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## ***Keir Starmer***

**Keir Starmer** 'regrets' tweet welcoming return of freed activist Alaa Abd El-Fattah

Daily Mirror (News) · Sun, 4 Jan 2026 12:08:29 +0000

Keir Starmer expressed frustration that he had not been made aware of 'abhorrent' posts by Alaa Abd el-Fattah but declined to apologise for his welcome during a BBC grilling

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/keir-starmer-regrets-tweet-welcoming-36494674>

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**Keir Starmer** to tell cabinet to slash cost of living in new year message

Independent (News) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 15:25:04 GMT

Under pressure prime minister to pledge to 'use every tool' his government to 'make life better' for Britons this year

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/keir-starmer-cabinet-tax-money-cost-b2893670.html>

**Starmer** prepares to rip up Brexit: PM ready to align UK with EU single market if it is in 'national interest' - but claims there will be no return to free movement of people

Daily Mail (UK News) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 15:24:36 GMT

In some of his strongest comments yet about Britain's post-Brexit relationship with Brussels under Labour the Prime Minister said he would look at the rules governing border checks.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15432887/Starmer-prepares-rip-Brexit-UK-EU-single-market.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15432887/Starmer-prepares-rip-Brexit-UK-EU-single-market.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer** ready for closer alignment with the EU 'in the national interest'

BBC (UK) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 15:16:31 GMT

It is the clearest indication yet the PM wants to pursue a closer relationship with Europe in a broader number of areas.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cn56wdlw094o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cn56wdlw094o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

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<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/andy-burnham-prime-minister-john-curtice-keir-starmer-b2886089.html>

**Starmer** says closer ties with EU single market preferable to a customs union

Guardian (UK News) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 12:48:00 GMT

Prime minister gives clearest sign yet that government is seeking to further deepen Britain's links with Brussels Closer ties with the EU single market are preferable to a customs union, Keir Starmer has said, in his clearest sign yet that the government is seeking to further deepen links with Brussels. The prime minis

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/04/starmer-says-closer-ties-eu-single-market-preferable-customs-union>

**Starmer** insists he WILL still be Prime Minister in 2027 as he pleads with Labour plotters ahead of New Year reset not to unleash 'chaos' by replacing him

Daily Mail (Articles) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 12:42:46 +0000

In his first interview of 2026 the Labour leader warned those seeking to replacing him that the result would be 'utter chaos'.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15432821/Starmer-insists-Prime-Minister-2027-warns-Labour-plotters.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15432821/Starmer-insists-Prime-Minister-2027-warns-Labour-plotters.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

**Keir Starmer** 'hell bent' on Brexit betrayal as 'die hard remainer' PM eyes EU orbit

Daily Express (Politics) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 12:36:00 +0000

Keir Starmer has made some of his strongest comments yet about Britain's post-Brexit relationship with the European Union.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2153299/keir-starmer-risks-massive-brexit>

**Keir Starmer** admits he 'regrets' welcoming the release of Anglo-Egyptian dissident amid row over 'anti-Semitic tweets'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 12:29:05 GMT

The Prime Minister had said he was 'delighted' when Alaa abd el-Fattah was released by the Cairo government before Christmas.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15432833/Keir-Starmer-admits-regrets-welcoming-release-dissident.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15432833/Keir-Starmer-admits-regrets-welcoming-release-dissident.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer** regrets welcoming British-Egyptian activist to UK after 'abhorrent' posts came to light

BBC (Politics) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 12:13:08 GMT



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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMipAFBV95cUxNMjNwQ3p4WFZGVkZsdEUzbn9uU2JmeFNobWRrcTR1WtGtZRVJwVHNUMW1paEFIT1djX3lkenBaSDRubnNvQ2F6S20zb3p1NXRHSDhZVWxTQzkyQjVFMtBFQXFjVWVhEdmQ5Uy0tZzh3U2ZzekxJLXVuNHJOWG9Bem1OQ3o5TkxCZ3FtVjdrRms4TUNXTkRieXBmZHFwUXI5SFdNOFMtVdIBqgFBVV95cUxQOGVQSHdRT2h1MGRyNIVmV2kzMIhsZ09Hb0haT3AxZHZrdXN6aGh5bmo0SUNDZDNXLVIXb29ReXVKMGwwbmJBQ1d0c3N1Rm1VVzNSb2lflTBtejJZcFZUYnJxSFZsWW5TZHRXODg0M2hfY1laZ045d0pnOS1RYWczazdMZGxhOHhknWg4Qm1wWGsxcldk4aElaZUxpMUtWejRhVVIyYIRxNIIUQ?oc=5>

**Keir Starmer** admits he 'regrets' welcoming the release of Anglo-Egyptian dissident amid row over 'anti-Semitic tweets' - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 09:29:40 GMT

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMirwFBVV95cUxPMWhWdnJpRzE5OUg4ZUN6R2ZOdmZFOFFecWVNVZFbXFZX2cxcW9kUGVldzJGZmxFNXBuSDAteWJhTEdFNWdLX2ZjQVdCX09jSTltQnFBSVQ2eTFyN0Z3VGlnbVZxdVpKZmZnXzQ3cHJHTnJhSUY0cGoxTmVpak9ZUHI0cE1YcjFbVMyTmFhTWJvaWZHQUFjNXFHV0pnUEICTTdFTFYzeIFfc09CUU530gG0AUFVX3lxTE9sY0RwVzUxVW92Q29hQ0ldo1Y2dES0c2Z0I1UkNNanpRMFNQV2FIMTBDVnNmTkZjaWtHOuHcQ1BXTm82Qjlmc3JKUWE0ZGF4cmxNN0NnNTFHYjFDQ2VES1AyRmY5VnRNSTFnVVGwQnIDN2JRUN3SE5aZ3JqTTVZX3o0bTBGU0Z0c0VpdHI1d1BDQ0lyRnJ4cGNqM1VvZHBMNfVXMFhEY0VCR2g2VGg3OVJwSw?oc=5>

**Starmer** insists he WILL still be Prime Minister in 2027 as he pleads with Labour plotters ahead of New Year reset not to unleash 'chaos' by replacing him - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (nigel farage) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 09:06:17 GMT

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMisgFBVV95cUxPbUota1JBNIc0bG4zU2R5eC05Y2E0V2VSdW5wT1JHWWJEamtUaUo5SjViU2ZmbkVwQk91T2F1djVjbzIGVi1LSWsxTDZVYXp0Q3UtoE84UzU0c1NKQWHPsiZodk15eUVNM3hVYWRqNXdUUVZOMVVEZFhTSTJkYmZRM2IzeXRpZzFZMFQtaFNOCUcya01vLWlUUG50cjdjc19PX0Zld2hUdjQ1QThJZVFsVjBR0gG3AUFVX3lxTE1QNmVyeGJ2enF5VVNwSDYwSHILUWJFa1RWXzhnbW1ody1Xcll5aXEitZzh5aDI1MGxqaWxEeERWNG9RQm9fbzI3eWFucUpYRk0xZktPbi0xY2JUWFizWFMUWIBODZwdXFwU3dwYmpySjRhTGXNEVaZW4tKhYNFpFSFJGY01iV4k44cTR6dkwXM0Yzc01fUm03c3NUSThpSDFHYTJWZ0ZucFY2dnNLTndsYlQ5dV9Taw?oc=5>

Labour turns on itself over **Starmer's** tepid support for Trump's Venezuela strike as hard Left MPs demand US leader is treated as if he was PUTIN - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 08:43:49 GMT

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMi8AFBV95cUxPWVZSUUM5SVY4cUQzTU5hTkW4aVJ3S3IOZXctNV9Tc3dpRjFmNHdlc09HLXFPbUdWNXc4WIEzdF9LZ0tVndOdZLamJ0WndWQkZyVFNWtIVpMW9uNWNFUZtM0ZFOFJYRUeZTWhraUhaZmlFUkdZdDI1b3lqWjJPRzA5dnBVVXpSOFBwQ2V0TWY3VjlfGdIMWNJMm9zM1htUENwRDNtZno4Ni1mNnU4N1Z4TUh1SGNUTmhkR3llyWNNRzIUdKFsSkNYVEpxVWY5WkVCC3VjRWI5MHFIYwXJWGHYQnNYdH6RTVLlUZ0a0LSAfyBQVvfeXFMT2F0OHVCVlQitUxVeUhwektEdXREb1IIQklwRFZSdUJYNE9pbTBpVTVfM2IXR1UxaXp1ejNjQXRYLXRqM1YyTVR5Unk5eIN1T0Uya21SX1I1MvhvUDRheGIJNm5DYU5PTjBYMDExcE92NnktT3RjV1BOZktiVUw2b0RuLVPwr1U2eWFJRw9VR3ZWeEczUHN0ZWd0ZmxveVNkaU9RUUk5WTBmcXZ4X2FnQjRfRmR5bk14cmowNUdfUEh5NmZaZnkyT0RqTE1JSC14NEdTVURKWIV5NEVrUIFFeDayMms0U3hsU3Nuc1I2RW5GZkxodFNn?oc=5>

**Sir Keir Starmer** faces rebellion by scores of MPs as he and leadership rivals signal closer EU ties

Daily Mail (UK News) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 02:11:30 GMT

The row erupted after Health Secretary Wes Streeting called for a 'deeper trading relationship with the EU'.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15431769/Sir-Keir-Starmer-rebellion-MPs-leadership-rivals-signal-closer-EU-ties.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15431769/Sir-Keir-Starmer-rebellion-MPs-leadership-rivals-signal-closer-EU-ties.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer** scrambles for cost-of-living strategy amid threat from Reform - as PM admits Brits have it 'harder than it should be'

Daily Mail (Articles) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 01:54:35 +0000

The Prime Minister will put the cost-of-living crisis at the heart of a desperate new year pitch to voters next week with a promise to 'make life better' across Britain in 2026.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15432379/Starmer-scrambles-cost-living-strategy-amid-threat-Reform-PM-admits-Brits-harder-be.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15432379/Starmer-scrambles-cost-living-strategy-amid-threat-Reform-PM-admits-Brits-harder-be.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

The Labour Left's long love affair with basket-case communists leaves **Starmer** squirming

Daily Mail (UK News) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 01:50:17 GMT

Sir Keir Starmer's initial squirming reaction to the US strike on Venezuela is rooted in the long love affair the Left has enjoyed with the basket-case communist country.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15431787/Labour-love-affair-communists-Starmer-Corbyn.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15431787/Labour-love-affair-communists-Starmer-Corbyn.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer** scrambles for cost-of-living strategy amid threat from Reform - as PM admits Brits have it 'harder than it should be' - Daily Mail

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMi1AFBVV95cUxQTi9yNHpfdHhudU1XQmlkZUE4cF9ycVBKZFVKWVpZSERVUIR6bEk5Z3h3U3FWc1AwUWRreTNZdGRtLWdDQnVWT0g0ZTd3N2ttaEdDYzRvVIZFRIVxQkxJV3E2UTBtczN0dzNjcVQzc1F6T1Zsdko3R19yWl9NbGMvUHVGWXPfUmZRU0xFN3ZYT3BQQzExQm4zX1V4THBhZHZvV3JRRUZpR0o2OUVvdWJ0c2UxaXFYTGFWMmJSYTINSWVXRDBpUTxhMIY0amc3ekhFbUtoOdIB2gFBVV95cUxQMhMyTIZFSUdfU0M0NEdlIT2VRaUN5QlpXNzBwc05NMXF1bUJFfSIV1MWhmNm5JR2doSndmbnRkT3BscDNrWHZQMkRUNGdCU1dQY3J2d01PbHQ0ODFfQ1A2YTZ4aEFkT3BtV1JjbUw4ak1PNmdvOFdYjNHQTd5RGJEYmNLWE5DcmFZSE90SmF3ZmJKTWxWY3B2RW1MNmoxWE9kTnVLUHNWMVU4WIFfd25XWUZhTk4NWVaNUNmRGY4cHZuUjdqVXA1ZC1mbll0MEx2a3MwRkJRnJhOUQ?oc=5>

**Kemi Badenoch**

— no mentions today —

**John Swinney**

— no mentions today —

**Ed Davey**

**Ed Davey:** 'Europe is crying out for closer relations with Britain'

Financial Times (UK) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 05:00:03 GMT

Lib Dem leader says his party is best placed to take on Reform UK

<https://www.ft.com/content/b23447b6-dc70-40e9-bc91-89f15a0657dd>

BBC could be forced to up pay of its next top boss as director-general role is called 'poisoned chalice'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 02:17:27 GMT

Sources at the Corporation say bosses are 'having enormous difficulty' in finding 'decent candidates' to replace Tim Davie, who quit in November amid claims the BBC is institutionally biased.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15431675/BBC-pay-director-general-poisoned-chalice.html?ns\\_mchannel=rs&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15431675/BBC-pay-director-general-poisoned-chalice.html?ns_mchannel=rs&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## ***Rhun Ap Iorwerth***

— no mentions today —

## ***Mary Lou McDonald***

Lucy Letby sent cards by twisted fans as killer nurse marks birthday today

Daily Mirror (News) · Sun, 4 Jan 2026 14:48:47 +0000

Letby's barrister Mark McDonald has said supporters of the murdering medic have been 'writing to her' and 'sending her cards' as she spends her fifth birthday behind bars

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/lucy-letby-sent-cards-twisted-36495307>

Donald Trump's great Venezuelan oil gamble

Economist (Latest) · Sun, 04 Jan 2026 12:38:53 +0000

The country has the world's largest petroleum reserves. Getting them out of the ground will be tortuous

<https://www.economist.com/finance-and-economics/2026/01/04/donald-trumps-great-venezuelan-oil-gamble>

## ***Gavin Robinson***

— no mentions today —