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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:** Newsworks had **not** posted the Monday 12 October covers when this run fetched them (11:35–11:45 BST). Its front-pages listing still carried `DXP_20261009`, `DMR_20261009` and `DST_20261009` as the newest entries for these three titles, and direct requests for the `20261012` cover files returned Cloudflare 403s. The three covers below are therefore the **Friday 9 October 2026 print edition** — the newest scans available (fourth consecutive day: 9, 10, 11 and 12 Oct pages all carry it). Confirmed two ways: today's saved covers are byte-identical (MD5) to the `*-10-10-2026.jpg` and `*-11-10-2026.jpg` files, and masthead OCR of today's Express cover reads `FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026` (conf 1.00).
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> **The Monday 12 October editions do exist** — the BBC's front-page review for 12 October summarises all three tabloids (see *Today's editions* below) — their cover scans simply weren't on Newsworks at run time.

Daily Express

Newest available print cover: Friday 9 October 2026 edition (12 October cover not published by Newsworks at run time).



(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 attackers are being released early under Andy Burnham’s soft justice programme; the Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Mark Rowley warns “very dangerous” men are back on the streets.

(4) Newspaper name: DAILY EXPRESS

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

Byline check: 4× OCR of the byline block reads `EY MICHAEL KNOWLES` (BY MICHAEL KNOWLES, conf 1.00) with a low-confidence role line beneath it (`Hente Atters Sarar` / `Hertel Alters Udinl`, i.e. **Home Affairs Editor**) — matching his Express profile title, Home Affairs and Defence Editor. The same story's online twin carries JSON-LD `author: Michael Knowles` and links `/journalist/123184/Michael-Knowles`, and the PressReader print page for 9 October is indexed as `2026-10-09 - BY MICHAEL KNOWLES`.

Daily Mirror

Newest available print cover: Friday 9 October 2026 edition (12 October cover not published by Newsworks at run time).



(1) MAIN headline: IT’S NOT OVER

(2) Sub-headlines:

- 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
- WITHNAIL AND BYE

- Richard: I’m unfaithful, Traitor & it was idiotic

(3) Summary: Prince Andrew has not been arrested after searches at his two homes, but the criminal investigation continues. A judge ruled the search warrants unlawful while allowing the investigation to go on despite a new hearing over evidence. Other front-page stories: Miliband’s Ukraine trip and Richard E Grant’s admission that he was “unfaithful, Traitor & it was idiotic”.

(4) Newspaper name: Daily Mirror

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

Byline check: the story is confirmed as **Tom Pettifor**’s by his Mirror author page and by the online version of this exact story (JSON-LD `author: Tom Pettifor`, `article:author https://www.mirror.co.uk/authors/tom-pettifor/`, published 2026-10-08T13:27Z). **The vision pass’s role is wrong** — Pettifor is the Mirror’s **Crime Editor**, not Deputy Editor. OCR of the cover recovered only the comment strap `& RUSSELL MYERS • All he's done is buy himself time` (conf 1.00), so “RUSSELL MYERS” is a **column strap**, not a 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

Newest available print cover: Friday 9 October 2026 edition (12 October cover not published by Newsworks at run time).



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

(2) Sub-headlines:

- BOND STAR DAN BUYS PUB
- A View to a Pils
- TRAGEDY OF SISTERS
- RICH LEFT HIGH & FRY
- ANDREW COP RAID ILLEGAL
- FREE Thriller ebook / CHOOSE FROM...

(3) Summary: Daniel Craig has bought a London pub (the Horseshoe, Clerkenwell) and created his own beer brand, prompting a Bond-themed “You Only Drink Twice” front page. The piece jokes that Bond shouldn’t drink and drive.

(4) Newspaper name: Daily Star

(5) Bylines: BY KATE NELSON, Showbiz Editor

Byline check: 4× OCR of the byline block reads `• by KATE NELSON` (conf 1.00) — **no job title is printed beside it**, so the vision pass’s “Showbiz Editor” is **unconfirmed** (the 11 Oct pass on the same cover said “Showbiz Reporter”). Her Daily Star author page publishes no job title or bio.

Not a cover byline: the online version of the Daniel Craig pub story is credited to **Steve Hughes** (published 2026-10-08T19:52Z), not Kate Nelson.

Today's editions (Monday 12 October 2026) — print fronts not yet scanned

Newsworks had no 12 October scans for these titles at run time, but Monday's papers did publish. The BBC's daily front-page review describes them as:

- **Daily Express:** leads on an investigation into rickshaws in Westminster — “honest pedicab riders” allegedly “bullied out of the market by an organised group from Romania”; quotes Reform UK mayoral candidate Laila Cunningham calling it a “sign of broken Britain”.
- **Daily Mirror:** leads on the fatal tiger attack in Yorkshire, saying a “hero tried to save” the man who died, and that the woman with him “fought desperately to hold the man back as he climbed into enclosure” — another witness tells the paper she “was not strong enough”.
- **Daily Star:** “Lettuce Liz iceberg ahead!” — warning a “Truss-style crash can happen again”, with the chancellor “urged to steady the ship”.

Source: BBC News, “Newspaper headlines: ‘Tax rises needed to plug £35bn gap’ and ‘Putin breaks Trump’s ceasefire’” (12 October 2026)

Authors

Daily Express

- **Michael Knowles** (Home Affairs and Defence Editor) — cover story byline **Bio:** Michael Knowles is Home Affairs and Defence Editor at the Daily Express, specialising in immigration, people smuggling, organised crime, terrorism, intelligence, policing and the capabilities of the British Armed Forces, and writing frequently on the Channel migration crisis. He joined the Express as a reporter in July 2016, having been a reporter at the Watford Observer from March 2014. In 2020 he was shortlisted for the Cudlipp Award for an investigation into child trafficking on the Afghanistan–Iran border, and he has appeared on LBC discussing criminal justice, the Channel crisis and the war in Ukraine. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches. IPSO's search API returns an empty result set for his name, and news indexes return only the US Daily Wire commentator of the same name. **Sources:** Express journalist profile, IPSO search — no ruling, PressReader, Daily Express print page 9 Oct 2026, Express online twin of the cover story

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?", and 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", IPSO search — no ruling, Mirror cover story page confirming the 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* (15m+ 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 (role unconfirmed) **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 describe her as a London-based freelance journalist and editor writing for dailystar.co.uk (BuzzSumo handle `katenelson999`; Muck Rack `katenelson999` lists Sunday Mirror, Daily Mirror, HuffPost, MSN UK) — aggregator/self-described data, not a published bio, and it does not by itself confirm the Daily Star showbiz byline. **Controversies:** None found. No IPSO ruling names her (empty search result set), and news indexes return only unrelated namesakes (a US obituary, and a Minneapolis-based Indigenous-affairs writer at *Cowboys & Indians*).

Sources: Daily Star author page, IPSO search — no ruling, BuzzSumo profile (katenelson999, dailystar.co.uk), Muck Rack profile (katenelson999)

Research notes

- **Edition:** all three covers are the Friday 9 October 2026 print edition. Newsworks' front-pages listing was fetched twice (11:38 and 11:45 BST) and its newest `DXP`/`DMR`/`DST` entries were `20261009`; there were no `20261012` entries in the listing or its markup. Direct `20261012` cover URLs (all four size variants) returned HTTP 403 (Cloudflare). Today's saved covers are MD5-identical to the 10 and 11 Oct files, and 4× OCR of the Express masthead read `FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026` (conf 1.00).
- `extract_bylines` **artefact deleted (not a person):** the all-caps Express splash `'FAILED BY A SYSTEM THAT SHOULD PROTECT YOU'` produced a marker for "A System That Should Protect You". No author page, article history or news index hit exists for such a name.
- **Vision-pass role errors corrected from the covers:** Mirror `Deputy Editor` → Pettifor is **Crime Editor** (author page); Star `Showbiz Editor` → **no role printed** on the cover (`• by KATE NELSON`, conf 1.00).
- **Print/online divergence documented, not merged:** Mirror print byline Pettifor alone vs online Pettifor + Jennifer Newton; Star print byline Kate Nelson vs online Steve Hughes.
- **Wikipedia name traps (zero extracts accepted):** `Michael Knowles` → disambiguation page (actor, Conservative MP, film producer, rugby league player, US commentator); `Tom Pettifor` → no article; `Russell Myers` → the American *Broom-Hilda* cartoonist; `Kate Nelson` → American retired rhythmic gymnast.
- **IPSO negative checks re-run today** through FlareSolverr against `https://www.ipso.co.uk/wp-json/wp/v2/search?search=<name>`: all four names returned an empty result set (HTTP 200) — the evidence for "no IPSO ruling names them". Direct `ipso.co.uk` fetches 403 (Cloudflare), so the citable form is the `?s=` search URL.
- **No new controversy material:** Google News RSS for each byline (en-GB) returned only the journalists' own recent stories or namesake junk, and targeted searches for "controversy / complaint / IPSO / correction" surfaced nothing new beyond the existing Meghanpedia item (Myers) and Leveson evidence (Pettifor).

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