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**[Independent] Reform's Nadhim Zahawi once said he would be 'frightened' to live in country run by Farage**

Mon, 12 Jan 2026 16:13:32 GMT

The controversial former Tory chancellor became the highest profile politician to defect to Reform UK on Monday

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/nadhim-zahawi-tweets-reform-nigel-farage-b2898858.html>

**[Independent] Controversial former chancellor Nadhim Zahawi defects to Reform 'after begging Tories for peerage'**

Mon, 12 Jan 2026 16:10:41 GMT

Former MP and minister sacked as Tory Party chairman in 2023 after he breached ministerial code over his tax affairs

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

**[Daily Mail] Nadhim Zahawi says Britain 'is sick' and under threat from 'radical Islamists' as he abandons Tories to join Nigel Farage in Reform - but did he defect after missing out on peerage?**

Mon, 12 Jan 2026 16:10:30 GMT

The Iraq-born politician and businessman was all smiles as he posed alongside Nigel Farage, despite having once said he would be 'frightened' to live in a country run by him.

[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)

**[BBC] Former Tory chancellor Nadhim Zahawi defects to Reform UK**

Mon, 12 Jan 2026 16:02:53 GMT

The former Conservative MP says the UK needs "glorious revolution", as the Tories describe Reform as a "party of has-been politicians".

[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)

**[Daily Mail] Kemi Badenoch's poll bounce puts her neck-and-neck with Keir Starmer in search for best PM - while Tory leader surges into lead over Nigel Farage**

Mon, 12 Jan 2026 15:54:41 GMT

A new YouGov poll showed the public are now evenly split, by 28 per cent to 28 per cent, on which of the Tory leader or Labour leader would make the best premier.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15456551/Kemi-Badenochs-poll-bounce-puts-neck-neck-Keir-Starmer-search-best-PM-Tory-leader-surges-lead-Nigel-Farage.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15456551/Kemi-Badenochs-poll-bounce-puts-neck-neck-Keir-Starmer-search-best-PM-Tory-leader-surges-lead-Nigel-Farage.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**[The Guardian] Zahawi failed to secure peerage from Badenoch before Reform UK defection, Tory sources claim – UK politics live**

*Mon, 12 Jan 2026 15:50:07 GMT*

'Given he was sacked for his dodgy tax affairs, this was never going to happen,' says source 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 government, and I

<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>

**[The Guardian] Is Nadhim Zahawi's defection to Farage's Reform a bombshell? No, it's just naked opportunism | Henry Hill**

*Mon, 12 Jan 2026 15:39:26 GMT*

The former chancellor's criticism of the Tory government is indisputable – but so is his role in its dire record Defections always pose a messaging dilemma for political parties. Heap too much ordure on the turncoat, and you invite the question of why you were happy to share a tent with them in the first place; praise

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/12/nadhim-zahawi-defection-reform-uk-opportunism>

**[Daily Mail] 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**

*Mon, 12 Jan 2026 15:30:45 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)

**[Independent] Nadhim Zahawi insults journalist during first Reform press conference**

*Mon, 12 Jan 2026 14:32:11 GMT*

Nadhim Zahawi berated a journalist for asking what he described as a "stupid question" during his first Reform UK press conference after defecting from the Conservative Party.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/tv/news/reform-nadhim-zahawi-journalist-clash-video-b2898863.html>

**[Daily Mail] Even if net migration reaches zero, voters will not forgive Labour while thousands keep crossing the Channel: STEPHEN GLOVER**

*Mon, 12 Jan 2026 14:12:56 GMT*

What would happen to the prospects of Reform UK if net migration were to dip to almost zero, as some forecasters are saying could happen as soon as the end of this year?

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15454277/Even-net-migration-reaches-zero-voters-not-forgive-Labour-thousands-crossing-Channel-STEPHEN-GLOVER.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15454277/Even-net-migration-reaches-zero-voters-not-forgive-Labour-thousands-crossing-Channel-STEPHEN-GLOVER.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**[Independent] Who is Nadhim Zahawi? Millionaire former Tory chancellor who has joined Reform**

*Mon, 12 Jan 2026 13:30:35 GMT*

Born to a Kurdish family in Iraq, Nadhim Zahawi rose to prominence first as Boris Johnson's vaccines minister

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/nadhim-zahawi-reform-tory-mp-b2898734.html>

### **[The Guardian] Former Tory chancellor Nadhim Zahawi defects to Reform UK**

*Mon, 12 Jan 2026 13:26:28 GMT*

The most senior former Conservative to join Nigel Farage's party claims Britain is on brink of 'civil unrest' UK politics live – latest updates The former Conservative chancellor Nadhim Zahawi has defected to Reform UK, claiming Britain is on the brink of "civil unrest" and only a government led by Nigel Farage could p

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

### **[Independent] EU 'demands Farage clause' in Brexit reset talks with Starmer**

*Mon, 12 Jan 2026 13:26:04 GMT*

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

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

### **[The Guardian] X rated: Ofcom investigates Grok – podcast**

*Mon, 12 Jan 2026 12:52:16 GMT*

Ofcom has launched an investigation into X over its AI tool Grok – but what does it mean when the platform is widely used by the government? Plus, Pippa and Kiran discuss Nadhim Zahawi's defection to Reform UK, and why it could both help and hinder the party Continue reading...

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/audio/2026/jan/12/x-rated-ofcom-investigates-grok-podcast>

### **[City AM] Nadhim Zahawi defects to Reform as polling lead extended**

*Mon, 12 Jan 2026 12:45:35 +0000*

Former Chancellor Nadhim Zahawi has defected to Reform UK as fresh polling has shown the party extending its lead over Labour and the Tories. Zahawi, a former ally of Boris Johnson who served as Chancellor for a matter of months, announced his high-profile defection in a press conference in Westminster on Monday.

<https://www.cityam.com/nadhim-zahawi-defects-to-reform-as-polling-lead-extended/>

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

*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>

**[Financial Times] Nadhim Zahawi defects to Reform 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>

**[The Guardian] London's murder rate drops to lowest in more than a decade**

*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>

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

*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 its history.

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

**[The Guardian] 'The response is a beautiful thing': how Glasgow is squaring up to Reform**

*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 Refugees, the charity she founded 10 years ago, and the walls are festooned with wit.

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

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

*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)