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## **Nigel Farage**

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## **Keir Starmer**

Bill and Hillary Clinton agree to testify over Epstein heaping MORE pressure on Andrew

Daily Mirror (News) · Tue, 3 Feb 2026 08:49:13 +0000

Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor has been urged to testify before the US Congress by Keir Starmer and elected American officials following the release of the Epstein Files

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/us-news/bill-hillary-clinton-agree-testify-36659817>

**Starmer** 'wobbled over Chagos deal' amid panic over £35bn price tag and doubts over legal case for handing territory to Mauritius

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 09:53:02 GMT

Keir Starmer has been adamant that handing over the British territory to Mauritius - and leasing back the crucial Diego Garcia military base - is the right thing to do.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15522951/Starmer-Chagos-deal-price-tag-legal-case-Mauritius-Trump.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15522951/Starmer-Chagos-deal-price-tag-legal-case-Mauritius-Trump.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer** 'wobbled over Chagos deal' amid panic over £35bn price tag and doubts over legal case for handing territory to Mauritius - Daily Mail

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Minister denounces Mandelson for interview in which he claims outrage about his Epstein links  
'disproportionate' – UK politics live

Guardian (UK News) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 09:41:56 GMT

'It is shameful. It does shame politics,' said health minister Karin Smyth Here are some more extracts from Katy Balls' interview with Peter Mandelson in the Times (mostly conducted early last week, before the latest Jeffrey Epstein revelations). (See 9.13am .) Mandeson says he was "naive" in his dealings with Epstein

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2026/feb/03/peter-mandelson-jeffrey-epstein-house-of-lords-labour-keir-starmer-uk-politics-latest-news-updates>

Mandelson row hits **Starmer** already at rock bottom

Financial Times (World) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 09:40:20 GMT

Morgan McSweeney could be forced out over misjudgment, raising stakes for PM's survival

<https://www.ft.com/content/08b4aebd-87c5-4183-8ef6-1986499da3a4>

Why is Peter Mandelson still a Lord? **Starmer** is gutless and the peerage must go, says ANDREW PIERCE

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 09:32:36 GMT

Why is he still called Lord Mandelson? He should lose that peerage and lose it now.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15522901/Video-Peter-Mandelson-Lord-Starmer-gutless-peerage-says-ANDREW-PIERCE.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15522901/Video-Peter-Mandelson-Lord-Starmer-gutless-peerage-says-ANDREW-PIERCE.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Keir Starmer** has abandoned us! Desperate residents heartbroken as US energy giant slashes jobs at oil refinery after its collapse with millionaire former owner facing lawsuit

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 09:18:38 GMT

EXCLUSIVE: Redundancy packages for workers at the Prax Lindsey Oil Refinery have been slashed, local jobs cut and the influx of hundreds of visiting contractors vital to businesses has vanished.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15444893/Residents-heartbroken-US-giant-slashes-jobs-oil-refinery.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15444893/Residents-heartbroken-US-giant-slashes-jobs-oil-refinery.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

QUENTIN LETTS: The Persian cat's corpse was torn apart by hounds. Lord Mandelson had no defenders

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 07:47:33 GMT

Sir Keir Starmer legged it from the Commons the moment he completed a mid-afternoon statement on his China visit. You never saw a potato move so fast.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15521519/QUENTIN-LETTS-Persian-cats-corpse-torn-apart-hounds-Lord-Mandelson-no-defenders.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15521519/QUENTIN-LETTS-Persian-cats-corpse-torn-apart-hounds-Lord-Mandelson-no-defenders.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer** has little to offer voters of either right or left in Gorton and Denton. That's why he's facing a perfect storm | Owen Jones

Guardian (Politics) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 07:00:32 GMT

The Greens are buoyant as Labour struggles. After shredding any semblance of a progressive agenda, fear of Reform is all the PM's party has left Labour's soul is being laid bare in the Gorton and Denton byelection campaign. Insofar as the party's masters have had a coherent political strategy, it is this: define

Labour

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/feb/03/keir-starmer-gorton-denton-byelection-greens-labour>

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<https://www.cityam.com/badenoch-starmer-put-uk-in-weaker-position-through-deals-with-china/>

**Starmer** seeks to push forward with delayed defence investment plan

Financial Times (World) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 05:00:17 GMT

Meeting convened by UK prime minister comes as officials examine ways of overriding multibillion-pound funding gap

<https://www.ft.com/content/445857cd-1798-497a-ac58-6f1f7eff8af7>

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## **John Swinney**

— no mentions today —

## **Ed Davey**

Jeffrey Epstein's horrifying 'Paedophile Island' where captive girls were 'raped'

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Jeffrey Epstein's 75-acre private Caribbean island, known as Little Saint James, was allegedly the site of sexual abuse and human trafficking, according to survivors including Sarah Ransome and Chauntae Davies

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/jeffrey-epsteins-horrifying-paedophile-island-36660128>

'Red flags' missed before boy's murder, say family

BBC (UK) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 09:57:50 GMT

Harvey Willgoose's family say they believe he would "100%" be alive if school his had acted sooner.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cdxj0752n2lo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cdxj0752n2lo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Harvey Willgoose parents say 'too many red flags' ignored before school stabbing

Independent (News) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 09:04:36 GMT

An independent review into Harvey's death found “several missed opportunities” to address behaviour and manage risk before the fatal stabbing

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/harvey-willgoose-death-mohammed-umar-khan-sheffield-b2912492.html>

Watch: Why is no-one being prosecuted over the Epstein files?

BBC (World) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 01:45:52 GMT

Gary O'Donoghue looks at why no prosecutions have yet come from the release of millions of documents.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/videos/cd9e3nzzw3zo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/videos/cd9e3nzzw3zo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Mother of murdered teen Harvey Willgoose hits out at 'missed opportunities' to save him before he was stabbed at school and says she still hears him say, 'I love you'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 00:33:13 GMT

Harvey Willgoose, 15, was attacked by Mohammed Umar Khan, also 15, during a nine-second confrontation on February 3 last year after the two former friends had argued on social media.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15520857/Mother-murdered-teen-Harvey-Willgoose-hits-missed-opportunities-save-stabbed-school-says-hears-say-love-you.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15520857/Mother-murdered-teen-Harvey-Willgoose-hits-missed-opportunities-save-stabbed-school-says-hears-say-love-you.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Harvey Willgoose's family says 'too many red flags' missed before school stabbing

Guardian (UK News) · Tue, 03 Feb 2026 00:01:24 GMT

Caroline Willgoose, whose 15-year-old son was killed by another pupil, says murder was 'senseless and avoidable' The family of a 15-year-old boy who was stabbed to death at school by another pupil has said her son's murder was "senseless and avoidable" and that a report ordered by the school showed too many "red flags"

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2026/feb/03/harvey-willgoose-mother-too-many-red-flags-missed-school-stabbing>

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

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