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Nigel Farage

Reform UK's flagship council plots tax hike of 4% - 'total betrayal'

Daily Mirror (News) · Fri, 9 Jan 2026 13:39:11 +0000

Kent County Council - won by Nigel Farage's party at the May 2025 local elections - has promised to be a 'shop window' for what Reform government could do in Downing Street

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/reform-uks-flagship-council-plots-36525576>

Reform UK mayoral candidate apologises for Lammy 'go home' tweet, saying it was 'clumsily worded' – UK politics live

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 15:07:07 GMT

Chris Parry, who is contending for the Hampshire and Solent mayoralty, says his post was intended 'ironically' Downing Street has defended its decision to single out pubs for special help with the problems created by rising business rate costs. At the No 10 lobby briefing this morning, the PM's spokesperson confirmed t

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/live/2026/jan/09/labour-pubs-disability-benefits-assisted-dying-defence-spending-farage-reform-latest-news-updates>

Lib Dems call on Reform MPs to donate income from X to charity amid Grok row

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 14:40:14 GMT

Exclusive: party says Nigel Farage and colleagues receiving 'tainted money' for their posts on Elon Musk's platform The Liberal Democrats have urged Reform UK MPs who receive payment from X for their posts to donate the money to charities working to combat sexual exploitation, after the site was flooded with AI-generated

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/09/lib-dems-call-on-reform-mps-to-donate-x-income-grok-row>

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<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/zack-polanski-green-party-labour-pact-starmer-b2888433.html>

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No 10 condemns 'insulting' move by X to restrict Grok AI image tool

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 13:15:17 GMT

Spokesperson says limiting access to paying subscribers just makes ability to generate unlawful images a premium service UK politics live – latest updates Downing Street has condemned the move by X to restrict its AI image creation tool to paying subscribers as insulting, saying it simply made the ability to generate e

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2026/jan/09/no-10-condemns-move-by-x-to-restrict-grok-ai-image-creation-tool-as-insulting>

POLL OF THE DAY: Should the two-child benefit cap only be lifted for families with UK-born parents working full-time?

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 12:47:08 GMT

Reform UK leader Nigel Farage has claimed the two-child benefit cap should only be lifted for families where both parents are British-born and working full-time.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15448681/Poll-two-child-benefit-cap-lifted-families-UK-born-parents.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

AMANDA PLATELL: I adore Emily Atack and don't mean to criticise. But her betrayed fans have a point

Daily Mail (Articles) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 12:15:59 +0000

When a staggeringly slender Emily Atack posted pictures of her family's Christmas, the last thing she would have expected from her Instagram followers was a barrage of questions.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-15448907/AMANDA-PLATELL-Emily-Atack-betrayed-fans-fat-jabs-Rivals.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490

Mother and brother of teenage girl killed in house fire are charged with manslaughter

Daily Mail (Articles) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 11:43:31 +0000

Leah Casson, 18, died after a fire engulfed her home on Vicarage Street, in North Shields in the early hours of January 16, 2023.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15448361/Mother-brother-teenage-girl-killed-fire-manslaughter.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490

Reform UK accused of 'betraying' election pledges after council tax rises

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 11:36:34 GMT

Four out of five councils controlled by party have proposed 5% council tax rises, the maximum permitted by law Nigel Farage's Reform UK has been accused of "betraying" election promises to cut council tax after several councils it controls said they planned to increase rates close to the maximum allowed. They include K

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/09/reform-uk-accused-of-betraying-election-pledges-after-council-tax-rises>

UK ministers considering leaving X amid concern over AI tool images

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 10:50:58 GMT

Labour party chair says government having conversations about use of platform in light of sexualised Grok images UK politics live – latest updates UK ministers are considering leaving X as a result of the controversy over the platform's AI tool, which has been allowing users to generate digitally altered pictures of pe

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2026/jan/09/uk-ministers-anna-turley-considering-leaving-x-grok-sexualised-ai-images>

Aerial video shows scale of deadly landfill collapse as workers buried under mountain of garbage

Independent (News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 10:16:07 GMT

A search is underway for people trapped under a mountain of garbage after a landfill collapsed in the Philippines on Friday (9 January), killing one person.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/tv/news/philippines-landfill-collapse-workers-buried-trash-video-b2897354.html>

Photos show aftermath of avalanche of garbage at a Philippines landfill

Independent (News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 09:22:20 GMT

Officials say an avalanche of garbage and debris buried or trapped workers at a landfill in the Philippines, killing one person, injuring a dozen and leaving others missing.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/philippines-b2897382.html>

Starmer accused of delaying law change on ethnic minority pay gap over fears of **Farage** backlash

Independent (News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 07:45:59 GMT

A scathing letter from the Ethnicity Pay Gap Steering Committee has questioned why Labour have delayed legal changes for wage justice for six months

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/farage-reform-ethnic-pay-gap-law-delay-starmer-b2897006.html>

Keir Starmer

Starmer tells Merz and Macron that Nato must 'step up' Arctic operations as they scramble to stop Trump grabbing Greenland

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 14:45:57 GMT

Keir Starmer discussed the brewing row over US threats with Emmanuel Macron and Friedrich Merz in a phone call.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15449451/Starmer-tells-Merz-Macron-Nato-step-Arctic-operations-scramble-stop-Trump-grabbing-Greenland.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

UK threatened with sanctions if **Starmer** blocks Musk's X

City AM (News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 14:35:27 +0000

The UK has been warned it could face US sanctions if Sir Keir Starmer attempts to block Elon Musk's social media platform, X, amid mounting concern over its AI tool generating sexualised images of women and children. Anna Paulina Luna, a Republican Congresswoman and ally of Donald Trump, said she was drafting legislation

<https://www.cityam.com/uk-threatened-with-sanctions-if-starmer-blocks-musks-x/>

Starmer humiliated on TalkTV over migrant crisis as host issues four-word warning

Daily Express (Politics) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 14:08:00 +0000

Keir Starmer was dealt a crushing blow on the programme.

<https://www.express.co.uk/showbiz/tv-radio/2155830/keir-starmer-humiliated-talktv-migrant-crisis>

Starmer ally says UK could get 'very close' to rejoining EU single market amid claims Brussels will demand ban on gene-editing of crops as well as huge payments

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 13:45:03 GMT

Keir Starmer's biographer Tom Baldwin said the PM had opened 'possibilities' by suggesting he wants closer ties.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15449091/Starmer-UK-close-EU-single-market-Brussels-gene-editing-crops-payments.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

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Labour disaster as devastating poll shows nearly half of its support has vanished

Daily Express (Politics) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 13:42:00 +0000

Voters reportedly abandoning Sir Keir Starmer's party for opponents on both the Left and Right

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2155815/more-in-common-labour-voters-poll>

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UK forces 'face £28bn funding black hole' as fears of war with Russia mount - heaping pressure on **Starmer** to ramp up spending

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 13:01:19 GMT

Keir Starmer is said to have been warned by the chief of the defence staff Richard Knighton that there is a huge gap in budgets over the next four years.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15448423/UK-forces-funding-black-hole-war-Russia-Starmer-spending.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Trump trouble: **Starmer's** tricky start to 2026

Financial Times (World) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 12:55:23 GMT

Navigating the foreign policy frenzy

<https://www.ft.com/content/f83bdae1-d4e0-4561-8aaf-f3de510fa343>

Keir Starmer dismisses Elon Musk's changes to Grok as 'insulting' to victims amid row over AI-generated sexual images of children - with PM urging X owner to take further action

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 12:42:41 GMT

Downing Street reiterated the Prime Minister was leaving 'all options' on the table as regulator Ofcom looks into X and xAI, the firm which created the Grok AI tool.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15448661/Donald-Trump-ally-threatens-push-sanctions-Britain-Keir-Starmer-takes-tough-action-against-X-site-AI-generating-sexual-images.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Pound to suffer 'until May' amid **Starmer** leadership troubles

City AM (News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 11:39:17 +0000

Sterling will suffer from speculation over Keir Starmer's leadership until at least the May elections, economists have predicted, with 2026 tipped to become another year where Westminster infighting sparks

City jitters. Analysts at Investec have suggested that the further strengthening of the pound will be held back by

<https://www.cityam.com/pound-to-suffer-until-may-amid-starmer-leadership-troubles/>

X could be banned in UK amid sexualised AI images concerns

Independent (News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 10:46:21 GMT

Sir Keir Starmer indicated that Elon Musk's social media platform could be blocked in the UK

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/x-twitter-ban-grok-ai-images-b2897351.html>

UK armed forces warn of £28bn defence funding shortfall

Financial Times (World) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 10:07:36 GMT

Military chiefs wrangle with Keir Starmer's government over spending plan

<https://www.ft.com/content/71aa4abf-4ff3-480d-b6e0-03103142a338>

UK faces '£28bn defence funding shortfall', top military chief warns **Starmer**

Independent (News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 09:08:51 GMT

The news of a reported shortfall comes as the UK this week pledged to put troops on the ground in Ukraine in the event of a ceasefire

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/defence-spending-military-budget-war-russia-b2897330.html>

UK forces 'face £28bn funding black hole' as fears of war with Russia mount - heaping pressure on **Starmer** to ramp up spending - Daily Mail

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Starmer's desperate bid to stop Trump grabbing Greenland: PM vows European states will do more to counter Arctic threat from Russia and China

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 08:15:32 GMT

Keir Starmer held calls with the Danish leader and the head of NATO before speaking to the US President for the second time in two days.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15447457/Keir-Starmer-launches-frantic-bid-calm-crisis-Greenland-trying-per-suade-Trump-NATO-defend-Arctic-without-US-takeover.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

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https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15447443/Pub-U-turns-Keir-Starmer-TWELFTH-policy-climbdown.html?ns_channel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

Pub U-turn's too little too late: As Keir Starmer makes his TWELFTH policy climbdown with rates relief plan, **Kemi Badenoch** and hospitality chiefs say it's just not enough - Daily Mail

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John Swinney

Swinney: Efforts focusing on recovery following heavy snow - Daily Mail

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMiswFBVV95cUxNXzY3NUNkZTVMdTA1SXRmBmY1Tmx4U3Y3TjBpZINORm9sZFNwdklQcmhrSXUwYWJRT3ZSVINwMHdCNmxVRjRuTEFZdUxOOVZWmMZOu3NIVjZjWERnNmRwXzJ0SHIvcXNuNDgxbk44TTFLeKZ4Qjhoc3VPX3d4bUpRRWpHUGFJanluWIZ2YmJ3QUJZeEhlMFZ3VGJsdjN0Z0hnYINra0p2WVRYc3BzZjQ5QnhxVQ?oc=5>

Swinney says he would send troops to Ukraine if Scotland gains independence

BBC (Politics) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 06:19:52 GMT

The first minister also warned that the post-war peace in western Europe could be under threat.

https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0lx1nynl59o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss

Ed Davey

Should AI be banned from social media? Take our poll and have your say

Daily Mirror (News) · Fri, 9 Jan 2026 14:57:53 +0000

As Elon Musk's Grok AI chatbot faces an image abuse scandal, we ask Mirror readers whether the use of artificial intelligence, particularly those that can alter images, should be banned from social media

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/should-ai-banned-social-media-36526354>

Storm Goretti live: rail services suspended, flights cancelled and schools closed across UK

Guardian (UK News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 14:56:20 GMT

Road, rail and air travel disrupted as Storm Goretti brings wind, rain and snow to the UK and parts of Europe Tell us: how have you been affected by Storm Goretti? Officials in the West Midlands have warned of the "worst snowfall in a decade" as parts of England and Wales prepare to be hit with 5-10cm of snow on Friday

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/live/2026/jan/09/storm-goretti-live-news-updates-uk-weather-snow-latest-met-office-warnings>

Lib Dem-Labour coalition with **Ed Davey** as prime minister 'least unpopular' option among voters, poll finds

Independent (News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 12:18:06 GMT

More than a third of voters say they would support such a result while 45 per cent say they would oppose it

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/lib-dem-labour-coalition-yougov-poll-b2897395.html>

Harrowing details emerge about how a teen was allegedly attacked and stabbed after a wild Airbnb party in Shalvey spiralled out of control

Daily Mail (UK News) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 07:04:54 GMT

Police allege a 16-year-old boy was wielding a knife when he approached a 17-year-old boy outside a house in Shalvey, in Sydney's west, on Tuesday night.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15448293/shalvey-stabbing-airbnb-party.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

CHRISTOPHER STEVENS reviews last night's TV: Hairy Biker Si swaps his leathers for a silk scarf in a welcome return to TV

Daily Mail (Articles) · Fri, 09 Jan 2026 01:21:56 +0000

Britain's Favourite Railway Stations (More4) is an unspectacular but well-chosen comeback for Si King in the wake of the death of his Hairy Bikers pal Dave Myers in 2024.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tv/article-15447481/CHRISTOPHER-STEVENS-reviews-nights-TV-Hairy-Biker-Si-swaps-leathers-silk-scarf-welcome-return-TV.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490

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