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Daily print front pages of the Express, Mirror and Star. Read via DeepSeek vision (deepseek-v4-flash-vision-exp).

> **Edition note:** all three covers are the **Friday 9 October 2026** print edition. At 11:31 BST the Newsworks front-pages listing carried `DXP/DMR/DST_20261009` as its newest entries — Newsworks publishes no Sunday print covers, so this is the same edition as the 9 and 10 Oct pages (weekend behaviour, not a fetch error). Masthead-verified by 3× OCR of the saved covers: `FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026` (Express, conf 1.00) and `Friday, October 9, 2026` (Mirror, conf 1.00); the Star masthead block is obscured by the splash. Cover MD5s are identical to the `*-10-10-2026.jpg` files.

Daily Express

Friday 9 October 2026 print edition (no Sunday print cover published).



(1) MAIN headline (as printed): ‘FAILED BY A SYSTEM THAT SHOULD PROTECT YOU’

(2) Sub-headlines / other front-page headline text (as printed):

- Domestic abuse campaigners slam Labour’s early release, with offenders back on streets
- POLICE RAID ON ANDREW HOME WAS UNLAWFUL
- FREE THRILLER EBOOK
- CHOOSE FROM
- RICHARD E GRANT
- I was an Idiotic Traitor

(3) Main story summary: Campaigners say domestic abuse survivors are being failed by a system meant to protect them, because offenders are being released early under Labour. A top police officer warns violent and “very dangerous” men are back on the streets.

(4) Newspaper name: DAILY EXPRESS

(5) Journalist bylines visible (vision pass): BY MICHAEL KNOWLES

Byline check: 3× OCR of the cover reads `EY MICHAEL KNOWLES` (i.e. BY MICHAEL KNOWLES, conf 1.00) with the role line below it reading `Hane Afters Vdiar` (conf 0.30) = **Home Affairs Editor**. The 9 Oct print page on PressReader carries `BY MICHAEL KNOWLES Home Affairs Editor`. The vision pass captured the name but no role; his Express profile titles him Home Affairs and Defence Editor.

Daily Mirror

Friday 9 October 2026 print edition (no Sunday print cover published).



(1) MAIN headline: IT'S NOT OVER

(2) Sub-headlines / kickers:

- ANDREW COPS BLUNDER BUT...
- Warrants used to search former prince's homes are ruled 'unlawful'
- Judge: Investigation can go on... despite new hearing over evidence
- RUSSELL MYERS: All he’s done is buy himself time
- Miliband's fury at Putin as he visits Ukraine
- Foreign Sec holding talks with Zelensky in Kyiv

- WITHNAIL AND BYE
- Richard: I'm unfaithful, Traitor & it was idiotic

(3) Summary: The Mirror leads on Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor: police made errors over a search warrant, but the criminal investigation continues, and a judge says it can go on despite a new hearing over evidence. Other front-page stories include Miliband’s Ukraine trip and Richard’s admission that he was “unfaithful, Traitor & it was idiotic”.

(4) Newspaper name: Daily Mirror

(5) Bylines (vision pass): BY TOM PETTIFOR Deputy Editor BY RUSSELL MYERS

Byline check: 3× OCR of the cover reads the byline line under the splash as a low-confidence `ATOM PETTIFOR…` fragment (the stylised caps defeat OCR) — the name is confirmed as **Tom Pettifor** by his Mirror author page and by the online version of this exact story, whose meta/JSON-LD author is `Tom Pettifor` with `article:author https://www.mirror.co.uk/authors/tom-pettifor/`. **The vision pass's role is wrong:** Pettifor is the Mirror's **Crime Editor**, not Deputy Editor (author page job title). `RUSSELL MYERS: All he's done is buy himself time` is a **comment/column strap**, not the story byline.

Not a cover byline: the online version of the cover story is credited to **Tom Pettifor** (Crime Editor) **and Jennifer Newton** (Deputy Royal Editor).

Daily Star

Friday 9 October 2026 print edition (no Sunday print cover published).



(1) MAIN HEADLINE: You Only
Drink
Twice
(printed across three lines)

(2) SUB-HEADLINES: BOND STAR DAN BUYS PUB
TRAGEDY OF SISTERS
RICH LEFT HIGH & FRY
ANDREW COP RAID ILLEGAL

A View to a Pils
FREE Thriller ebook
CHOOSE FROM...

(3) SUMMARY: Daniel Craig has bought a London pub and created his own beer brand, prompting a Bond-themed “You Only Drink Twice” front page.

(4) NEWSPAPER NAME: Daily Star

(5) BYLINES: BY KATE NELSON, Showbiz Reporter

Byline check: 3× OCR of the cover reads `• by KATE NELSON` (conf 1.00) — no job title is printed beside the byline, so the vision pass's “Showbiz Reporter” is **unconfirmed**; her Daily Star author page publishes no job title or bio. The cover story is corroborated independently: the BBC's front-page roundup for this edition reports the Star's “You Only Drink Twice” splash on Daniel Craig buying a pub.

Not a cover byline: the online version of the Daniel Craig pub story is credited to **Steve Hughes**, not Kate Nelson.

Authors

Daily Express

- **Michael Knowles** (Home Affairs Editor) — cover story byline **Bio:** Michael Knowles is Home Affairs and Defence Editor at the Daily Express, covering immigration, people smuggling, organised crime, terrorism, intelligence, policing and the Armed Forces. He joined the Express as a reporter in July 2016, after the Watford Observer (2014–15, promoted to senior reporter). In 2020 he was shortlisted for the Cudlipp Award for an investigation into child trafficking on the Afghanistan–Iran border. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches. IPSO's search API returns an empty result set for his name (the citable negative), and press-industry indexes show only the US Daily Wire commentator of the same name. **Sources:** Express journalist profile, IPSO search — no ruling, PressReader, Daily Express 9 Oct 2026 print byline, Express online version of the cover story (byline Michael Knowles)

Daily Mirror

- **Tom Pettifor** (Crime Editor) — cover story byline **Bio:** Tom Pettifor is the Daily Mirror's Crime Editor, covering crime, courts and investigations. He is the co-author of *One Last Job*, writer and presenter of the “Stealing Victory” podcast series and executive producer of Channel 4's “Who Stole the World Cup?”. He is a two-time British Journalism Awards

nominee. **Controversies:** No IPSO ruling, correction or scandal found. The only press-ethics-adjacent public record is his evidence to the **Leveson Inquiry** as the Mirror's crime correspondent on off-the-record police briefings — inquiry evidence, not a finding against him. **Sources:** Mirror author page, Leveson Inquiry Ch.3, "Press and the Police" (quotes Tom Pettifor, crime correspondent, Daily Mirror), IPSO search — no ruling, Mirror cover story page confirming byline

- **Russell Myers** (Associate Editor & Royal Editor) — comment/column strap on the cover **Bio:** Russell Myers is Associate Editor and Royal Editor at the Daily Mirror, leading its royal coverage. He is an international broadcaster and author of the bestselling *William and Catherine: The Intimate Inside Story*, and co-host of the royal podcast *Pod Save the King* (>15 million downloads). He won a British Press Award in 2021 and was previously the Mirror's Chief Investigative Reporter, nominated for Scoop of the Year. **Controversies:** No IPSO ruling, correction or legal action found. The one critical item on the public record is a partisan royal-watcher blog (Meghanpedia, first published 20 Oct 2019, updated Dec 2022) which accuses him of running a story without contacting its author — alleging it "would warrant a complaint" — and of mocking Twitter users. It is commentary; no complaint or ruling is recorded, so it should not be read as a regulator finding. **Sources:** Mirror author page, Meghanpedia critique (2019, updated 2022), IPSO search — no ruling

Daily Star

- **Kate Nelson** — cover story byline **Bio:** No published professional bio found. Her Daily Star author page carries an article list only, with no job title, and no role is printed beside the cover byline. Third-party journalist databases list her as a London-based freelance writer for dailystar.co.uk (BuzzSumo: "Freelance journalist", topics health/news/science/politics; Muck Rack handle `katenelson999`) — aggregator data, not a published bio. **Controversies:** None found. No IPSO ruling names her (empty search result set), and her name returns only unrelated US namesakes in news indexes. **Sources:** Daily Star author page, IPSO search — no ruling, BuzzSumo profile (katenelson999, freelance, dailystar.co.uk), Muck Rack article list (katenelson999)

Research notes

- **Wikipedia name traps discarded (zero extracts accepted this run):** `Michael Knowles` → disambiguation page (US Daily Wire commentator, Conservative MP, actor, rugby league player — none is the Express editor); `Russell Myers` → Russell Myers the American cartoonist (*Broom-Hilda*); `Kate Nelson` → US obituaries, academics and a rhythmic gymnast; `Tom Pettifor` → no article.
- `extract_bylines` **produced no headline-fragment artefacts this run** — all three extracted names are real people with matching author pages.
- **IPSO negative checks** were run through FlareSolverr against `https://www.ipso.co.uk/wp-json/wp/v2/search?search=<name>`; all four names returned an empty array (HTTP 200), which is the evidence for "no IPSO ruling names them". Direct `ipso.co.uk` fetches 403

(Cloudflare).

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