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## **Nigel Farage**

Ministers bid to quell alarm over **Nigel Farage**'s vow to unveil a LABOUR defector to Reform next week

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 15:06:12 GMT

Reform have paraded two switchers from the Tories in recent days - first former chancellor Nadhim Zahawi and then ex-leadership hopeful Robert Jenrick.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15470683/Ministers-alarm-Nigel-Farage-LABOUR-defector-Reform.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15470683/Ministers-alarm-Nigel-Farage-LABOUR-defector-Reform.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Kemi Badenoch says she is '100% confident' there won't be more major defections to Reform as she trades blows with Robert Jenrick over his 'lies'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 14:50:39 GMT

Kemi Badenoch dismissed the prospect of any more of her shadow cabinet switching sides as she mocked Nigel Farage for 'doing my Spring cleaning'.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15469629/Tories-Jenrick-Badenoch-defections-Reform-Slytherin-House-politics.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15469629/Tories-Jenrick-Badenoch-defections-Reform-Slytherin-House-politics.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Jenrick says he hopes his defection to Reform UK will 'unite the right' after Badenoch says he 'tells a lot of lies' – UK politics live

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 14:43:40 GMT

Reform UK's newest MP said he made the decision to leave the Tories over Christmas 'Enough already': Jenrick's defection gets mixed reception from Reform members Kemi Badenoch said Robert Jenrick is now "Nigel Farage's problem" and that he creates "instability" wherever he goes. The Conservative party leader told the P

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2026/jan/16/uk-politics-live-robert-jenrick-defection-conservatives-labour-latest-news>

Tories 'fighting for survival' as 11 MPs on defection watch to **Farage**'s Reform

Independent (News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 14:29:49 GMT

One senior Tory warns: 'If these MPs all defect by 7 May, then it is pretty much game over'

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/robert-jenrick-reform-uk-tories-badenoch-farage-b2901926.html>

I met Robert Jenrick before Reform defection – **Nigel Farage** got 1 thing wrong

Daily Express (Politics) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 14:08:00 +0000

Express Deputy Editor Sam Lister gave her opinion on the the MP who has jumped ship from the Tories to Reform.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2158769/robert-jenrick-reform-farage>

Robert Jenrick latest: New Reform MP claims defection will 'unite the right' after Badenoch brands him a 'liar'

Independent (News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 14:02:32 GMT

The Conservative leader said Nigel Farage's party was 'taking away' her problems by welcoming Robert Jenrick

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/robert-jenrick-reform-defection-badenoch-farage-starmer-latest-news-b2901787.html>

Tory 'arsonists' still in charge of party, says Jenrick as he hits back at Badenoch

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 13:45:35 GMT

Former Conservative minister who has joined Reform responds to allegations of lying from his former leader UK politics live – latest updates The "arsonists" who tanked the reputation of the Conservatives are still in charge of the party, Robert Jenrick has said as he and the Tory leader, Kemi Badenoch, trade blows a da

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/16/robert-jenrick-tells-lies-says-kemi-badenoch-conservative-nigel-farage-reform-uk>

Murder probe launched after police swarm Asda Express garage

Daily Express (News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 13:04:00 +0000

A large police cordon was put in place outside the petrol station.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/2158730/asda-express-garage-Seaham-murder-investigation>

Disloyalty and defection: the Tory-Reform psychodrama

Financial Times (World) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 13:03:08 GMT

Robert Jenrick's accelerated leap to Team Farage. Plus, Labour's U-turns fuel cabinet discontent.

<https://www.ft.com/content/0ae1e452-acb7-44d6-a84e-623be1d4082c>

At the root of all our problems stands one travesty: politicians' surrender to the super-rich | George Monbiot

Guardian (Politics) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 13:00:59 GMT

There are many excuses for failing to tax the ultra-wealthy. The truth is that governments don't tackle the problem because they don't want to There is one political problem from which all others follow. It is the major cause of Donald Trump, of Nigel Farage, of the shocking weakness of their opponents, of the polarisa

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/16/super-rich-inequality-politicians-extreme-wealth>

Tories 'getting act together' after Jenrick defection, says Badenoch

Financial Times (World) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 12:51:34 GMT

Conservative leader thanks Reform's Nigel Farage for doing her 'spring cleaning' for her

<https://www.ft.com/content/b0ae5cc8-f112-48d8-8c87-0dfcea763e4f>

**Farage** 'couldn't run a five-a-side team', Jenrick says in leaked audio

Independent (News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 12:34:58 GMT

Robert Jenrick can be heard criticising his new boss and dismissing Reform UK as 'not a serious party' in leaked audio

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/robert-jenrick-nigel-farage-reform-uk-leaked-audio-b2901702.html>

Mystic Nigel has seen the future: a country run by his cabinet of taxidermied Tories | Marina Hyde

Guardian (Politics) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 12:33:44 GMT

By welcoming 'Honest Bob' Jenrick into the fold, the Reform seer is embracing the uniparty chaos he claimed to be seeing off Like a 1970s rust-belt serial killer, Nigel Farage is painstakingly assembling around him the political corpses of Boris Johnson's final, terrible cabinet. Think about it. You never see Reform's

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/16/nigel-farage-cabinet-tories-robert-jenrick>

**Nigel Farage** tricked into paying tribute to Lostprophets singer Ian Watkins

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 12:06:13 GMT

Reform leader calls the child sexual abuse offender 'a good man, a really good guy' in 27-second Cameo video clip Nigel Farage has been targeted with another prank on the paid video service Cameo, this time paying tribute to the child sexual abuse offender Ian Watkins. Cameo allows fans to pay celebrities to make perso

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/16/nigel-farage-tricked-tribute-lostprophets-singer-ian-watkins>

**Nigel Farage** to attend Davos conference he derided as 'jaunt' for 'globalists'

Financial Times (UK) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 11:37:56 GMT

Reform UK leader due to appear at World Economic Forum next week

<https://www.ft.com/content/aed4270b-60f9-4f4f-bc49-7d09fac340db>

**Nigel Farage** is warned Reform risks becoming the 'Slytherin House' of British politics and a 'succession battle is looming' for the leadership after Tory defections

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 11:28:56 GMT

Nigel Farage welcomed Robert Jenrick into the fold last night, hours after he had been summarily sacked by Kemi Badenoch for plotting a betrayal.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15470077/Nigel-Farage-warned-Reform-risks-Slytherin-House-British-politics-succession-battle-looming-leadership-Tory-defections.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15470077/Nigel-Farage-warned-Reform-risks-Slytherin-House-British-politics-succession-battle-looming-leadership-Tory-defections.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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Daily Mail via Google (nigel farage) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 11:22:12 GMT

Nigel Farage is warned Reform risks becoming the 'Slytherin House' of British politics and a 'succession battle is looming' for the leadership after Tory defections &nbsp;&nbsp; Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMigwJBV95cUxNQIIFSjZIYWPcUjNXSTRJWF9wZFBwWG5EeUVaQ2Jja1hNY1VERk5ZMEJmZUpNOVBGY0h5bXlaam1SUHbtNm5iMm9OMGUtMmlRW0yd1o4LVk1Vkj25Pb0tucVNzZmdEQzJCM0paQl9qbjZwbkpRY2NVQVJZMzBZdlpRYVZvaTNVVGhuRldOS3I4MS1CWWbBSDNqUU94TmdFX2pzZEpcdjh1Y1d0UUJuYTh1d0hTUVhPVGxBRHZCc1UQ2twVWhjOC0xN0FMRUJYUWJkRUcyRTVFaVINVGwydGswWWhTeU83ZmRKSv0TE9aaXZMRkFWMKhjVkt4VDgxWjhZ0gGIAkFVX3lxTE9zZjdSb0VEeEVLd09SSU5DT0ZRUFN4NlpHVIJpYUxKcTdETkgtZjBNcldzMDZQOFNwQXZjQmdJVUtilbnJwVExCZEhVQjdkQm5tU1phN21oTnREa2R00Fh3UUIVT3JLTDVyQV8wUndldUlHeiBzNvpUNhB3TwdadURQcmkxFhEcUpiVW9PNzBHV1N0bkFEMnlkRWZHQmxsi1FhLTi4WGF1QkVJWGVrczRXWk1LSVFlEZYRmFBRms0c1liZDZQek9icVEtSXZwRFVxcDZQalJreW5PUWRHakJmOHRNV0pRLW5IOEc5UDZOdjJVeTFLd0VFS2FEdnFpTkxoNmJ4RWxDWg?oc=5>

'Enough already': Jenrick's defection gets mixed reception from Reform members

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 10:00:53 GMT

Some supporters are concerned about the number of Conservatives being welcomed by their party, and fear it could alienate voters If Reform UK was officially celebrating Robert Jenrick's defection to Nigel Farage's party , the reaction of the rank-and-file was an altogether more complicated one – ranging from jubilation

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/16/enough-already-jenricks-defection-gets-mixed-reception-among-reforrm-members>

Everything **Nigel Farage** and Robert Jenrick said about each other before his dramatic defection

Independent (News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 09:36:26 GMT

The Reform UK leader had described the Tory MP as a 'fraud' as recently as last summer

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/nigel-farage-robert-jenrick-reform-defection-b2901097.html>

Tories are squandering chance to show why they are not Reform

Financial Times (World) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 09:30:02 GMT

Party must set itself apart because anyone who wants to vote for the populist right is well-served by Farage

<https://www.ft.com/content/4d459a5d-3ef2-41cd-a1da-2be78b9aa503>

I respect Kemi, but there is no chance she can win the election... **Farage** is the way forward, says Robert Jenrick

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 08:53:32 GMT

Robert Jenrick burned all bridges with the Conservatives on Thursday as he rounded on Kemi Badenoch and other senior figures just 24 hours after sitting around the Shadow Cabinet table.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468755/Kemi-win-election-Farage-Robert-Jenrick.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468755/Kemi-win-election-Farage-Robert-Jenrick.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMimgFBVV95cUxQUFIXcTY1czNrUUg1Zk1aZEN1WmloODA1d0INWWU5d3hoMnVqUm1OVE5YbkxGaGdVSkQ5LXlvbzdmDI5QTRMeVFKQ05mdXJsV1RkemUtRjBCaTlkN2NLamdaM05BZkaNTByM2w0TDN4dVFaNVLNGJOWmU1b2ltaC1QQmh3LUtxN05PWUZ0QIFYWdVZXJHQnlR0gGfAUFX3ixTE9QdEZSVzdKVXYzZzkzbmhVTW1JaEMxYzZicWVnRkgR21GRkZyRFRXZ0ZTWIFJUWxwY1RyTDkycWQzOFB0Y0gxUHVMU285RVBxVTluWk9pTkZYT1hER18xZWNGUm9hSGhCRIp0eldGVVZD VIRNeUdzWIJoQTZzRVZ4QIRPaWIMVm85azlzb09ZR180dzFWNHpZVTREbFMxWQ?oc=5>

Will any more Tories follow Jenrick out of the door? Badenoch hopes brutal move has stemmed flow of defections - as **Farage** sets May 7 deadline - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (nigel farage) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 08:47:33 GMT

Will any more Tories follow Jenrick out of the door? Badenoch hopes brutal move has stemmed flow of defections - as Farage sets May 7 deadline &nbsp;&nbsp; Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMivgFBVV95cUxNYUV3QUhUTG1FT0tuQ1poMWJ5RGpBdHZtM1BTNldFVXM2S3ZXFNPam1aVkk3ZUNGWWU5TGtXbkVQdTFIRIJCdnFnLVZGR2VmeXpLVE82aEFRcHduZ2o5NzZldDdqW WpNWkZMZ0FENGpiQmyakRSaGYzQ2liWVhYYy1DMXlxhHIOeE9DV2dIOEpMV0hOVGpDR2NkdDNWLUD2MEZ Wc3dnUnh3Zngwb181Y1ExRWh2M2VTZTNfSUZB0gHDAUFVX3lxTFBfVndyZDJaRnNVdmFxaFp0a1BLZIFqa2NW QmpHVkr1Mk1SVHluWGNtejl0TzNYRjdsME1jYjFWYXZ1YmFGTnFtbDdDMnAydEo3YkM3QnRLcmlzWHYzdXBVa EpmOFVma25MY1cyS2Iud0E3UXZqMIZLRnNMTzBpZW9yMTNWUTNEM01VaUZlcnBfbmhHR1FQOHRIWkxOd0dv a3V0Q2JZZEk5dWtUc3c1R0VGc2loQTVzMHlyWUU0eFp6ck84WQ?oc=5>

Our economy's moribund, borders are broken, armed forces depleted and the PM's an ocean-going Socialist dud. So as Jenrick's defection rocks the Right, our message to Reform and the Tories: Stop fighting each other - and end the Labour nightmare

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 08:14:29 GMT

On a dramatic day at Westminster, the former Conservative leadership contender became the highest-profile defector to Nigel Farage's insurgent party.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468547/Our-economys-moribund-borders-broken-armed-forces-delighted-PMs-ocean-going-Socialist-dud-Jenricks-defection-rocks-Right-message-Reform-Tories-Stop-fighting-end-Labour-nightmare.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468547/Our-economys-moribund-borders-broken-armed-forces-delighted-PMs-ocean-going-Socialist-dud-Jenricks-defection-rocks-Right-message-Reform-Tories-Stop-fighting-end-Labour-nightmare.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Jenrick defects to Reform UK after being sacked by Tories

BBC (Politics) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 06:39:53 GMT

The former minister says the Conservatives "broke Britain", as Nigel Farage welcomes him to his party.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cwyrpdy42n1o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cwyrpdy42n1o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Say what you will about Trump, but unlike Starmer he knows his own power – and how to use it | Aditya Chakrabortty

Guardian (Politics) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 06:00:01 GMT

The right is unafraid to show its might on the world stage – meanwhile the prime minister is tinkering with potholes. That just about sums up the centre-left. Last weekend, as the world wondered whether Donald Trump would swipe Greenland, Keir Starmer made his own big geographic intervention: he published a map of which

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/16/trump-power-right-starmer-potholes>

JASON GROVES: Robert Jenrick was the bridge for a Tory-Reform pact - any hope of uniting the Right is harder now it has been kicked away. His defection leaves Labour with the most to celebrate...

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 02:25:12 GMT

Nigel Farage was all smiles as he welcomed his latest - and biggest - defector to Reform's HQ at London's Millbank Tower and declared the death of the Conservative Party.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468811/JASON-GROVES-analysis-Seen-bridge-Tory-Reform-pact-thats-kicked-away.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468811/JASON-GROVES-analysis-Seen-bridge-Tory-Reform-pact-thats-kicked-away.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Chris Mason: Is **Farage**'s Reform really Conservatives 2.0?

BBC (Politics) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 02:19:35 GMT

Reform UK is showing 'momentum and magnetism', but faces a familiar critique of being dubbed the Conservatives 2.0, the BBC's political editor writes.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c20d9dlypnzo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c20d9dlypnzo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

'Fur coat-wearing' Robert Jenrick and **Nigel Farage** are turned into rappers in AI video after ex-Tory was sacked over rumours he was defecting to Reform

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 01:44:46 GMT

The video, which has circulated widely on X, shows Mr Jenrick and Mr Farage reimagined as rap stars standing at the lectern where Mr Jenrick delivered his defection speech earlier today.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468491/Fur-coat-Robert-Jenrick-Nigel-Farage-rappers-AI-video.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468491/Fur-coat-Robert-Jenrick-Nigel-Farage-rappers-AI-video.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Driven by naked expediency, this sinister move to define 'anti-Muslim hostility' would only leave Britain even more fragmented, writes FRANK FUREDY

Daily Mail (Articles) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 00:01:56 +0000

Just shy of a year ago, Angela Rayner, established a working group to investigate what she claimed were 'unacceptable' levels of Islamophobia in Britain.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15468517/Driven-naked-expediency-sinister-define-anti-Muslim-hostility-leave-Britain-fragmented-writes-FRANK-FURED.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15468517/Driven-naked-expediency-sinister-define-anti-Muslim-hostility-leave-Britain-fragmented-writes-FRANK-FURED.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

## **Keir Starmer**

Cabinet told to form 'praetorian guard' around struggling **Starmer** after latest U-turns as deputy says ousting the PM would be 'madness'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 14:16:48 GMT

Transport Secretary Heidi Alexander is said to have delivered the stark message to colleagues at an 'emotional' meeting this week.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15470191/Cabinet-praetorian-guard-Starmer-Uturns-deputy-PM-madness.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15470191/Cabinet-praetorian-guard-Starmer-Uturns-deputy-PM-madness.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

JAN MOIR: **Starmer's** Ikea insult shows what a Tarnestad knob he is (£5 for two) - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 12:15:18 GMT

JAN MOIR: Starmer's Ikea insult shows what a Tarnestad knob he is (£5 for two) &nbsp;&nbsp; Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMitwFBVV95cUxOTEtRSEVHxzk2d2JOZXNqeS1KZGhxV3Q0Z19pbUhlcEZONUpPhWjNrVm0NXFWcWJ3MnVBVm8ydXRCAv5TIV4dThQbzctU05YaWWVWUIJZUdjWC05QmFnaGtXYIBnaURocDYU1dXX2V5eW5NOXE5bTZ5UlpkZ0HW5fRII2UlhaWEpQMEDNWVY5UU12LXZlaUV1NTVPWIJHdFdTOWMxZUtvHZvZ2ZVb3Y4X2M?oc=5>

JAN MOIR: **Starmer's** Ikea insult shows what a Tarnestad knob he is (£5 for two)

Daily Mail (Articles) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 12:15:18 +0000

Keir Starmer put in another abysmal performance at PMQs this week. Like a sulky child throwing their toys out the pram, he floundered, he flustered and then got angry.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/lifestyle/article-15468399/JAN-MOIR-Starmers-Ikea-insult-shows-Tarnestad-knob-5-two.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/lifestyle/article-15468399/JAN-MOIR-Starmers-Ikea-insult-shows-Tarnestad-knob-5-two.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

Cabinet told to form 'praetorian guard' around struggling **Starmer** after latest U-turns as deputy says ousting the PM would be 'madness' - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 12:10:41 GMT

Cabinet told to form 'praetorian guard' around struggling Starmer after latest U-turns as deputy says ousting the PM would be 'madness' &nbsp;&nbsp; Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMisgFBVV95cUxQNFFCQ0N6RGIPMG13X0NvMmtHSTZLNWFkVmpjUmhraHdOZjl0ZzJqTTdEbmNCVjN6dGJXZDF5NWTkempMX3IIUTRROGg3SkRZYjdrVzZTQnlWVFsuUnlfQzVzc2ZKeHRNeUdURXN0TnFxRXF0ckNCd2xNUmFHRDBKcFISNWJvMVNjRDZ3VTRyRXQ4dGwwZG05cXJoNEJ3WlpCQjl4dy1seGdPrk1TWG5jT1hn0gG3AUFX3lxTE1hWFZRY0IXRjIXUHBvSGhGSIZZemxGTkc1MklsckhmOE51YldBbUVkYTJ3d0RjMy1QSzYzRDRyMIFMTjBLaXJZTk2QzRSSzVzbk43cF84SHZGOGZEQ2o3VndlsS14VjNyRHBiMTNNU05wTGPoWU1NUko2aEpTQzFCUihySIRsRUdUZXd3SXYxNkVqd2ZLLU1oMIZ3eVJXbkyWDBpdnh0eW1BSzFWUjE1WEk4bzVlcw?oc=5>

TikTok to strengthen age-verification technology across EU

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 08:34:57 GMT

Move comes as calls for Australia-style social media ban for under-16s grow around world TikTok will begin to roll out new age-verification technology across the EU in the coming weeks, as calls grow for an Australia-style social media ban for under-16s in countries including the UK. ByteDance-owned TikTok, and other m

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2026/jan/16/tiktok-to-strengthen-age-verification-technology-across-eu>

**Keir Starmer** MUST outlaw the 'terrible' practice of cousin marriage, SARAH VINE tells PETER HITCHENS on provocative new podcast

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 08:19:16 GMT

First-cousin marriage does not belong in the modern world and the Prime Minister must 'show some moral courage' in siding with MPs who want it outlawed, Sarah Vine has argued.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15466717/keir-starmer-ban-cousin-marriage-sarah-vine-peter-hitchens-podcast.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15466717/keir-starmer-ban-cousin-marriage-sarah-vine-peter-hitchens-podcast.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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Keir Starmer MUST outlaw the 'terrible' practice of cousin marriage, SARAH VINE tells PETER HITCHENS on provocative new podcast &nbsp;&nbsp; Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMivgFBVV95cUxOYIFwRHdwWmJ2LW5Gd1RFSUpbGFFdzJ1UWdSX2NnSzBiOXZCdTZmU2V1QjM5N2xrUldNek1oQnYzR25CLXBtd2diYllzMnJWUFINTIIZRDUXTIFIWnhOUXNxY05EbTRzWjbjbWRXdVJyOVV5VDUwM05oS0t6RFJQUD5NmjqbTl0bXFiMUpVTWIBOXM0M256b2c4bmtOTEZ0QmEzbHd0a2FteGhORnpfbXlzZhjYkN1QXlyWkVB0gHDAUFVX3lxTFBQVKFNY2FoMGxSVjc0MkY0Zmh0akU1eEphRVo1S29NT0hWeUVVN2NGeENjSk5sOFhITW5ZT1IHcTdDT0JscXc1Y05kS3RrUjZBa0JUUDZNemdwSXBveGh6MFJxMjk3UkVKY001N1p1UnB0dUZVTzRiREE2THRGny05NkhYMHkyNjhUnJod0IlVzRWLWVoeFVLMDMtZ0laXzNsZ0ZYVFRTS25FUE1WQXhzTTBZWFR1WUE4YldHaEpISDF6RQ?oc=5>

Say what you will about Trump, but unlike **Starmer** he knows his own power – and how to use it | Aditya Chakrabortty

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<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/16/trump-power-right-starmer-potholes>

Is another Labour U-turn on the cards? **Keir Starmer** gives clearest indication that Labour is considering a ban on under 16s using social media

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 04:40:22 GMT

The Prime Minister said he has not ruled out introducing an Australia-style ban on young people using social media following pressure from his backbenchers, adding: 'All options are on the table.'

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468105/Social-media-ban-U-turn-Starmer-Labour.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468105/Social-media-ban-U-turn-Starmer-Labour.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

The luxury life of Dutch activist 'barred from the UK' after criticising **Keir Starmer**: Anti-migrant commentator is married to wealthy Italian aristocrat

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 01:39:53 GMT

Eva Vlaardingerbroek, who was denied an electronic travel authorisation (ETA) for Britain yesterday, is married to Francesco Gargallo di Castel Lentini - a Rome-based lawyer.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15467567/Dutch-activist-barred-UK-criticising-Keir-Starmer.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15467567/Dutch-activist-barred-UK-criticising-Keir-Starmer.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Labour MPs urge Sir **Keir Starmer** to perform even MORE U-turns on his unpopular policies after 'mess' and 'farce' over mandatory Digital ID

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 00:37:31 GMT

Backbenchers said the Prime Minister should abandon proposals to curtail jury trials and cancel local elections after he backtracked on making Digital ID mandatory for right-to-work checks.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468025/Labour-MPs-urge-Sir-Keir-Starmer-perform-U-turns.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468025/Labour-MPs-urge-Sir-Keir-Starmer-perform-U-turns.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMipwFBVV95cUxPNFB6ODIIUndieIRIY29KNXM2MX cwd0ctUmlTbIjLT3liaXk5aG9reWxGeGRucG1GaFBBbThTLWprNHpKZzdPbjNYWGJHdkF3Q2pxWmdTYndsUnExNERMQk1SSmpqY001ejlSkRXeWFpcnd3anBOcmZDSTdnYUpqbER5Mkd1TIBhd3RYVTIDU0pUdXZWaFltTWx5Y01OZWIQRkdWT3M3UdIBrAFBVV95cUxPM0ZQelZqZzI4bHFBAjhkRW05N2RRck5QUHZDdVE4eDgxMWo1TUNVTjhmY2FDRGd3WWhJZnBCUUtJNFplbnhWdkNks3IObHFaNTdzaXI1ZTBycEhw0VqeXpBVmFhbEg1cXkyT2VMUHA5TVVQTVJ5UVZLTVVneWJBVXA0ejN6RGRnaF9xdVJHTXFnY01TdW01RVZKRWNna1ZOeFVXOG9fNIk0SExE?oc=5>

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## **Kemi Badenoch**

**Kemi Badenoch** says she is '100% confident' there won't be more major defections to Reform as she trades blows with Robert Jenrick over his 'lies'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 14:50:39 GMT

Kemi Badenoch dismissed the prospect of any more of her shadow cabinet switching sides as she mocked Nigel Farage for 'doing my Spring cleaning'.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15469629/Tories-Jenrick-Badenoch-defections-Reform-Slytherin-House-politics.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15469629/Tories-Jenrick-Badenoch-defections-Reform-Slytherin-House-politics.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Jenrick says he hopes his defection to Reform UK will 'unite the right' after **Badenoch** says he 'tells a lot of lies' – UK politics live

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 14:43:40 GMT

Reform UK's newest MP said he made the decision to leave the Tories over Christmas 'Enough already': Jenrick's defection gets mixed reception from Reform members Kemi Badenoch said Robert Jenrick is now "Nigel Farage's problem" and that he creates "instability" wherever he goes. The Conservative party leader told the P

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2026/jan/16/uk-politics-live-robert-jenrick-defection-conservatives-labour-latest-news>

Robert Jenrick latest: New Reform MP claims defection will ‘unite the right’ after **Badenoch** brands him a ‘liar’

Independent (News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 14:02:32 GMT

The Conservative leader said Nigel Farage’s party was ‘taking away’ her problems by welcoming Robert Jenrick

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/robert-jenrick-reform-defection-badenoch-farage-starmer-latest-news-b2901787.html>

Tory ‘arsonists’ still in charge of party, says Jenrick as he hits back at **Badenoch**

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 13:45:35 GMT

Former Conservative minister who has joined Reform responds to allegations of lying from his former leader UK politics live – latest updates The “arsonists” who tanked the reputation of the Conservatives are still in charge of the party, Robert Jenrick has said as he and the Tory leader, Kemi Badenoch, trade blows a da

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/16/robert-jenrick-tells-lies-says-kemi-badenoch-conservative-nigel-farage-reform-uk>

Tories ‘getting act together’ after Jenrick defection, says **Badenoch**

Financial Times (World) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 12:51:34 GMT

Conservative leader thanks Reform’s Nigel Farage for doing her ‘spring cleaning’ for her

<https://www.ft.com/content/b0ae5cc8-f112-48d8-8c87-0dfcea763e4f>

Nigel Farage is warned Reform risks becoming the ‘Slytherin House’ of British politics and a ‘succession battle is looming’ for the leadership after Tory defections

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 11:28:56 GMT

Nigel Farage welcomed Robert Jenrick into the fold last night, hours after he had been summarily sacked by Kemi Badenoch for plotting a betrayal.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15470077/Nigel-Farage-warned-Reform-risks-Slytherin-House-British-politics-succession-battle-looming-leadership-Tory-defections.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15470077/Nigel-Farage-warned-Reform-risks-Slytherin-House-British-politics-succession-battle-looming-leadership-Tory-defections.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

I respect Kemi, but there is no chance she can win the election... Farage is the way forward, says Robert Jenrick

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 08:53:32 GMT

Robert Jenrick burned all bridges with the Conservatives on Thursday as he rounded on Kemi Badenoch and other senior figures just 24 hours after sitting around the Shadow Cabinet table.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468755/Kemi-win-election-Farage-Robert-Jenrick.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468755/Kemi-win-election-Farage-Robert-Jenrick.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Will any more Tories follow Jenrick out of the door? **Badenoch** hopes brutal move has stemmed flow of defections - as Farage sets May 7 deadline - Daily Mail

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**Kemi Badenoch** bids to steady Tories after Robert Jenrick's defection to Reform - ITVX

ITV (Google News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 05:40:24 GMT

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMiswFBVV95cUxNSVpITIJsZzhwZHIDRVA5SGxGX1pSX3hEUXdJclNhRU5ydmJHZENkdzVyVWtBYUIwVmptdkZVQ2x1d0NWaDV4bFhtanFMXzFFeEhWZFREbmxSQ1lhdi15V25QZ0thMmNxakd0RG03WVNQN0s5M2FsWHFfRHdFSUwyZ1gyMGh6LUD6R2NYeDhVTURta0INUG80MjFXUVBtVTZuTW1wRjhFY2tFakFuUWdIN200VQ?oc=5>

SARAH VINE: Jenrick has proved he's a morally vacant coward you can't trust with power... while Kemi's shown an unflappable core of steel

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 00:35:52 GMT

Kemi Badenoch's decision to fire Robert Jenrick from the Shadow Cabinet and remove the whip has, I'm afraid, been a long time coming.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15468133/SARAH-VINE-Jenrick-coward-Kemi.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15468133/SARAH-VINE-Jenrick-coward-Kemi.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Sacked Robert Jenrick was 'consumed by personal ambition' and has 'actually lost his mind' over Reform 'betrayal', say former Tory colleagues

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 00:13:00 GMT

Conservatives in Westminster and Mr Jenrick's constituency - left stunned by Tory leader Kemi Badenoch's decision to sack him - expressed disappointment at his plan to join Reform.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15467885/Sacked-Robert-Jenrick-consumed-personal-ambition-actually-lost-mind-Reform-betrayal-say-former-Tory-colleagues.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15467885/Sacked-Robert-Jenrick-consumed-personal-ambition-actually-lost-mind-Reform-betrayal-say-former-Tory-colleagues.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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## **Mary Lou McDonald**

Donald Trump's family in talks with developers to build Australia's first Trump Tower

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 09:26:45 GMT

Donald Trump's family is rumoured to be in discussion to develop their first Trump Tower in Australia.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15469453/Trump-Tower-Gold-Coast-rumour.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15469453/Trump-Tower-Gold-Coast-rumour.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Karoline Leavitt defends Trump's **McDonald**'s habit after MAHA tsar RFK Jr said president should be dead

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 16 Jan 2026 00:30:54 GMT

The president's love for McDonald's was slated this week by his Secretary of Health and Human Services, Robert F Kennedy Jr., who said he was 'pumping himself full of poison' on a daily basis.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468143/Trump-McDonalds-diet-Leavitt-MAHA-junk-food.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15468143/Trump-McDonalds-diet-Leavitt-MAHA-junk-food.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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