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Coco Gauff rages at Australian Open organizers after her shocking behind-the-scenes meltdown was broadcast to the world

Daily Mail (Articles) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 09:00:41 +0000

The US star, still just 21, was dumped out of the tournament in under an hour by Elina Svitolina and she let her frustration out in a rare display of anger - which was broadcast for the world to see.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/tennis/article-15502001/coco-gauff-australian-open-racket-meltdown.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/tennis/article-15502001/coco-gauff-australian-open-racket-meltdown.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

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<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/28/reform-matt-goodwin-byelection-keir-starmer-reaction-toxic-division-ntwnfb>

## ***Keir Starmer***

**Starmer** lands in Beijing after claiming that engaging with China will make UK richer and safer

Independent (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 11:19:45 GMT

The PM is under pressure to raise several difficult subjects, including China's espionage activity, when he meets with Xi Jinping on Thursday

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/keir-starmer-china-visit-uk-xi-jinping-b2909152.html>

### Three things business needs from a UK China strategy

City AM (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 11:15:00 +0000

The UK must replace its current reactive approach to China with a clear, predictable, and durable strategic framework to provide businesses with the stability needed to manage risk, diversify supply chains, and leverage opportunities in advanced services, says David Bhariar Today the Prime Minister is in China for the

<https://www.cityam.com/three-things-business-needs-from-a-uk-china-strategy/>

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### Chris Mason reports from the tarmac in Beijing

BBC (Politics) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 11:01:44 GMT

Keir Starmer has arrived in China for a three-day visit - the first time a UK prime minister has visited the country since 2018

[https://www.bbc.com/news/videos/c14r2dk1kgeo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/videos/c14r2dk1kgeo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Let the kowtowing begin! **Starmer** arrives in Beijing hoping to boost trade ties despite fury over spying and human rights abuses

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 10:59:20 GMT

Keir Starmer stepped off the plane in Beijing for the first visit by a UK premier for eight years.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15504741/As-flies-Beijing-trip-Starmer-insists-Chinese-spies-NOT-hacked-teams-phones-leaves-government-jet-amid-tight-security.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15504741/As-flies-Beijing-trip-Starmer-insists-Chinese-spies-NOT-hacked-teams-phones-leaves-government-jet-amid-tight-security.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15505155/Kemi-Badenoch-Right-focuses-fire-Keir-Starmer.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15505155/Kemi-Badenoch-Right-focuses-fire-Keir-Starmer.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

### **Starmer** warned on 'severe' risk of trading with China

City AM (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 10:38:35 +0000

Keir Starmer has been warned about the "severe" risk of trading with China as he said building economic relations with the world's second largest economy would drive growth. The Prime Minister landed in Beijing on Wednesday for meetings with Chinese officials including President Xi Jinping in the coming days.

<https://www.cityam.com/starmer-warned-on-severe-risk-of-trading-with-china/>



PM's role in witch-hunt against British troops as **Keir Starmer** and Lord Hermer 'helped pave way for war crime probes'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 09:18:47 GMT

Keir Starmer was involved in a landmark legal case that opened the door to hundreds of British soldiers being pursued for alleged war crimes, it emerged last night.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15503973/PMs-witch-hunt-against-British-troops-Keir-Starmer-Lord-Hermer-helped-pave-way-war-crime-probes.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15503973/PMs-witch-hunt-against-British-troops-Keir-Starmer-Lord-Hermer-helped-pave-way-war-crime-probes.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Gorton and Denton is 'straight fight' between Labour and Reform, says **Starmer** - ITVX

ITV (Google News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 08:58:29 GMT

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMiugFBVV95cUxOdWE2dUpSTIdybGhhZWV0Q0tmMWdZbkRwd014empJYVdyQXJ2aEpVWkFNWlcwRENydhbWwMUxhSUhSZ2RXtU1ZNDIFUGF4RDVaeWlWOUF6WmVHM25IMy05a2szo0hf cVpad053WWH5dlVPVjVvMnhPN1MwMGtSZWxlaWk3OGN4QIVzcmtlQ0JGVdIhOEExhRVA3X0N2OHdYdGpmdVRlMFg4SjRzeW5jQU1pR0RUTWltZk9MdEE?oc=5>

Angela Rayner declares 'I'm not dead yet' as supporters plot **Starmer's** downfall

Independent (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 08:43:43 GMT

Former deputy PM was speaking before Andy Burnham's pathway back to parliament was blocked

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/angela-rayner-starmer-labour-leader-election-b2908833.html>

Let the kowtowing begin! **Starmer** arrives in Beijing hoping to boost trade ties despite fury over spying and human rights abuses - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 08:40:17 GMT

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMiggJBVV95cUxNem5TT0NjVS0tRnN2N25DOU5mQnRNczlRVIJqV3g0U0lzSjNtEVeTmUpJc2paZEVsWE5ySIFVQ1g5by1HSm1IZUtQT2lmRG9renFJaVRuYjA2TGZQMDN5endISnBiQUVTblhHRTNfYWJoM1dsWEQwV1p3bnJNZ0tsTXZweDlVeDZ1eDhPNlU3czZCVUJSbTJhbURmWTRKSGRHLXNYeHk2dlJsdTNZN1RocVrMmJZYm14MWhKYlIHYPkV1hWY0U0tM285NHg0eDBiWnpkZ3E0WWEyaHdRzkyTzBsSXNLVY1vN0NGcUVWQ0VvM1dlUUtY2JnUkg3b1hGY2fSAYcCQVVfeXFMUC1ncWpSUhA0bEVQdEdLaWFVdFQ3QmRzaWFWVF92anM3UUdkM3J3eFZaaFRCNzdoeGFyRjFHS2h2SHFTSI9tWGIUck4tdFdWQmIKQVZ2eVB0Z0Nkc2FNek41WnVKUkFtQllvQjZLcm5FZ053WDVCbmJRRk5QZDFHblhKekhPWmVWR3g3YjVWUzcyT3ZOaDhhMUINYzZRckl3RXY0WXRjYjUydWtXeWtpWlBjWXNYczdsNW5XTWJ0NDNBeg5EOEVhV1VuRWIEZ1FhSmpJOGR3d2RPT1FzT1Z3alRPbTVlUUVuNjZWdnltVExQRmprOUxzMIZEcGhxd1I2cG9XOHFWNDg?oc=5>

**Starmer** speaks to Burnham after by-election row

BBC (UK) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 08:16:54 GMT

Sir Keir rejects claims that Andy Burnham was told in advance he would not be accepted as a candidate.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cp3zp2p8qwzo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cp3zp2p8qwzo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

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### **Starmer** blasts 'toxic' politics of Reform UK's by-election candidate

Financial Times (UK) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 07:00:04 GMT

### Prime minister launches attack on Matt Goodwin ahead of high-stakes vote next month

<https://www.ft.com/content/db830ac8-5a04-4beb-b5bc-c1db584c45b6>

### FTSE 100 Live: Pound at 2021 high as Trump shrugs at dollar woes

City AM (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 06:45:00 +0000

Good morning and welcome back to the City AM liveblog. Has the mining sector's rally finally run out of steam? It appeared so on Tuesday, where City banks helped lift the FTSE 100 out of the red as miners across the board sank despite the ever-increasing price of precious metals. Fresnillo's; the best performer

<https://www.cityam.com/ftse-100-live-pound-stocks-fresnillo-gold-trump-starmer/>

### From the Burnham row to the China visit, avoiding hard choices is the **Starmer** doctrine | Rafael Behr

Guardian (Politics) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 06:00:05 GMT

Whether at home or abroad, the pattern of ducking difficult arguments and calling it pragmatism is the same. There comes a point in a prime minister's career when foreign travel offers respite from domestic trouble. Even when relations with the host country are tricky, as Britain's are with China, the dignifying protocol

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/28/andy-burnham-china-visit-keir-starmer>

### **Starmer** is wrong to say he doesn't have to choose between the US and China

City AM (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 05:26:00 +0000

Is Keir Starmer a geopolitical genius? As he jets off to China for the first visit by a UK Prime Minister since 2018, we must at least consider the possibility that he is. Ahead of his departure Starmer said 'I'm often invited to simply choose between countries [but] I don't do that.' The country

<https://www.cityam.com/starmer-wrong-to-say-no-need-to-choose-between-us-and-china/>

### PM's role in witch-hunt against British troops as **Keir Starmer** and Lord Hermer 'helped pave way for war crime probes' - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 01:13:00 GMT

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### How Labour's leasehold flat reforms could deal a blow to pension funds

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 00:31:20 GMT

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15503793/How-Labours-leasehold-flat-reforms-deal-blow-pension-funds.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15503793/How-Labours-leasehold-flat-reforms-deal-blow-pension-funds.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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The last thing the Tory party needs is the return of the bunch of liberal failures who made them unelectable last time: DANIEL JOHNSON

No Tory leader in history has been handed as daunting a task as Kemi Badenoch. Who would want the job of picking up the pieces after the catastrophic 2024 election?



[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15503415/Tory-party-return-bunch-liberal-failures-unelectable.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15503415/Tory-party-return-bunch-liberal-failures-unelectable.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

## **John Swinney**

The heartbreaking technicality that meant The Traitors winner Rachel Duffy couldn't take her 'beautiful mummy' on dream holiday before she died - despite winning the show's £47k prize pot

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 08:09:28 GMT

Rachel Duffy made The Traitors history on Friday night after she became the first female to win the BBC show in a momentous double traitor win alongside Stephen Libby.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-15502365/Heartbreaking-Traitors-Rachel-Duffy-mummy-dream-holiday-died-47k-prize-pot.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-15502365/Heartbreaking-Traitors-Rachel-Duffy-mummy-dream-holiday-died-47k-prize-pot.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## **Ed Davey**

Dave Grohl makes a rare red carpet appearance with wife Jordyn Blum after he fathered a secret baby outside of their marriage

Daily Mail (Articles) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 09:46:08 +0000

The couple's marriage was rocked after the Foo Fighters frontman confirmed he had fathered a baby with another woman - rock and roll fan Jennifer Young- in September 2024.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-15504633/Dave-Grohl-rare-red-carpet-appearance-wife-Jordyn-Blum-fathered-secret-baby.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-15504633/Dave-Grohl-rare-red-carpet-appearance-wife-Jordyn-Blum-fathered-secret-baby.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

## **Rhun Iirwerth**

— no mentions today —

## **Mary Lou McDonald**

New hope for IPP prisoners as five men held on indefinite jail terms referred to appeal courts

Independent (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 11:15:41 GMT

IPP prisoner Luke Ings, who served more than 18 years after he was jailed for robbery and a fight in McDonalds aged just 17, is among cases which will be reviewed by judges

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/ipp-sentence-jail-prisoners-miscarriage-justice-appeal-b2909208.html>

**McDonald's** axes virtually all its vegetarian menu due to poor sales of meat-free options

Daily Mail (UK News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 11:11:15 GMT

The fast food chain has revealed that it will stop selling around 80 per cent of its plant-based products from next week in a decision which has left vegetarians furious.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15504901/McDonalds-axes-virtually-vegetarian-menu-poor-sales-meat-free-options.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15504901/McDonalds-axes-virtually-vegetarian-menu-poor-sales-meat-free-options.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Donald Trump rattled as four key moments show he's on the ropes

Daily Mirror (News) · Wed, 28 Jan 2026 10:38:54 +0000

Donald Trump's second term is rapidly unravelling, with dissent spreading beyond his critics to senior Republicans and furious MAGA voters - a collapse laid bare when he was heckled by his own supporters

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/us-news/donald-trump-rattled-four-key-36627631>

***Gavin Robinson***

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