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<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2026/jan/26/labour-andy-burnham-byelection-blocked-police-reforms-starmer-streets-farage-uk-politics-live-news-updates>

Couple who built a 'granny-annexe' in their garden 'without planning permission' before moving their elderly parents in are left stunned after learning they have been ordered to demolish it

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 09:07:56 GMT

Hannah Edwards and partner Elzan Seraj turned a modest detached garage at their £625,000 Milton Keynes home into a three-bedroom annexe - without obtaining any permissions.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15480041/Couple-built-granny-annexe-garden-without-planning-permission-moving-elderly-parents-left-stunned-learning-ordered-demolish-it.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15480041/Couple-built-granny-annexe-garden-without-planning-permission-moving-elderly-parents-left-stunned-learning-ordered-demolish-it.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2026/jan/26/education-secretary-mobile-phone-ban-england-schools-ofsted>

**Farage's revenge on the banks proves he is more Trump than Thatcher**

City AM (News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 05:56:00 +0000

Nigel Farage's promise to tax banks more shows his Trumpian revenge coming out to play, writes Eliot Wilson.

<https://www.cityam.com/farages-revenge-on-the-banks-proves-he-is-more-trump-than-thatcher/>

## **Keir Starmer**

Andy Burnham latest: **Starmer** says mayor doing 'great job' as Labour rebels accuse him of by-election 'stitch-up'

Independent (News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 10:21:45 GMT

Manchester mayor also voices criticism about 'way party is being run' and hits back at those supporting blocking of path back to Westminster

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/andy-burnham-keir-starmer-labour-latest-news-b2907471.html>

**Starmer** dismisses fury at blocking rival Andy Burnham from MP bid saying it would cost Labour too much money - as revolt mounts

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 10:21:08 GMT

Andy Burnham voiced frustration after the PM led a dramatic move by the ruling national executive committee to prevent him standing.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15497871/Starmer-Andy-Burnham-Labour-lose-Manchester-byelection-Reform-PM-MPs-blocking-rival.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15497871/Starmer-Andy-Burnham-Labour-lose-Manchester-byelection-Reform-PM-MPs-blocking-rival.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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**Keir Starmer** breaks silence on Andy Burnham decision as Labour anger grows

Daily Mirror (News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 10:08:40 +0000

Keir Starmer said Andy Burnham is doing a "great job" as Greater Manchester mayor - but allowing him to run for a Westminster seat would "divert our resources" from Labour campaigns in May's elections

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/keir-starmer-breaks-silence-andy-36614514>

**Keir Starmer** breaks silence on Andy Burnham Labour civil war with two word response

Daily Express (Politics) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 10:08:00 +0000

The Prime Minister has said the Manchester mayor is doing a "great job".

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2162532/keir-starmer-breaks-silence-andy>

Andy Burnham's savage swipe at **Keir Starmer** as Labour civil war rages - 'we will lose!'

Daily Express (Politics) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 10:08:00 +0000

Greater Manchester Mayor hits back after being prevented from standing in the parliamentary by-election

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2162524/andy-burnham-labour-by-election>

**Keir Starmer's** lose-lose scenario as Labour tears itself apart over Burnham blocking

Daily Express (Politics) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 09:49:00 +0000

The Prime Minister is wrong if he thinks his decisive action will kill talk of political psychodramas.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2162523/keir-starmer-loses-lose-lose-scenario-labour>

Diminished **Starmer** at the limit of his powers

Financial Times (UK) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 09:30:10 GMT

Andy Burnham veto leaves government where it started — with a weakened PM struggling to push controversial policy through parliament

<https://www.ft.com/content/687515f4-0933-46dd-af0a-9b5fd6f6a481>

David Lammy has finally lost his mind – he's even more deluded than **Keir Starmer**

Daily Express (News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 08:55:00 +0000

In his own mind, foreign secretary David Lammy is a superhero. Right up there with Keir Starmer.

<https://www.express.co.uk/finance/personalfinance/2162493/david-lammy-has-finally-lost>

Burnham barred from byelection to help Labour 'focus', says Scotland secretary

Guardian (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 08:53:24 GMT

Commons seat campaign by Greater Manchester mayor mid-term would drain resources, says Douglas Alexander Labour's decision to bar Andy Burnham from standing in a Westminster byelection was about "focus than about factionalism", so the party would not be distracted ahead of vital elections in May, Douglas Alexander, the

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/26/andy-burnham-barred-from-byelection-to-help-labour-focus-says-scotland-secretary-douglas-alexander>

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'Huge mistake': Labour in turmoil as Burnham blocked from byelection race

Guardian (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 07:21:05 GMT

Allies of Greater Manchester mayor say No 10 has 'chosen factionalism' as decision leads to a furious backlash The Labour party faced the prospect of civil war on Sunday night after Keir Starmer and his allies blocked Andy Burnham's return to parliament to stave off a potential leadership challenge. There was widespread

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/25/andy-burnham-blocked-from-byelection-race-by-labour-ruling-committee>

Lame duck **Starmer** has 'only hastened his demise' after he personally helped block Burnham's return

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 07:20:30 GMT

On a dramatic day yesterday, the Prime Minister was accused of running scared after personally leading efforts to stop the Greater Manchester mayor's bid to become an MP.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15497087/Starmer-block-Burnham-return.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15497087/Starmer-block-Burnham-return.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Labour's Burnham veto has made a tricky Manchester byelection much harder

Guardian (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 06:00:32 GMT

Preventing the mayor from returning to Westminster deprives the party of its most potent candidate in Gorton and Denton When Labour dignitaries gathered at the Titanic hotel in Liverpool on Friday night, one question loomed above all others: to change captain or not? For many, that question has become even more pressing

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/26/labour-andy-burnham-veto-manchester-byelection>

**Starmer** prepares for Chinese charm offensive

Financial Times (World) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 05:00:28 GMT

UK prime minister will use his visit to build ties with Beijing on issues from illegal migration to financial services

<https://www.ft.com/content/801c2f56-bde5-428f-b974-2569aa47cb40>

Burnham's botched coup will only quicken **Starmer's** exit - and awful though he is, this is why any successor would almost certainly be much worse: STEPHEN GLOVER

Daily Mail (Articles) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 00:39:12 +0000

Millions of people in our unhappy country are suffering from a painful and persistent new illness. It's called Starmeritis.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15496967/Burnhams-botched-coup-Starmers-exit-successor-worse-STPHEN-GLOVER.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15496967/Burnhams-botched-coup-Starmers-exit-successor-worse-STPHEN-GLOVER.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

Lame duck **Starmer** has 'only hastened his demise' after he personally helped block Burnham's return - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (nigel farage) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 00:34:00 GMT

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMiiwFBVV95cUxNcjN4dGIYVkh6WENvVjRiVm0xWTU5cXNZSUpfYVNETEpyNXh5V1Y4R2Z2NkRfSlkzOUtpdjJ0VU9EMkJENDhIOGN4LWVBWTNXZnNfOVY4ZzFjeU8tS0dJY21zd2hleDgwX0VIOTF6eWJFV0N5NG9IM1U4a09RNHIIINKFDbEIMTVZkTXIB0gGQAUFX3lxTE1KdHotYmRQUlBYmxVM2VSVi1TV2Rpa3JYUGJ6MTRORG44NmctdjJY3A0SS1jU3dpSVV3Tm0tRIFSLTUydVJHQjlwR0ZGdHR2VnJwRUVJSInfZmNKbjdhVktDT19WZkk1eEZCTk8xSjBnSDNaQTNGNFdXUGI0V0VHZ3BoMmY5MXk2eHB6V25Mdq?oc=5>

## ***Kemi Badenoch***

Tory pair group launches to attract seven million 'politically homeless' centre-ground voters

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 06:21:33 GMT

Former West Midlands mayor Sir Andy Street and former Scottish Tory leader Baroness Davidson will urge Kemi Badenoch not to lurch right.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15497127/Tory-pair-group-launches-attract-seven-million-politically-homeless-centre-ground-voters.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15497127/Tory-pair-group-launches-attract-seven-million-politically-homeless-centre-ground-voters.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

ANDREW PIERCE: Kemi is queen after Jenrick's defenestration

Daily Mail (Articles) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 00:24:55 +0000

For the first time since December 2024, one month after she became leader, Mrs Badenoch has soared to the top of news website Conservative Home's shadow cabinet league table.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/columnists/article-15496825/ANDREW-PIERCE-Kemi-queen-Jenricks-defenestration.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/columnists/article-15496825/ANDREW-PIERCE-Kemi-queen-Jenricks-defenestration.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

## ***John Swinney***

— no mentions today —

## ***Ed Davey***

TikTok star Mackenzie Paul shared first warning sign of cancer before losing battle at 26

Daily Mirror (News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 09:13:35 +0000

Mackenzie Paul bravely shared her experience of being diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia to help others spot the warning signs of cancer – and it's important to remember her story

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/health/tiktok-star-mackenzie-paul-shared-36613665>

Philly officials suing after Parks Service removes slavery exhibit ‘presumably’ at the behest of Trump

Independent (News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 08:14:19 GMT

Pennsylvania city files lawsuit seeking temporary injunction after information boards explaining the lives of George Washington’s slaves abruptly taken down without explanation

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/philadelphia-slavery-exhibit-george-washington-b2906553.html>

BBC faces ‘profound jeopardy’ without funding overhaul, Tim Davie says

Guardian (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 06:00:30 GMT

Exclusive: Outgoing director general indicates support for update to licence-fee model as part of wider changes The BBC will face “profound jeopardy” over its future unless it embraces significant changes to its funding, its outgoing director general has said, as he signalled his support for an overhaul of the licence

<https://www.theguardian.com/media/2026/jan/26/bbc-tim-davie-licence-fee-funding-model>

### ***Rhun Ap Iorwerth***

— no mentions today —

### ***Mary Lou McDonald***

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### ***Gavin Robinson***

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