Valentines-Day-just-corner-too.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15535073/Poor-Russells-offer-pint-Swinney-snubbed-Minister-Valentines-Day-just-corner-too.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## **Ed Davey**

— no mentions today —

## **Rhun Ap Iorwerth**

— no mentions today —

## **Mary Lou McDonald**

Donald Trump's Truth Social account posts racist video of Obamas depicted as apes

Daily Mirror (News) · Fri, 6 Feb 2026 11:22:31 +0000

An AI-generated clip depicting Barack and Michelle Obama as apes has been shared on Donald Trump's Truth Social account

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/us-news/breaking-donald-trumps-truth-social-36680381>

Former junk food addict, 27, lost 7 stone on fat jabs after swapping £50-a-week **McDonald**'s habit for Mounjaro prescription

Daily Mail (Articles) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 07:00:49 +0000

Spending £200-a-month on takeaways, Somers Arrowsmith couldn't afford to take weight loss medication... until she swapped McDonald's for Mounjaro.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-15530829/Former-junk-food-addict-27-lost-7-stone-fat-jabs-swapping-50-week-McDonalds-habit-Mounjaro-prescription.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-15530829/Former-junk-food-addict-27-lost-7-stone-fat-jabs-swapping-50-week-McDonalds-habit-Mounjaro-prescription.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

Almost a quarter of soup on sale in UK supermarkets has too much salt, study finds

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 06 Feb 2026 06:00:03 GMT

Analysis of nearly 500 tinned and chilled products finds 23% exceed government's voluntary salt target  
Nearly a quarter of all soup bought in supermarkets contains too much salt, with one brand containing more salt than two McDonald's cheeseburgers, according to research. Soup has long had a reputation for being a heal

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2026/feb/06/almost-quarter-soup-on-sale-uk-supermarkets-too-much-salt>

## **Gavin Robinson**

— no mentions today —