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## **Nigel Farage**

Farewell Dame Jilly Cooper: Queen Camilla joins Rivals actors Danny Dyer and Alex Hassell at star-studded memorial service for author following her death aged 88

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 14:49:32 GMT

A service in the author's honour is taking place on Friday morning at the Anglican Southwark Cathedral close to London Bridge after her tragic death last year.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15512467/Dame-Jilly-Cooper-memorial-service-Rivals-Danny-Dyer-Alex-Hassell.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15512467/Dame-Jilly-Cooper-memorial-service-Rivals-Danny-Dyer-Alex-Hassell.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

The first signs the AI stock market bubble is bursting are here. Experts warn of tech 'carnage'. Now ANNE ASHWORTH reveals what every investor must know, the painful results... and what to do now

Daily Mail (Articles) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 14:23:31 +0000

This is the week when investors in the Magnificent Seven of US tech need to wake up to the dangers of the conflict between these US tech titans for supremacy in artificial intelligence (AI).

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/mailplus/article-15512719/signs-ai-tech-stock-market-bubble-bursting-experts-war-n-carnage-investor.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/mailplus/article-15512719/signs-ai-tech-stock-market-bubble-bursting-experts-war-n-carnage-investor.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

Labour accuses Reform candidate of 'toxic politics' after Tommy Robinson endorsement

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 14:02:13 GMT

Far-right activist tells X followers to vote for Reform's Gorton and Denton candidate, Matthew Goodwin Labour have accused the Reform UK candidate for the Gorton and Denton by-election, Matthew Goodwin, of representing "toxic politics" after he was endorsed by the far-right agitator Tommy Robinson. The move will be unco

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/30/gorton-and-denton-labour-reform-candidate-matthew-goodwin-tommy-robinson-endorsement>

Greens unveil plumber as their woman to pour cold water on Keir Starmer's by-election hopes... while Farage talks up 'real chance' for Reform

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Daily Mail via Google (nigel farage) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 12:58:57 GMT

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMiqwFBVV95cUxOcnBaMURVYW9QLU1IZzZRSUUyMmJYVGU2TUFyU09pVDRaTER6OGE3MFFZLUDrSFgycUF1STRJTVJHdVVNd2hCNHB6MEttU1FQelNQMEowQTFkV2FUdm5mMGR2cjh>

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Labour minister says **Nigel Farage** is RACIST to voice concerns about surge in Turkish barbers

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 12:05:57 GMT

Miatta Fahnbulleh accused the Reform leader of engaging in the 'politics of grievance'.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15512745/Labour-minister-says-Nigel-Farage-RACIST-voice-concerns-surge-Turkish-barbers.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15512745/Labour-minister-says-Nigel-Farage-RACIST-voice-concerns-surge-Turkish-barbers.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Labour minister says **Nigel Farage** is RACIST to voice concerns about surge in Turkish barbers - Daily Mail

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMizAFBVV95cUxNYWJETWhqS1E3MmhLU21mU2VIVEI4bk1PeGVDaEt5NUhaTkozSW1Da2xtWC1HT0pIOUFSZWpLdVd6VlpqNnE3R0kzeVhbU81RTIqRmVmMzRsbUdaRjE2U0xIR2liT2xLMnp4N2tzZGpsM3BvbFM1NDJIWINURVF4VmpmNXIILVNnV2I2X2w2bDZHUm91bE5kXzhKZkMydjU4YTFacko2b0Zjd0VPNzU0ZDIYdGdEaHp2WktaWHhFTjdQR1BDV2JGNHB1cG3SAdlBQVVFexFMTXVCOFFibVY0QIREd2RGUIFDUkdLNGJ5QTJoTmM3cUVmdXQzYXBENhduQW1GVTN5YWV4QkRZeUJBekRsaDVlekhXN2trdUIEQI8xSmtoQkZoOGthUGRKTE1JdkIKUmxoNxwC4T3JDaUR6akp2NnZaRmUtUUdOQTLuTWNuNXhTdk13V0tOOVZiS2RpVEZxM09FNVhWUzxdXh1Njk4bmc1cGp1ZUpoV3JuRIJFVFhjMkpUdVMxU2xURy1XdzViOWFDbHMwU0VPNEZYSXZn?oc=5>

We have entered a new age of political rhetoric – and that's bad news for Keir Starmer | Andy Beckett

Guardian (Politics) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 06:00:16 GMT

Pre-2008, voters with prosperous and improving lives didn't mind being excluded from the conversation. Those days are over Who was the last politician you listened to for any length of time? Perhaps it was Andy Burnham or Zack Polanski. Or maybe it was Wes Streeting, Nigel Farage or Zarah Sultana. Perhaps your dark sec

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/30/how-we-entered-the-new-age-of-political-rhetoric-and-why-it-s-bad-news-for-keir-starmer>

Reform UK enlists Boris Johnson ally to write party nature policies

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 06:00:14 GMT

Exclusive: Ben Goldsmith will work on issues including fishing and green belt preservation to attract green Tories Ben Goldsmith, the veteran Conservative environmentalist and ally of Boris Johnson, has been approached to write Reform UK's policies on nature, as Nigel Farage's party attempts to make inroads with voters

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/30/reform-uk-enlists-boris-johnson-ally-ben-goldsmith-write-party-nature-policies>

## **Keir Starmer**

Chinese whispers - at home and abroad

Financial Times (World) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 15:18:44 GMT

Starmer and Xi talk ties and trade while leadership challengers plot and plan in Westminster

<https://www.ft.com/content/bbb4f626-da3b-4d44-a396-9170f616996e>

Parliamentarians say they take 'no comfort' in China dropping sanctions – UK politics live

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 15:14:30 GMT

Group of sanctioned British MPs and peers draw attention to plight of Jimmy Lai and Uyghurs and say they 'will not be silenced' Prominent Hong Kong and Uyghur activists living in exile in the UK have accused Starmer of seeking China's desperate approval, after the prime minister visited Beijing for the first time in ei

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2026/jan/30/donald-trump-keir-starmer-china-uk-us-trade-deals-tariffs-latest-news>

Matt Goodwin: from academic to GB News presenter to Reform candidate

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 15:10:37 GMT

Anti-immigration activist contesting poll in borough where early in his career he researched far-right extremism UK politics live – latest updates It was the autumn of 2011 and Dr Matt Goodwin was documenting the potential reach of the racist far-right in Tameside, a borough in east Manchester that is part of the parli

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/30/matt-goodwin-academic-gb-news-presenter-reform-candidate>

Iran protester scales London's King's Cross station to unfurl banner demanding action from **Keir Starmer**

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 15:03:33 GMT

An Iranian protester has scaled London's Kings Cross station and unfurled a banner demanding action from Prime Minister Keir Starmer.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15512713/Iran-protester-scales-Londons-Kings-Cross-station-unfurl-banner-demanding-action-Keir-Starmer.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15512713/Iran-protester-scales-Londons-Kings-Cross-station-unfurl-banner-demanding-action-Keir-Starmer.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

China's Forbidden City snub to **Keir Starmer**: PM had to make do with a tour guide and gawping tourists... after Trump got a personal viewing with Xi Jinping

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 15:01:43 GMT

The Prime Minister was shown around the world-famous Forbidden City, an ancient imperial palace in Beijing, by a man who pointed out elements of interest while onlookers took photographs of them.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15512309/Keir-Starmer-Donald-Trump-Forbidden-City-tour-guide-tourists.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15512309/Keir-Starmer-Donald-Trump-Forbidden-City-tour-guide-tourists.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer** brushes off Trump's warning it's 'very dangerous' for UK to do business with China

Independent (News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 14:56:56 GMT

The prime minister has travelled to China in an effort to bolster economic ties with the country

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/trump-uk-china-deal-dangerous-starmer-xi-jinping-b2910700.html>

China-critic MPs condemn 'selective' lifting of sanctions as **Starmer** hails 'win' from his 'kowtowing' visit to Beijing... paving the way for Xi Jinping to come to the UK

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 14:46:00 GMT

Keir Starmer announced that travel bans and asset freezes imposed on parliamentarians five years ago have been lifted after he lobbied Xi Jinping during their talks.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15512219/Starmer-warned-Xi-Jinping-faces-BAN-addressing-Parliament-Chinas-sanctions-against-MPs-kowtowing-PM-opened-door-UK-visit.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15512219/Starmer-warned-Xi-Jinping-faces-BAN-addressing-Parliament-Chinas-sanctions-against-MPs-kowtowing-PM-opened-door-UK-visit.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

China has lifted sanctions from six serving British MPs and peers, **Starmer** says

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 14:37:28 GMT

Starmer confirms immediate removal, but it is unclear if sanctions remain on former MP, academic and barrister UK politics live – latest updates China has lifted the sanctions it imposed on serving British MPs and peers in a significant sign of warming relations after Keir Starmer travelled to Beijing for landmark talk

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2026/jan/30/china-lifts-sanctions-british-mps-peers>

**Starmer** backs 'goal' of stopping Iran getting nuclear weapons as Trump ramps up threats of US strikes

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 14:23:47 GMT

Keir Starmer said Western allies need to 'deal with' the Iranian regime's deadly crackdown on protests.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15513235/Starmer-backs-goal-stopping-Iran-getting-nuclear-weapons-Trump-ramps-threats-US-strikes.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15513235/Starmer-backs-goal-stopping-Iran-getting-nuclear-weapons-Trump-ramps-threats-US-strikes.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

UK-China latest: **Starmer** brushes off Trump criticism of his 'dangerous' efforts to woo Beijing

Independent (News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 14:22:52 GMT

PM met Chinese president on Thursday as he made case for 'more sophisticated' relationship between two nations

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/china-trump-uk-dangerous-starmer-xi-politics-latest-b2910853.html>

**Keir Starmer** brushes off Donald Trump's 'very dangerous' China outburst with one key point

Daily Mirror (News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 13:53:30 +0000

Keir Starmer highlighted Donald Trump's own planned visit to Beijing after the US President was invited by Chinese President Xi Jinping at the end of 2025

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/keir-starmer-brushes-donald-trumps-36643608>

China lifts sanctions on MPs and peers, as **Starmer** says he hopes Xi will visit UK

BBC (UK) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 13:51:49 GMT

The prime minister says lifting of travel ban on six MPs and peers vindicates his approach to China, amid criticism.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/clyel3z9xxno?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/clyel3z9xxno?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Who are the UK MPs and peers who had sanctions imposed on them by China?

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 13:46:13 GMT

Beijing has reversed decision taken in 2021 against British politicians critical of its actions China has lifted sanctions imposed on six serving British MPs and peers after Keir Starmer's trip to Beijing. Nine UK citizens were banned from China in 2021 , including five Conservative MPs and two members of the House of

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/30/who-are-the-uk-mps-and-peers-who-had-sanctions-imposed-on-the-m-by-china>

So much for solidarity against Trump! **Starmer** throws Mark Carney under the bus saying US president is only angry about CANADA forging closer ties with China

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 13:28:33 GMT

Keir Starmer insisted the US president's ire was aimed at Ottawa rather than London as he was grilled during his visit to Shanghai.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15511923/Donald-Trump-Keir-Starmers-closer-China-dangerous.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15511923/Donald-Trump-Keir-Starmers-closer-China-dangerous.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Schroders signs deal with leading Chinese battery maker

City AM (News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 13:27:29 +0000

Leading asset management firm Schroders has signed a deal with a Chinese battery making giant, amid chief executive Richard Oldfield's trip to China, led by prime minister Keir Starmer. The group's Schroders Greencoat business, which invests in renewable energy infrastructure, signed the deal with Contempor

<https://www.cityam.com/schroders-signs-deal-with-leading-chinese-battery-maker/>

Government has duty to help pass assisted dying bill, says Leadbeater

BBC (UK) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 13:19:30 GMT

Supporters of the proposals are urging Keir Starmer to intervene, as opponents warn against forcing the bill through.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c17zy7jvxrgo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c17zy7jvxrgo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

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Trump warns **Starmer** against closer business ties with China

Financial Times (UK) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 13:01:08 GMT

UK prime minister travels to Shanghai seeking to drum up deals after meeting Xi Jinping

<https://www.ft.com/content/1f6504be-9ee3-4a71-ab46-1e9fb139e2f1>

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Trump says 'very dangerous' for UK to do business with China, after **Starmer** hails progress in Beijing

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 12:39:17 GMT

US president warns against closer ties with China during British PM's trip to secure lower tariffs and better market access Donald Trump has warned the UK against doing business with China, just hours after Keir Starmer lauded the economic relationship during a landmark visit to Beijing . The US president said it was “

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2026/jan/30/trump-dangerous-uk-china-starmer-xi-jinping-beijing>

Scrap the tourist tax: Shopping levy cost Britain £1.3billion in lost spending by Chinese visitors in 2025

Daily Mail (Articles) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 12:37:53 +0000

As Beijing rolled out the red carpet for Prime Minister Keir Starmer, retail and leisure bosses reiterated their calls for Labour to reinstate tax-free shopping to help boost the economy.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/markets/article-15512705/Scrap-tourist-tax-Shopping-levy-cost-Britain-1-3billion-lost-spending-Chinese-visitors-2025.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/markets/article-15512705/Scrap-tourist-tax-Shopping-levy-cost-Britain-1-3billion-lost-spending-Chinese-visitors-2025.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

POLL OF THE DAY: Did **Keir Starmer** embarrass the UK with his kowtowing trip to China?

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 12:17:43 GMT

Critics say Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer will leave China virtually empty-handed with only warm words and marginal deals despite his kowtowing, having flown 5,000 miles.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15512623/POLL-DAY-Did-Keir-Starmer-embarrass-UK-kowtowing-trip-China.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15512623/POLL-DAY-Did-Keir-Starmer-embarrass-UK-kowtowing-trip-China.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMitAFBVV95cUxOOFZpX0NqMW83S01JRncwd2R5YIY5c2dtdmdVTUIJRTNWWkx6MWk0dGROMUZOcUdtejdRcE5INjBZSXVeGZCRINuRzBuVXFyZFNVbWpDbIQtb2l2Wm1LZ0UtZHfYMUFd2Z2THBnOFRNckx2VEILbWZpdIB2XzZkd3BiM0pMR0NPWjZDRGILOGhqZY0eW1va0tvMFdEX2Q3OTJpNuIdlWFVQUWVqNHdPc2d0TTHSAboBQVVfeXFMT2EwQmNOT0F4b0d0e9YRUlORVU5dDRLWdWV1R0d0t5T2kxZmZSQk40VGR5MkxXQ3BwdHZLYi1yNzJwWGQzenBBQ29weEhOM0NYVIJHa1J4OFNaUVE4WHVqcDZ2VFJ0NGdjby1fUjdIUE5NV0VVeDhyTGZMNkZwRFhQcEl6VFI2d1dqNkInd3V3SEExLcEtpMkZTR3RnOEVVQWVjYkd0T3U3LUVTS1ZHRno3YkNVLVFNaTZ3?oc=5>

Join Q&A with John Rentoul on Labour's civil war, Andy Burnham and a government at odds with itself

Independent (News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 12:04:09 GMT

Chief political commentator John Rentoul answers your questions on Labour's internal tensions, Keir Starmer's authority, the Burnham row, repeated U-turns and why this is the most unruly parliamentary Labour party in history

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/labour-starmer-burnham-leadership-challenge-b2909123.html>

Iran protester scales London's King's Cross station to unfurl banner demanding action from **Keir Starmer** -  
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&nbsp;&nbsp; Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMi4gFBVV95cUxQOEp1WWJTSnYzbVNIRkc0eW9HOWhIZDU5SFId296a1o0bVZ1VVg4V19xdEs2Z1F3bnJUVmf3QUFIX0FxTHJaSElvVmxxSW1jQ3p5MDdVZXljcGJvQVNyYzV4eHIDdkhZkwVm41ZXRxwbzFuS2JnVEIDaXpNU01DdDZuNnczTXFPR1Q1bUhGZjcyLxiwMHihdV9DdEx3MTRObWY2QS00Nzdrbmw0WmRPTXFXYWlIczcyWHh1bUhsOGVRNVldut4WIzla0NJRFAxZVJ5M29fUXRJVWcRWd4NWFR0gHnAUFX3lxTFBBeG5xQ0JPcVVTMnc4QWszeXhXWIYtcHdpR1IESmNCbk9HTVRWeHlzbXk0RVc2ZXJnMTIWZ2RTY3hMczd1TDZCaVVrRnBibEt4d0ZsZU5Qc2dhbWtsaW9kRWZPOEIDWGktWUY5Ym9fWEtyZEZla2E3YIRSa2NETzJqWkxFckl2Ul9WMVdnX1RLWWFoUGZMWnpncVJLRnFqNkFPQWVFOU5jbHg4b28wQ1JHFZtbWFNS2p0SXBIU3p2SnpWSnNnaXVyU3NHRm1HQUxqYmw1YXUtZGVuelRveVVLb1BvY0daNA?oc=5>

Greens select former mayoral candidate to run in Gorton and Denton byelection

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 11:44:52 GMT

Hannah Spencer, a Trafford councillor and plumber, ran as the party's candidate for mayor of Manchester in 2024 UK politics live – latest updates The Green party has selected the former mayoral candidate Hannah Spencer to run in the upcoming Gorton and Denton byelection. Spencer, a Trafford councillor and

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<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/30/greens-select-former-mayoral-candidate-hannah-spencer-to-run-in-gorton-and-denton-byelection>

Is **Starmer**'s China visit a lose-lose trip?

City AM (News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 11:22:45 +0000

Starmer was looking for win-win, Golden Era opportunities from his China visit, but the reality has yielded few tangible outcomes.

<https://www.cityam.com/is-starmers-china-visit-a-lose-lose-trip/>

**China's Forbidden City snub to Keir Starmer:** PM had to make do with a tour guide and gawping tourists... after Trump got a personal viewing with Xi Jinping - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 10:47:57 GMT

China's Forbidden City snub to Keir Starmer: PM had to make do with a tour guide and gawping tourists... after Trump got a personal viewing with Xi Jinping &nbsp;&nbsp; Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMitgFBVV95cUxQU0lnLW5mRDdVRGZ3NF9KWmxTi0yWmcxUVBxLVRhbE5fQ19hNjNrc3Y1YXQzZ2hLaGpYUIRGN3R0eEo3YTY1WFh2X0dMZHNGemVGMW1NbDFYdGZZNk1UHNPMERkLUtKV0ISSXNrbWhPdDR5VUh1Y1dKnjY4OGISMXVEYXVJdERMYWpHSjN0clpVQ19uRnVFSIBjfFNYNzcwemN0eTQ0QU5VNzNFN3VhQ3lJRVFFd9IBuwFBVV95cUxNbVE5SkZaMkdTc2JGQjFHckFEaWpSOWxXV0NNa083UEdEbUJXWTZJZkczdHNscG04SWxldlpOTEFxeWtHUTFQTEhRdUp2TVRNdkISU0N3NmN5X05GdHhPZy02Q0E3WndkYIRSZHF4UXpJMBnVUtxb0RvVjhNSGx2ZUg5UUf1bTRMUjZYbk80bncxVTg5UEZoZXpaa19vUkZIMkM3RGNEcFVJOHBCSFpieWdreXVUaXJaQnFr?oc=5>

UK services sector holds out hopes for China boost after **Starmer** visit

Financial Times (UK) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 10:40:58 GMT

Finance, banking and professional services seek to grow footprint in mainland market despite past challenges

<https://www.ft.com/content/6d15022a-b4a7-4b5e-8d55-8852d534e13b>

**Starmer** says progress made on tariffs and visa-free travel in Beijing talks – video

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 10:24:53 GMT

Keir Starmer hailed the economic benefits of resetting relations with China during a visit to Beijing – the first by a British prime minister in eight years.&nbsp;Starmer said bilateral meetings with China's president, Xi Jinping, and its premier, Li Qiang, 'made some real progress', and announced the halving of tariff

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/video/2026/jan/30/starmer-progress-tariffs-visa-free-travel-beijing-talks-video>

**Starmer** says China is DROPPING sanctions against MPs after his 'kowtowing' visit... paving the way for Xi Jinping to come to the UK - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 09:16:37 GMT

Starmer says China is DROPPING sanctions against MPs after his 'kowtowing' visit... paving the way for Xi Jinping to come to the UK &nbsp;&nbsp; Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMihgJBVV95cUxPUVZhY1ZBUVg5RVo0ckITdnBMNEVjem96NjRVWU9MUGJ0ekdPbHdlWkktNmdCMjNkUVBQN3A4Vklmck1djZVMnc0Wnp3RVJKTFV0VGRTME00TFRVcEtsOFJGTm1yeWQyZ2FEVNV1c0VBeTg5a0IDRW1NckNVRj0MGVnRmdRR1hHUzIPU0g1S1VWZk15VXRlc3dqM0ZxNVc1aks4UzZFN3ZreGg5MnpGUiI6OUhSMkFKNUNtWTd0ZWFLJLXAtX0VSeiJTMGJEdUpPcUtnNFBZTRIRUUwVkkpVnppREF3V2Zpd1VuYmdXXzN3Y3dMeFlta21FUmdJeUp1OG9aUWNn0gGLAkFVX3lxTE12bEZHYnJQcnJoY2FpTnA5Ymd6bjYyT GhCZDBoU0ZtVEh3bGpzcVlkcoxvRDXcjhMQ0o3ZzZ4eXIwB2YtcnFFRTNNczlZYXZaRDZ4N3M0VUtpRFRhR3VWT S10bDhpRXhqMUtdkktS0d0WVFRYVEtamZxQ29iLTl3SjzSEEzNDlrc14dFdJcFBrLU5JaWo3SnRvenJQcG5TNG FMNjhjbk10NWlsNjVqTRVY2pYWVA2c3RRZEJhQ2xQbGR5RVRvUWVvQmJHT1dSSkZ2SDJHdW9rd0tZSmI1OX hXX0NxVUZIWEVPSDITV0NDRXdUdGd5RkFLOE5xNTFTUIFYd3JOOUIzbw?oc=5>

Healthcare, visas and whisky: What did UK and China get from **Starmer**'s visit?

BBC (Politics) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 08:23:12 GMT

Sir Keir Starmer's visit to China brought agreements on visas, services, healthcare, green tech and finance.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cm2j04lk83zo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cm2j04lk83zo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

**Starmer** arrives in Shanghai as he looks to boost UK business opportunities

Independent (News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 07:55:00 GMT

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer has arrived in the Chinese financial center of Shanghai in his bid to boost business opportunities for U.K. firms in the world's second-largest economy, just hours after President Donald Trump signaled a possible opposition to any deal between Beijing and London

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/keir-starmer-donald-trump-canada-beijing-shanghai-b2910717.html>

'Upset' Rachel Reeves 'sidelined' after being dropped from **Keir Starmer**'s China trip at the last minute

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 07:17:52 GMT

The Chancellor had been expected to join Sir Keir on his 'historic' visit to Beijing this week after leading the charge in government for closer trade links with Beijing.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15510505/Rachel-Reeves-sidelined-dropped-Keir-Starmers-China-trip.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15510505/Rachel-Reeves-sidelined-dropped-Keir-Starmers-China-trip.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Friday briefing: How Britain's high streets became a barometer of national decline

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 06:50:13 GMT

In today's newsletter: As boarded-up units spread from coastal towns to former industrial centres, a new **Guardian** investigation reveals how boarded-up high streets have become a litmus test for public frustration and political choices Good morning. There is a familiar refrain about Britain's high streets – that they are

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2026/jan/30/friday-briefing-how-britains-high-streets-became-a-barometer-of-national-decline>

So much for solidarity against Trump! **Starmer** throws Mark Carney under the bus saying US president is only angry about CANADA forging closer ties with China - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 06:22:09 GMT

So much for solidarity against Trump! Starmer throws Mark Carney under the bus saying US president is only angry about CANADA forging closer ties with China &nbsp;&nbsp; Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMipwFBVV95cUxQRHc0b0RHUlGU2ZYdIZRWXN6dHNGdUV2bzZJME1IZXhnbmdbVQxc09EbXIScVJqSVhWeE5KbG5PdDNHMm50YXRiVDJaUnNjQIVUU3BZWGk3TDNuMEtBbEtpWXpockl3ekR4UkF0VIBCa0lwTGtEukZWU25tYnFPZVRKUzdqZksyVmtfZnVMZVpCSjBzZ3VQakFvLWdTbVdoVXpHTmtaZ9lBrAFBV95cUxQNS1iNnpVbmZZSHDSE1XTDUyNzMyanFxSk1nV3RTMG4xRThoeDdiNUx6U1JCY3VhTERyMzVuSFFwQ1Q2a2hhcjMydXJZYTRJamV6ZVJqaFdDOE5rdzZmTGk1UE93T3A4VjNpREVQQz0aC1UOFBPOW1nYTuxQkhNUzBpaHJxMklhNjhPYnFVQnk3Z1pSWnNoNUIveEJIQk5rSkJ4d3ZYOE51bFpJ?oc=5>

We have entered a new age of political rhetoric – and that's bad news for **Keir Starmer** | Andy Beckett

Guardian (Politics) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 06:00:16 GMT

Pre-2008, voters with prosperous and improving lives didn't mind being excluded from the conversation. Those days are over Who was the last politician you listened to for any length of time? Perhaps it was Andy Burnham or Zack Polanski. Or maybe it was Wes Streeting, Nigel Farage or Zarah Sultana. Perhaps your dark sec

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/30/how-we-entered-the-new-age-of-political-rhetoric-and-why-it-s-bad-news-for-keir-starmer>

### Keir Starmer opens door to UK visit by Xi Jinping after bilateral talks

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 02:19:39 GMT

PM says trip to China has put relationship in stronger place, but possible return visit angers British critics  
Keir Starmer has taken a big step towards rapprochement with China, opening the door to a UK visit from  
Xi Jinping in a move that drew immediate anger from British critics of Beijing. During the first visit by

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/29/keir-starmer-opens-door-to-uk-visit-by-xi-jinping-after-bilateral-talks>

China to relax travel rules for British visitors, UK says

BBC (Politics) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 02:09:13 GMT

It comes as Sir Keir Starmer visits Beijing - the first UK prime minister to do so in eight years.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c150yv75pn7o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c150yv75pn7o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Is that it? Sir Kowtow **Starmer** capitulates in Beijing after giving the go-ahead to China's nest of spies  
London embassy and flies home from sucking up to Xi with raft of underwhelming deals

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 01:55:25 GMT

The Prime Minister comes away with only warm words and marginal deals, having flown 5,000 miles with  
the promise of 'history-making' talks with president Xi Jinping.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15511035/Keir-Starmer-prepares-leave-China-underwhelming-deals.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15511035/Keir-Starmer-prepares-leave-China-underwhelming-deals.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

'Upset' Rachel Reeves 'sidelined' after being dropped from **Keir Starmer**'s China trip at the last minute -  
Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 00:28:00 GMT

'Upset' Rachel Reeves 'sidelined' after being dropped from Keir Starmer's China trip at the last minute  
&nbsp;&nbsp; Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMisAFBVV95cUxQRm1aaJwMldBUmpJRVVMY2VrN3RiaENzdXB5M2N0ckxBjZsaEdTbG9ucDh5SWJXcXQtYTIUUDUwLWJsNjZGUE1PekYwLTVCzEQuYkM4dGJOeFdpWjZ5Mnc1ZzZPT01oeIFIN1IxUlifMjdzV2t0dVE1QThjMjZrckM5SmplbF9tZkdBejVjMld4RWhaOEhpUDcwVEo2UllvWW5PdjAzTVU4YmN1Z21rWtBtgFBVV95cUxOSI8tUld3OE9WOBIY2YyLTvjbFdhcHh2b3JGd1paWv85elY2WhhMX0ZvTGl2bmNsMFNWUmNTZTZQMUxjRm1GTThMb2g0ZTNGMI9HaHN4ZUk5Uks4R1V1VVK3SINBZHIUTVZOYzdyeGwtSm55SWJBYWrhsa3FVVElxZkU3TGRDMnFmQW1ZVmJ2V1h1eWlweXPBpUhpbFpXRFdWcE93azICY0FiTmlscW8tYTdqRnk0dw?oc=5>

Business confidence drops in blow to Labour

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

Business confidence fell again at the start of the year, according to a tracker frequently cited by Keir Starmer and Rachel Reeves, dealing a blow to the government in its hopes of boosting the UK economy before difficult elections in May. Starmer and Reeves have frequently pointed to the Lloyds Bank business barometer

<https://www.cityam.com/business-confidence-drops-in-blow-to-labour/>

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London embassy and flies home from sucking up to Xi with raft of underwhelming deals - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 00:05:00 GMT

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London embassy and flies home from sucking up to Xi with raft of underwhelming deals &nbsp;&nbsp;

Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMirAFBVV95cUxQQIFQNXJrZjIGa2ZsN3dXTXU4bEFJVFUzd2pvVV9qQmNXR0NmUGxvSksGckN3eW1zUEJhU1BKZGM5aDFRcTQ2UHk3QnNKQS1Qa1N3ZWJHaGRNR0NGbmNTdE5ydHdsNkJVZnJDYjI1Q2tiSHltYmhYbzlfZEpdVNGQU55eDluZVRTeDBhbDFoX2IkRzEzN2hLYnhTMUpjcEprUVdjUFPZmFoU1hW0gGyAUFVX3lxTE5aQWMzMUNaZXROeGNwdnpQbW1GOXhBYjNSZENvMjJmQW5oSVBFa0N1UXhtOFd4WmhJdjBPOUD1eGFCLXpoV2Q3UDVUQW5JOEZ2WTBvVXI1NjZ4TndQTWU5MjRWbINBSldZRmZMOWVUanpRamp0d3cwZk1xMWI3RXImZFk3MjNEamRPcy1GeHZPd2RNQULiY202N2hNVmVYS2NmVFk3Q0tYaFdyUkVUUXZvc3c?oc=5>

## **Kemi Badenoch**

**Kemi Badenoch** denies sacked Tory's claim party doesn't allow free speech

BBC (Politics) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 14:30:57 GMT

The Conservative leader was responding to a claim made by an ex-member sacked for speaking to Reform.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c62r1rgglgyo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c62r1rgglgyo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

## **John Swinney**

**Swinney** on the rack over NHS bug death bombshell

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 10:32:04 GMT

A damning document has backed up claims that 'political pressure' was behind the NHS infections scandal.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15510843/Swinney-rack-NHS-bug-death-bombshell.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15510843/Swinney-rack-NHS-bug-death-bombshell.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## **Ed Davey**

Mark Thompson was approached about return to BBC as director general

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 14:00:44 GMT

Former chief was sounded out about applying for his old job but said he was committed to CNN, it is understood The former BBC director general Mark Thompson was sounded out about applying for a second stint leading the corporation, the Guardian understands. The BBC is in the process of searching for a new leader after

<https://www.theguardian.com/media/2026/jan/30/mark-thompson-was-approached-about-return-to-bbc-as-director-general>

Confused Brits still don't know which boiler they need – and it could save you 'thousands'

Daily Express (News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 13:23:00 +0000

Households across the country are frantically prepping for the 'wall of snow' forecast to hit the UK.

[https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/2164730/confused-brits-still-don't-know-which-boiler-need-could-save-you-thousands](https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/2164730/confused-brits-still-don-t-know-which-boiler-need-could-save-you-thousands)

## **Rhun Ap Iorwerth**

— no mentions today —

## ***Mary Lou Mcdonald***

Donald Trump threatens tariffs on any country selling oil to Cuba

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 30 Jan 2026 14:49:51 GMT

Mexico is Cuba's number one supplier, providing roughly 44 percent of the island's crude in 2025.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15511211/Donald-Trump-threatens-tariffs-country-selling-oil-Cuba.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15511211/Donald-Trump-threatens-tariffs-country-selling-oil-Cuba.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## ***Gavin Robinson***

— no mentions today —