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## **Nigel Farage**

Reform UK announces MORE defections as **Nigel Farage** welcomes a slew of new councillors including an ex-BBC reporter, an Iraqi hostage, and a switcher from the Greens

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In a strengthening of its presence in local government, Reform unveiled new recruits across a string of councils.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462591/Reform-UK-announces-defections-Nigel-Farage-welcomes-slew-new-councillors-including-ex-BBC-reporter-Iraqi-hostage-switcher-Greens.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462591/Reform-UK-announces-defections-Nigel-Farage-welcomes-slew-new-councillors-including-ex-BBC-reporter-Iraqi-hostage-switcher-Greens.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

How **Nigel Farage** gets away with it

Financial Times (UK) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 12:29:39 GMT

His two great liabilities, Brexit and Donald Trump, are unmentionable in British politics

<https://www.ft.com/content/e519b064-64e4-422c-b2e7-aa256344fe11>

**Nigel Farage** says £400,000-a-year water chief must go as 17,000 homes in Kent and Sussex remain without supply

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 11:44:28 GMT

Nigel Farage says the boss of South East Water must step down as 17,000 homes begin their fifth day without a supply.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462095/Farage-says-water-chief-Kent-Sussex-supply.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462095/Farage-says-water-chief-Kent-Sussex-supply.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Labour faces elections apocalypse in Wales as poll shows nationalists Plaid and Reform surging - but **Farage's** party is set to be shut out of power

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 11:40:37 GMT

First Minister Eluned Morgan could see her party reduced from its current 29 seats to just eight in a May election that would allow nationalists Plaid Cymru and the Greens take power.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462875/Labour-face-elections-apocalypse-Wales.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462875/Labour-face-elections-apocalypse-Wales.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Labour faces elections apocalypse in Wales as poll shows nationalists Plaid and Reform surging - but **Farage's** party is set to be shut out of power - Daily Mail

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Labour faces elections apocalypse in Wales as poll shows nationalists Plaid and Reform surging - but Farage's party is set to be shut out of power &nbsp;&nbsp; Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMimAFBVV95cUxOMGxBYIRWUHU1MTB5Q3p0WXNSR01aR0JxbmRRRFNTYUITZoyeWImZU1IMThjTlJyam9LRWRtUk5IWm1Cc09VZEVfbTJreE1mTlIXNmR4SIVCamtXM194SExaX3JrMGtCTWx5dHJqUVQ4NGRIdXdfa1VxcmZUQ2w2cGhyc2pKcHVXbIFDdWRsTi1uNkZUeVV4ZNIBngFBVV95cUxQcFUzMHJyM0dGVHFVU3MyeXg2cUx1ZndTZlZpNUE4MWphdEZSUhdRQW1DMGZSN2hMeU5GUkxQemMxOTUzazlyUU5Cczg5Sk4tNUdhaG84RzdabHAxN1ZGbl9oc3JMSmtWSG9Xdmk3OVvrl0M3VFdtNWxLRFhwejVXeWxvbWc4R0hdUxOSkhJOHpGYzJUNTRibU05MDB4QQ?oc=5>

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMikgJBVV95cUxONi1tMEExOQTlaUmRZw44cE0wTEphcG13Y1BoOFNURzZ4cm2VHNGZUdVRHVZaFFickhqeDQwZGpQVHF1wGFDDmdqaXE0WWQtYmpBZmlxWmpVc0tuVDI3MjfbmdSaGdPNEUzdEtSXVVVDFzRHk0UE1jcGdCb0trTkprdl0OUZLcFBSYWdtcXNFSEFHZlpDcdtdUdQTy1aZG9hbVZQSXIaT2tJRUZLVkF3THIOFFhWXhoSFduaEJCZ1d4dHNnaDRGQ3hIREhHdW1DZWVs21kNm1wTm5tRFFGLTIhbINZb1ZNMuIwSEV2bll0M1ZJd0NPNI9nUkdTUGxsMHBLsXN6bTV3TmJMLWVR0gGXAkFVX3lxTFBHRW9XVnRqWTBta3NVX2ZFbWp0ekw5aHA0akNodXhkNko2bV9JNnB2eFhHbnJvTE11RDRRLRjlvX3daUHBKZHFvdzzUjFuY05HX1pUVzljanVWaEpHTzRxOHVwbVBHX0NfdVhBMmhqOW0zWGpaM2hEYnBQNmq1S1d0WTVUeHpZdVNxeE13VvPodVpKREV6SDB0d3VmMWZvMk5FSjBfdDhEd1FPbDRTZ2tlc3Vndk90RndVa3dzRzZiWVR6Y1A1UUpmS0E2X196TWVKV3RTZHBkUzBjQzIEV0JYVEtucmRuREtwLURnYVo0ZG1wYkxhdVdscHVXcGk2WTF4NmV4ZkIEU2VNZVVLavhpLUltaHNoZw?oc=5>

**Nigel Farage** says £400,000-a-year water chief must go as 17,000 homes in Kent and Sussex remain without supply - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (nigel farage) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 07:52:00 GMT

Nigel Farage says £400,000-a-year water chief must go as 17,000 homes in Kent and Sussex remain without supply &nbsp;&nbsp; Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMingFBVV95cUxNM3VFdHhMSFYzcThDdkZ6NGtWUXJkcjRwYXR2RWplN1VobjFReDk3WFVYTUcwElqNFNHWGphb0xxeERsX05KbXdQWGxsLTRPWkNGREw0NWVNby1wVGdEcnZ3eWF1ZDJHVxdROV9RFh0ZW5ENmxnV1ZPR1RvbHE2X2xYak9BamswbUo0UkcyatThkdHdwclJ5FhQUFFZd9IBowFBVV95cUxPcHFCtUFPQTFQWI2U2pPaGM4cGtJTzhvU2NkekIIMVffdklUcF9pR1hNTGpZT09WZlcwM2piclAzSENVS0FLZHhOM1ZEN3pzXzctdEN2cUjkVWVaRTIwUUxiZThWS2VmMVo4QWN1QVAwVEMwQUFYd3RhS3B5bW5DNHRzJNDTHNhWV9lbdvUUvxai16YUlldW81OFNheGN3TWZr?oc=5>

Labour and the Tories are banking on a return to the 'old normal'. That's not what voters want | Rafael Behr

Guardian (Politics) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 06:00:17 GMT

An economic recovery could still change the parties' fortunes. But the days when only two parties were licensed to supply Britain with prime ministers are gone Unpopular politicians take consolation in the thought that opinion polls are sometimes wrong and often describe the wrong thing. They capture the moment but don

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/14/labour-tories-old-normal-voters>

The City has moved on from Brexit

City AM (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 04:55:00 +0000

Whisper it, but Brexit is slowly inserting itself back into our national conversation. We remain, thankfully, a long way from the frenzied tribalism of the referendum campaign or the energy-sapping parliamentary drama that followed, but while these days Nigel Farage may be more interested in small boats than backstops,

<https://www.cityam.com/the-city-has-moved-on-from-brexit/>

## **Keir Starmer**

'Waffling' **Starmer** is mauled over shambolic ID cards U-turn in brutal PMQs as furious Labour MPs say they can't defend government policies

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 14:38:49 GMT

During brutal PMQs clashes, Kemi Badenoch accused Keir Starmer of 'waffling' as he tried to gloss over his latest humiliation.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15463035/Waffling-Starmer-mauled-shambolic-ID-cards-U-turn-brutal-PMQs-furious-Labour-MPs-say-defend-government-policies.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15463035/Waffling-Starmer-mauled-shambolic-ID-cards-U-turn-brutal-PMQs-furious-Labour-MPs-say-defend-government-policies.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Home secretary says she will legislate to regain power to sack chief constables – UK politics live

Guardian (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 14:37:04 GMT

Shabana Mahmood tells MPs she has lost confidence in West Midlands police chief Craig Guildford over the ban on Maccabi Tel Aviv fans. Here are extracts from three interesting comment articles about the digital ID U-turn. Ailbhe Rea in the New Statesman in the New Statesmans says there were high hopes for the policy whe

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2026/jan/14/pmqslive-digital-id-cards-keir-starmer-kemi-badenoch-labour-conservatives-latest-news-updates>

Home secretary says she has lost confidence in police chief behind Maccabi Tel Aviv fans ban

Guardian (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 14:26:27 GMT

Shabana Mahmood statement is blow to Craig Guildford's chances of remaining West Midlands police chief constable UK politics live – latest updates The home secretary has said she has lost confidence in the West Midlands chief constable after a "damning" report into a ban on Israeli fans from a football game in Birmingh

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2026/jan/14/watchdog-to-criticise-west-midlands-police-over-maccabi-tel-aviv-ban>

'We're turning the country around': U-turns put pressure on defiant **Starmer**

City AM (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 14:14:48 +0000

Keir Starmer attempted to justify a string of policy U-turns on everything from business rates to the mandatory digital ID, claiming the Labour government was "turning the country around". In an awkward Prime Minister's Questions on Wednesday, opposition leader Kemi Badenoch grilled Starmer on recent U-turns, whi

<https://www.cityam.com/were-turning-the-country-around-u-turns-put-pressure-on-defiant-starmer/>

**Starmer** 'won't back down' in fight with Musk's X over Grok AI sexualised images

Independent (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 14:00:21 GMT

'We're not going to back down. They must act', the prime minister said

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/x-grok-elon-musk-starmer-pmqsb2900274.html>

X is acting to comply with UK law, **Keir Starmer** tells MPs amid Grok row

Independent (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 13:54:25 GMT

The PM said news the social media company was taking action on concerns Grok was producing sexualised images of women and children was welcome.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/keir-starmer-grok-liz-kendall-government-prime-minister-b2900390.html>

**Keir Starmer** looks like a PM in peril as he takes one hell of a thumping at PMQs

Daily Express (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 13:43:00 +0000

Once on the ropes, now Kemi Badenoch has ample ammunition to attack the flagging Labour leader - and he's giving her free hits

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2157711/keir-starmer-peril-kemi>

## **Keir Starmer promises action over cancellation of Jewish MP's school visit**

Guardian (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 13:25:59 GMT

PM will 'hold to account' campaigners who said Damien Egan's presence would 'inflame teachers' UK politics live – latest updates Keir Starmer has promised action against union activists and campaigners who pushed for the cancellation of a school visit by an MP who is vice-chair of Labour Friends of Israel. Pro-Palestin

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2026/jan/14/keir-starmer-promises-action-damien-egan-cancellation-jewish-mp-school-visit>

## **Starmer's digital ID U-turn shows a prime minister in survival mode**

Independent (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 13:15:47 GMT

By watering down his plans to make digital ID compulsory in yet another policy U-turn, the prime minister is showing that he's lost control of his government's agenda, writes political editor David Maddox

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/keir-starmer-u-turn-digital-id-labour-b2900161.html>

## **Latest U-turn raises renewed questions over Starmer's judgment**

Financial Times (World) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 13:00:46 GMT

After retreat on digital ID cards, chancellor indicates climbdown on business rates for pubs is coming soon

<https://www.ft.com/content/ddffc1e8-9579-4243-ad4b-6bf8a781e618>

## **Home Office posts 'Trump-style' TikTok to show off about immigration crackdown**

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 12:59:18 GMT

The Home Office insisted the 'hard-hitting' account was needed to challenge people smugglers - but critics say Keir Starmer should focus on smashing gangs, rather than TikTok.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462413/home-office-trump-style-tiktok-immigration-crackdown.html?ns\\_mc\\_channel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462413/home-office-trump-style-tiktok-immigration-crackdown.html?ns_mc_channel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## **Starmer vows not to 'back down' in nude deepfakes row with Elon Musk after X owner blinks first and stops Grok AI digitally stripping women and children**

Daily Mail (Articles) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 12:46:07 +0000

After the Prime Minister demanded the US tech billionaire to act to stem the creation of deepfakes, the social media tool last night began refusing to comply with user requests.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462493/Xs-Grok-AI-deepfakes-Elon-Musk-blinks-Keir-Starmer.html?ns\\_mc\\_channel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462493/Xs-Grok-AI-deepfakes-Elon-Musk-blinks-Keir-Starmer.html?ns_mc_channel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

## **Starmer is branded 'Peking's poodle': Backlash from all sides as PM prepares to approve China's mega embassy**

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 12:42:36 GMT

The Prime Minister was accused of planning a 'craven kowtow' to the Chinese in return for new trade and investment deals to boost Britain's flagging economy.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15461215/Starmer-branded-Pekings-poodle-Backlash-PM-approve-China-mega-embassy.html?ns\\_mcchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15461215/Starmer-branded-Pekings-poodle-Backlash-PM-approve-China-mega-embassy.html?ns_mcchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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POLL OF THE DAY: Should Labour scrap digital IDs entirely, after axing mandatory plan for workers in latest U-turn?

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 12:16:19 GMT

Keir Starmer had vowed to crack down on illegal immigration by making digital ID compulsory to verify a person's right to work in the UK, but he was forced into a 13th U-turn since becoming PM.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462791/Poll-Keir-Starmer-right-abandon-mandatory-digital-IDs-workers.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462791/Poll-Keir-Starmer-right-abandon-mandatory-digital-IDs-workers.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

'We look stupid': Furious Labour MPs hammer **Starmer** after latest shambolic U-turn on ID cards - as desperate PM turns to Lord Hermer in bid to cool mutiny

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 11:59:01 GMT

Keir Starmer has humiliatingly dropped his flagship plans to make digital ID cards mandatory for right to work checks.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462229/Labour-MPs-Starmer-ID-cards-desperate-PM-mutiny.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15462229/Labour-MPs-Starmer-ID-cards-desperate-PM-mutiny.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Attorney General facing backlash over claims he lobbies **Keir Starmer** in the No 10 flat to water down policies that would curb human rights

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Ministers have voiced frustration that Lord Hermer is exploiting his close personal friendship with Keir Starmer to bypass normal Cabinet government.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15460477/Attorney-General-facing-backlash-claims-lobbies-Keir-Starmer-No-10-flat-water-policies-curb-human-rights.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15460477/Attorney-General-facing-backlash-claims-lobbies-Keir-Starmer-No-10-flat-water-policies-curb-human-rights.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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**Starmer** under fire over humiliating digital ID U-turn as Labour peer says he's 'disappointed but not surprised'

Independent (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 11:45:01 GMT

Former Labour home secretary Lord Blunkett says scheme was doomed to 'run into the sand' because PM 'failed to make the case' for it

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/digital-id-labour-starmer-david-blunkett-b2900219.html>

Tories call Miliband's latest offshore wind push 'a vanity project'

City AM (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 11:34:24 +0000

Ed Miliband has reaffirmed the UK's ambitious 2030 clean power goal with the biggest ever expansion of offshore wind farms that could add as much as £1.8bn a year onto households' energy bills. The government unveiled an auction of offshore energy sites with a total capacity of 8.4 gigawatts, far outstripping

<https://www.cityam.com/tories-call-milibands-latest-offshore-wind-push-a-vanity-project/>

**Starmer** to U-turn on mandatory digital ID

City AM (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 10:05:50 +0000

Sir Keir Starmer is expected to perform another U-turn by scrapping plans to make a national digital ID compulsory for all Brits. After backtracking on a number of policies, from the farm tax to the end of winter fuel payments, the Prime Minister is set to reveal that the government will no longer make all [...]

<https://www.cityam.com/starmer-to-u-turn-on-mandatory-digital-id/>

Digital ID should aim to win public support, not force it

Financial Times (World) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 09:45:10 GMT

Keir Starmer irked his MPs last year by framing move as means to tackle illegal working

<https://www.ft.com/content/c1ee4616-48fd-46f6-bb15-cd9c918399fb>

**Starmer** vows not to 'back down' in nude deepfakes row with Elon Musk after X owner blinks first and stops Grok AI digitally stripping women and children - Daily Mail

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Starmer vows not to 'back down' in nude deepfakes row with Elon Musk after X owner blinks first and stops Grok AI digitally stripping women and children &nbsp;&nbsp; Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMiqAFBVV95cUxOdk9LcDdveWZFZ1BXeG0wMXdMZXZBbElmdkxGQVNGHZ2bEQ5aG1YMWhJeVF SUHFoazU5R2NXNVE3Z2EyOXJM Qm5YS1hrZFlpLXNfQII5TVdPcW44U0VkNWpWeHhH amUzLXlhTHZTMXNoVEJMY2k2THV5S0k1a0ZtX1NnR0hFSU8yTEIEQTNJNF9ZdHU4bV9sZU1PS2FtajVkd k1uTkH X0fSAa4BQVVfeXFMTXR BZ0ppVnVBMIB2VHRFTkJBT D tKlqMWJ0ZIZaVE5xQ2ZsSDExNU84MDF3eWs1TnY5Tn QyNFIQaWVNUzU5QUVoakdFbmNEODU2SGN6X3VpTGNpWnQ4S3hYaTFMU3A0UTd4dk1ITVNOSUxRdTdobVJP b05hSFpVZE dY aFM1c3BXQ2JGQjVaZWIndW9BdjBZMF BnUm1tN3NkUjA5WGJXaV9HeWtodWRn?oc=5>

Rachel Reeves 'pretty relaxed' about what form of digital ID workers use

Guardian (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 09:29:35 GMT

Right to work can be proved using digital ID card, e-visa or e-passport, in change to policy government insists is not a U-turn UK politics live – latest updates The chancellor has insisted she is "pretty relaxed" about what form of digital ID people use to prove their right to work in the UK, amid criticism of the go

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/14/chancellor-relaxed-digital-identification-id-cards-workers>

All the Labour U-turns – from tractor tax to winter fuel – as compulsory digital ID plan axed

Independent (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 08:27:56 GMT

The Independent looks at all the times Keir Starmer has U-turned on his promises since taking office

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/labour-u-turn-keir-starmer-digital-id-pubs-benefits-welfare-b2900123.html>

'We look stupid': Furious Labour MPs hammer **Starmer** after latest shambolic U-turn on ID cards - as desperate PM turns to Lord Hermer in bid to cool mutiny - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 07:59:55 GMT

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'Ambition and delivery are not aligned' – **Starmer's** AI Action Plan, one year on

City AM (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 05:52:00 +0000

Exactly a year ago, Keir Starmer, with the help of Matt Clifford, promised to &#8220;mainline AI into the veins&#8221; of the UK&#8217;s economy. The so-called AI Opportunities Action Plan, a 50-point blueprint unveiled in January 2025, was meant to turn that rhetoric into results, placing the UK on equal footings with

<https://www.cityam.com/ambition-and-delivery-are-not-aligned-starmers-ai-action-plan-one-year-on/>

Could Kemi Badenoch be our next Prime Minister?

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Labour is leading Britain on an economic death march

City AM (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 05:00:00 +0000

Keir Starmer&#8217;s premiership looks to be over but, unlike great Labour leaders of the past, none of his possible replacements has a vision for growth, says Paul Ormerod To all intents and purposes, an election campaign for the position of leader of the Labour Party is currently underway. In fact, it has been for so

<https://www.cityam.com/labour-is-leading-britain-on-an-economic-death-march/>

Streeting blasts **Starmer** over Labour U-turns - but did he get a heads up on the PM's latest flip-flop?

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 03:02:37 GMT

The Health Secretary, who is widely tipped as a potential successor to Sir Keir, also appeared to criticise the PM for complaining that it is too hard to get things done in Government.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15461163/Streeting-Starmer-Labour-U-turn-PMs-latest-flip-flop.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15461163/Streeting-Starmer-Labour-U-turn-PMs-latest-flip-flop.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Chris Mason: The climbdowns stack up for **Starmer** with digital ID U-turn

BBC (UK) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 01:11:08 GMT

The government dropping the digital ID scheme's mandatory element is another climbdown for Downing Street, writes the BBC's political editor.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c14regjk6no?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c14regjk6no?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

**Keir Starmer** 'will accept offer' to sit on Donald Trump's board to run Gaza - as Tony Blair is sidelined

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 00:31:31 GMT

As part of his 20-point peace plan for the Middle East, Mr Trump has proposed a new international transitional body to oversee the redevelopment of Gaza.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15460571/Keir-Starmer-accept-offer-sit-Donald-Trumps-board-run-Gaza-Tony-Blair-sidelined.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15460571/Keir-Starmer-accept-offer-sit-Donald-Trumps-board-run-Gaza-Tony-Blair-sidelined.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer**'s 13th U-turn! Now digital ID cards won't be compulsory after public backlash over scheme

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 00:21:57 GMT

Keir Starmer had vowed to crack down on illegal immigration by making digital identification compulsory to verify a person's right to work in the UK.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15461035/Starmer-digital-ID-cards-compulsory-illegal-immigration.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15461035/Starmer-digital-ID-cards-compulsory-illegal-immigration.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## **Kemi Badenoch**

'Waffling' Starmer is mauled over shambolic ID cards U-turn in brutal PMQs as furious Labour MPs say they can't defend government policies

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 14:38:49 GMT

During brutal PMQs clashes, Kemi Badenoch accused Keir Starmer of 'waffling' as he tried to gloss over his latest humiliation.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15463035/Waffling-Starmer-mauled-shambolic-ID-cards-U-turn-brutal-PMQs-furious-Labour-MPs-say-defend-government-policies.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15463035/Waffling-Starmer-mauled-shambolic-ID-cards-U-turn-brutal-PMQs-furious-Labour-MPs-say-defend-government-policies.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Home secretary says she will legislate to regain power to sack chief constables – UK politics live

Guardian (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 14:37:04 GMT

Shabana Mahmood tells MPs she has lost confidence in West Midlands police chief Craig Guildford over the ban on Maccabi Tel Aviv fans. Here are extracts from three interesting comment articles about the digital ID U-turn. Ailbhe Rea in the New Statesman in the New Statesmans says there were high hopes for the policy whe

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2026/jan/14/pmqslive-digital-id-cards-keir-starmer-kemi-badenoch-labour-conservatives-latest-news-updates>

Home secretary says she has lost confidence in police chief behind Maccabi Tel Aviv fans ban

Guardian (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 14:26:27 GMT

Shabana Mahmood statement is blow to Craig Guildford's chances of remaining West Midlands police chief constable UK politics live – latest updates The home secretary has said she has lost confidence in the West Midlands chief constable after a "damning" report into a ban on Israeli fans from a football game in Birmingh

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2026/jan/14/watchdog-to-criticise-west-midlands-police-over-maccabi-tel-aviv-ban>

'We're turning the country around': U-turns put pressure on defiant Starmer

City AM (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 14:14:48 +0000

Keir Starmer attempted to justify a string of policy U-turns on everything from business rates to the mandatory digital ID, claiming the Labour government was “turning the country around”. In an awkward Prime Minister’s Questions on Wednesday, opposition leader Kemi Badenoch grilled Starmer on recent U-turns, whi

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**Kemi Badenoch** urges parents not to sign their children up to controversial NHS-backed trial of puberty blockers after meeting 'detransitioner' Keira Bell

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 14:11:41 GMT

The Tory leader urged families not to take part in the upcoming study in which 200 young people who want to identify as the opposite sex will be prescribed the powerful drugs for two years.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15463403/Kemi-Badenoch-urges-parents-not-sign-children-controversial-NHS-backed-trial-puberty-blockers.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15463403/Kemi-Badenoch-urges-parents-not-sign-children-controversial-NHS-backed-trial-puberty-blockers.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Keir Starmer looks like a PM in peril as he takes one hell of a thumping at PMQs

Daily Express (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 13:43:00 +0000

Once on the ropes, now Kemi Badenoch has ample ammunition to attack the flagging Labour leader - and he's giving her free hits

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2157711/keir-starmer-peril-kemi>

Keir Starmer promises action over cancellation of Jewish MP's school visit

Guardian (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 13:25:59 GMT

PM will ‘hold to account’ campaigners who said Damien Egan’s presence would ‘inflame teachers’ UK politics live – latest updates Keir Starmer has promised action against union activists and campaigners who pushed for the cancellation of a school visit by an MP who is vice-chair of Labour Friends of Israel. Pro-Palestin

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2026/jan/14/keir-starmer-promises-action-damien-egan-cancellation-jewish-mp-school-visit>

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## **John Swinney**

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## ***Ed Davey***

The most Googled travel questions of 2025 have been revealed - have YOU searched any of them?

Daily Mail (Articles) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 12:58:12 +0000

Chris Pitt, Concierge Manager at Royal Westmoreland, specialists in luxury homes for sale in Barbados, answers some of the most-searched-for travel questions.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/article-15462727/most-googled-travel-questions-revealed.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&it=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/article-15462727/most-googled-travel-questions-revealed.html?ns_mchannel=rss&it=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

Schoolboy left suicidal after being shown video of man taking his own life in playground at just 12 years old - as he admits 'it's burned into my head forever, I don't know what to do with myself'

Daily Mail (Articles) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 10:35:07 +0000

Frazer McKenna, now 18, appeared on the ITV show to bravely talk to Susanna Reid, 55, and Ed Balls, 58, about how the clip resulted in him suffering with PTSD.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tv/article-15462327/Schoolboy-suicidal-video-man-taking-life-playground-12.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&it=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tv/article-15462327/Schoolboy-suicidal-video-man-taking-life-playground-12.html?ns_mchannel=rss&it=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

Quicker action would have stopped Grok AI deepfakes, victim says

BBC (UK) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 06:07:48 GMT

Presenter Jess Davies says the UK government has been "dragging its feet" when creating AI deepfake laws.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c98p4214577o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c98p4214577o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Why we should all talk about (and insure against) death

City AM (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 05:29:00 +0000

Brits are naturally squeamish about death. But talking about the subject, and managing it financially, can be a gift for our loved ones.

<https://www.cityam.com/heres-to-talking-about-and-insuring-against-death/>

## ***Rhun Ap Iorwerth***

— no mentions today —

## ***Mary Lou McDonald***

Donald Trump lets slip the actual reason he wants to own Greenland

Daily Mirror (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 13:42:55 +0000

The US President has long insisted control of the territory is important for US national security. But he's mostly cited vague concerns about Russian and Chinese ships having free rein in the region around Greenland to back up his claim

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/donald-trump-lets-slip-actual-36550659>

Donald Trump warned buying Greenland 'could cost over £500 billion'

Daily Mirror (News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 13:22:01 +0000

Donald Trump wants to move 'at high speed' and could take action on Greenland 'within week or months' as the President ups his efforts to bring the nation into the US fold

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/us-news/breaking-donald-trump-told-buying-36550467>

'Food addict' mother-of-two, 35, who spent £420 a WEEK on **McDonald**'s breakfasts and Chinese takeaways shows off 13 stone weight loss after gastric band surgery: 'I drank 10 LITRES of Coca-Cola A DAY'

Daily Mail (Articles) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 08:26:28 +0000

Starting the day with two double sausage and egg McMuffins wasn't doing Tammy Jones' bank balance any favours - nor her waistline.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-15460183/Food-addict-mother-two-35-spent-420-WEEK-McDonalds-breakfasts-Chinese-takeaways-shows-13-stone-weight-loss-gastric-band-surgery-drank-10-LITRES-Coca-Cola-DAY.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-15460183/Food-addict-mother-two-35-spent-420-WEEK-McDonalds-breakfasts-Chinese-takeaways-shows-13-stone-weight-loss-gastric-band-surgery-drank-10-LITRES-Coca-Cola-DAY.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

Man sues **McDonald**'s after wife was dragged out of car and killed by 'vagrant' at drive-thru

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 14 Jan 2026 05:49:55 GMT

Jose Juan Rangel filed the complaint in Los Angeles Superior Court last week, after the tragic death of his 58-year-old wife Maria Vargas Luna in March, 2024.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15461559/mcdonalds-sued-death-vagrant-drive-thru.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15461559/mcdonalds-sued-death-vagrant-drive-thru.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## **Gavin Robinson**

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