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## ***Nigel Farage***

Nadhim Zahawi defects to Reform UK: Ex-Chancellor says UK 'drinking in the last chance saloon' as he becomes highest ranking Tory to join **Nigel Farage's** party

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 12:36:39 GMT

The Iraq-born politician, who held a raft of cabinet jobs under four different prime ministers, was unveiled by Mr Farage at a press conference in London today.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15455831/Nadhim-Zahawi-defects-Reform-UK-Former-Chancellor-latest-highest-ranking-Tory-make-switch-Nigel-Farages-party.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15455831/Nadhim-Zahawi-defects-Reform-UK-Former-Chancellor-latest-highest-ranking-Tory-make-switch-Nigel-Farages-party.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Nadhim Zahawi once warned **Nigel Farage's** Britain would be 'frightening' for foreign-born Brits like him and vowed to 'die a Conservative' before defecting to join Reform

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 12:32:17 GMT

The former cabinet minister and MP was unveiled by a beaming Mr Farage at a press conference today. But he was not a fan of his new leader when they were on opposing sides.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15456009/Nadhim-Zahawi-warned-Nigel-Farage-Britain-frightening.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15456009/Nadhim-Zahawi-warned-Nigel-Farage-Britain-frightening.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Former Tory Chancellor Nadhim Zahawi defects to Reform UK

BBC (Politics) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 12:31:18 GMT

Zahawi, who was chancellor for two months when Boris Johnson was prime minister, is the latest former Tory MP to join Nigel Farage's party.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0lxn75gw1do?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0lxn75gw1do?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Former Tory chancellor Nadhim Zahawi says UK is 'sick' as he defects to Reform UK – politics live

Guardian (UK News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 12:25:16 GMT

Nigel Farage reveals convert to party as former chancellor says UK 'has reached a dark and dangerous chapter' Zahawi says he accepts that the Conservatives are to blame for some of the problems facing the country. Since leaving parliament, I have been reflecting on the successes and failures of my old party's time in

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2026/jan/12/grok-x-nudification-technology-online-safety-labour-reform-tories-lib-dems-uk-politics-latest-news-updates>

Man who threw daughter at TV in 'fit of rage' jailed for 35 years

Daily Mirror (News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 12:13:37 +0000

Rhyddian Jamieson has been described by the judge as showing "not a scintilla of true remorse" for his actions

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/man-who-threw-daughter-tv-36537566>

Former Tory chancellor Nadhim Zahawi defects to Reform in **Nigel Farage's** biggest coup yet

Independent (News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 12:05:06 GMT

The former Tory chancellor has become the latest former Boris Johnson ally to join Farage's party

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/nadhim-zahawi-reform-nigel-farage-chancellor-conservatives-b2898725.html>

Death cap mushrooms kill three and leave others needing organ transplants as DOZENS of California foragers hospitalized

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 11:57:57 GMT

A man died in recent days after consuming a poisonous mushroom in Sonoma County. Officials have released multiple advisories regarding wild mushrooms.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15453871/Death-Cap-mushrooms-man-dies-California-Sonoma.html?ns\\_mc\\_hannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15453871/Death-Cap-mushrooms-man-dies-California-Sonoma.html?ns_mc_hannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

It's not 'fantasy': I know **Nigel Farage** abused people for their nationality – because I was one of them | Rickard Berg

Guardian (Politics) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 11:57:02 GMT

I remember him as a racist, obnoxious bully, and his allegation that other ex-Dulwich boys and I are liars tells me he hasn't changed The new year has delivered a new position from Nigel Farage on the multiple and detailed accounts of his alleged racism and antisemitism during his time as a pupil at Dulwich College. We

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/12/nigel-farage-abuse-nationality-racist-dulwich-college>

Nadhim Zahawi defects to Reform UK

Financial Times (UK) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 11:26:08 GMT

Former Conservative chancellor is latest figure to join Nigel Farage's populist party

<https://www.ft.com/content/be92400b-c18c-42df-bb76-f749ac9a1b12>

Former Tory chancellor Nadhim Zahawi defects to Reform UK

Guardian (UK News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 11:23:20 GMT

Zahawi is the most senior former Conservative to join Nigel Farage's party UK politics live – latest updates The former Conservative chancellor Nadhim Zahawi has defected to Reform UK, Nigel Farage has announced. Zahawi, who stood down as an MP at the last election, is the most senior former Conservative to join Farage

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2026/jan/12/former-tory-chancellor-nadhim-zahawi-defects-to-reform-uk>

Ex-Tory Chancellor Nadhim Zahawi sacked over tax spat defects to **Nigel Farage's** Reform

Daily Mirror (News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 11:22:26 +0000

Former Tory MP and Cabinet minister Nadhim Zahawi briefly served as Chancellor between July and September 2022 during the dying days of Boris Johnson's premiership

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/breaking-ex-tory-chancellor-nadhim-36537142>

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Daily Mail via Google (nigel farage) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 11:16:23 GMT

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMi9wFBVV95cUxQODRQbUk2QXIESUV2SzdNQVJYTENrcVR6aDkwMC1VYWo0djBIRF8weVFHbWx2U09hODFqLUI2NzA0SIZDMG9oVEo0MUfKJ252T0RXM0hbkNVS1I6TDIjMGRtLXJGRHNtWXV5ajNVRXVrQXpmX3kzTUJieVUybGZ3U3JNWTdoVEJDTThkZFdpakdMjVJaW42RVRIUU9hRXE0djVYanRXNnLeWZGVUJsYUhoYUhlRFNPD19kbDZqTWFBVkZZZXFmVUo1NXI1UWxUdFFoYmRucEZrdTF2cmtSRWhJcHVrc>

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EU 'demands **Farage** clause' in Brexit reset talks with Starmer

Independent (News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 11:11:36 GMT

The deal reportedly includes a termination clause which would require Britain to pay out if it leaves the agreement

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/brexit-reset-farage-clause-eu-starmer-b2898626.html>

London's murder rate drops to lowest in more than a decade

Guardian (UK News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 09:59:26 GMT

Sadiq Khan says 'public health' approach has made the capital one of the safest cities in the western world  
London's murder rate has dropped to its lowest in more than a decade with police in the capital and the mayor saying it is now one of the safest cities in the western world. The figures come as those on the radio

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2026/jan/12/london-homicide-rate-drops-to-lowest-in-more-than-a-decade>

Sorry, Trump and **Farage** – London is no lawless 'warzone'. Violent crime is lower than ever | Sadiq Khan

Guardian (Politics) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 06:00:49 GMT

Reform's new candidate for mayor claims people pity Londoners for living in an unsafe capital. But the evidence is clear: we're making our streets safer Last year, something extraordinary happened in London. As the conversation about crime got even louder, London quietly reached the lowest per capita homicide rate in i

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/12/donald-trump-nigel-farage-london-crime-sadiq-khan>

'The response is a beautiful thing': how Glasgow is squaring up to Reform

Guardian (UK News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 05:36:55 GMT

In the face of Nigel Farage, flag-waving and a longstanding housing crisis, some Glaswegians are taking on anti-immigration rhetoric Selina Hales has a thing about pineapples. She is talking in a quiet office, set aside from the bustle of Refuweegee, the charity she founded 10 years ago, and the walls are festooned with

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2026/jan/12/the-response-is-a-beautiful-thing-how-glasgow-is-squaring-up-to-reform>

EU to demand a '**Farage** clause' payout if Reform axes Brexit reset

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 02:01:15 GMT

Nigel Farage on Sunday warned he will not pay compensation to the EU for tearing up Labour's Brexit reset.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15454391/EU-Farage-clause-payout-Reform-axes-Brexit-reset.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15454391/EU-Farage-clause-payout-Reform-axes-Brexit-reset.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

EU to demand a '**Farage** clause' payout if Reform axes Brexit reset - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (nigel farage) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 01:29:00 GMT

EU to demand a 'Farage clause' payout if Reform axes Brexit reset &nbsp;&nbsp;  Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMipgFBVV95cUxPRIJmZWczWEpSMVFfOEpaVjZmSDVsRVRaRnJJWHcyQTVqbTdvWTBfbkUJieHRFdFVQXIJZmExUFZDMUFudng4cEhxR0ZhSUZzakR6OXN1VVpOejFIMUJNaVhCaXdkSnJMLUpWb3RwQ0N1X0hWWm04bC1tS3B6YW1ob3FRazh3TmhQSXxheU1IRXhtZ2VFcVduSTFpbDdFQzM0VC1BW>

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## **Keir Starmer**

Labour can't afford to stick with **Starmer** much longer

City AM (News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 12:37:14 +0000

When leaders lose control of events, they rarely recover it. The final blow is usually banal. It could be a ministerial resignation, a bacon sandwich style gaffe, or a symbolic vote defeat, but it is coming, says Helen Thomas A curious myth has taken hold at Westminster that Keir Starmer remains in post because removin

<https://www.cityam.com/labour-cant-afford-to-stick-with-starmer-much-longer/>

**Starmer** refuses to brand Iran's IRGC a 'terrorist organisation' as death toll mounts from Islamist regime's democracy protest clamp down

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 11:41:50 GMT

Donald Trump's State Department last night told the UK that hitting the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corp with the new designation was 'merely stating the obvious'.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15455433/Ministers-resist-US-demand-brand-Irans-IRGC-terrorist-organisati-on.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15455433/Ministers-resist-US-demand-brand-Irans-IRGC-terrorist-organisati-on.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Mark my words: **Starmer** is set to approve China's 'super embassy'

City AM (News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 11:16:34 +0000

Keir Starmer is set to travel to China and has appealed for business leaders to accompany him. You don't do that if you're anticipating holding a foreign government to account, says Eliot Wilson At the end of this month, Sir Keir Starmer is due to travel to China for the first visit by a British [...]

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<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/brexit-reset-farage-clause-eu-starmer-b2898626.html>

The Traitors star Jessie 'shows those with stammers are not stupid'

BBC (UK) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 10:10:46 GMT

People with stammers say seeing a contestant with a stammer on The Traitors helps to tackle stigma.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c1lzv54d03yo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c1lzv54d03yo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

'This is our Berlin Wall moment. So why is **Starmer** all but silent on the plight of the Iranians?': A powerful intervention from the son of the late Shah of Iran

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 09:20:34 GMT

The chant resounds through the streets of Iran's holiest cities. 'The final battle. Pahlavi will return,' the protesters cry. 'Javid Shah! [Long live the Shah!].

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15454325/This-Berlin-Wall-moment-Starmer-silent-plight-Iranians-powerful-intervention-son-late-Shah-Iran.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15454325/This-Berlin-Wall-moment-Starmer-silent-plight-Iranians-powerful-intervention-son-late-Shah-Iran.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)



UK business confidence weakened and hiring fell at end of 2025, surveys find

Guardian (UK News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 00:01:39 GMT

Rising costs and economic uncertainty take toll, in contrast to Keir Starmer saying Britain will start to feel richer UK business confidence weakened sharply at the end of 2025 and hiring fell amid rising costs and uncertainty about the economic outlook, according to key business surveys. Contrasting with the prime min

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2026/jan/12/uk-business-confidence-weakened-and-hiring-fell-at-end-of-2025-surveys-find>

## **Kemi Badenoch**

— no mentions today —

## **John Swinney**

— no mentions today —

## **Ed Davey**

Flight attendant reveals inside hidden spot where cabin crew sleep during 17-hour flights

Daily Mail (Articles) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 11:54:27 +0000

Have you ever wondered where flight attendants manage to get some rest during long-haul flights? One cabin crew member, Bryan, has revealed the exact place.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/article-15455733/Flight-attendant-reveals-inside-hidden-spot-cabin-crew-sleep-17-hour-flights.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/article-15455733/Flight-attendant-reveals-inside-hidden-spot-cabin-crew-sleep-17-hour-flights.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

Succession star Sarah Snook makes a rare appearance with husband Dave Lawson as they enjoy a late night out at Nikki Glaser's Golden Globes after-party

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 11:06:04 GMT

The actress, best known for her role as Shiv Roy in HBO drama Succession, made a rare public appearance with her husband while attending Nikki Glaser's bash in Los Angeles.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-15455587/Succession-star-Sarah-Snook-makes-rare-appearance-husband-Dave-Lawson-enjoy-late-night-Nikki-Glaser's-Golden-Globes-party.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-15455587/Succession-star-Sarah-Snook-makes-rare-appearance-husband-Dave-Lawson-enjoy-late-night-Nikki-Glaser's-Golden-Globes-party.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

I walked out of an £89k-a-year job to follow my dreams. This is my warning to anyone who wants a fresh start, the mistakes I made and the devastating impact it's had on my marriage: MARION JAMES

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 10:32:41 GMT

Have you ever thought about throwing in the towel and reinventing yourself? It was on my mind for years. I'd grown to hate my corporate job.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/lifestyle/love-sex/article-15454071/I-walked-89k-year-job-follow-dreams-warning-wants-fresh-start-mistakes-devastating-impact-marriage-MARION-JAMES.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/lifestyle/love-sex/article-15454071/I-walked-89k-year-job-follow-dreams-warning-wants-fresh-start-mistakes-devastating-impact-marriage-MARION-JAMES.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Iran threatens to hit US military targets if Trump decides to strike over protests

Independent (News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 00:58:04 GMT

The UK government has praised the bravery of protesters taking to the streets

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/iran-protests-donald-trump-ayatollah-b2898374.html>

## **Rhun Ap Iorwerth**

— no mentions today —

## **Mary Lou McDonald**

Roofer admits killing mother of three who was killed on golf course by van in police chase

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 12:31:41 GMT

John McDonald, 51, pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving at Worcester Crown Court on Monday in relation to the death of Suzanne Cherry, 62, who was struck by a grey Nissan van at Aston Wood Golf Club in Shenstone, near Sutton Coldfield, on April 11 last year.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15455519/Roofer-admits-killing-mother-three-killed-golf-course-van-police-chase.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15455519/Roofer-admits-killing-mother-three-killed-golf-course-van-police-chase.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Donald Trump credit card cap sends Barclays shares tumbling

City AM (News) · Mon, 12 Jan 2026 10:31:47 +0000

Barclays shares were the worst performing on the FTSE 100 on Monday morning after fears over fresh plans by Donald Trump to curb credit card costs sent the stock tumbling. The bank's shares, which had risen by around 80 per cent over the past year, suffered a 5 per cent slump to 462p in early [...]

<https://www.cityam.com/donald-trump-credit-card-cap-sends-barclays-shares-tumbling/>

## **Gavin Robinson**

— no mentions today —