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

Daily Express

print cover via Newsworks (2026-10-16)



(1) MAIN headline exactly as printed: FARAGE'S FURY
AT SMALL
BOAT SEX
ATTACKER

(2) Sub-headlines exactly as printed: Reform leader hits out at 'nightmare' after migrant is jailed for attempted rape
'Monster-like' Russell Brand raped me, accuser says
Traitors Hannah

I really hated lying to my friends' faces
Meghan: It's wonderful for us to be back in UK

(3) Main story summary: Nigel Farage warns the “nightmare is just beginning” after a migrant who crossed the Channel in a small boat was jailed for attempted rape, claiming it exposes the dangers of illegal migration.

(4) Newspaper name: DAILY EXPRESS

(5) Journalist byline visible on page: BY MICHAEL KNOWLES, Home Affairs Editor

Daily Mirror

print cover via Newsworks (2026-10-16)



(1) MAIN headline: Brand made me take pic ... then he raped me

(2) Sub-headlines:

- PHOTO BEFORE 'ATTACK'
- Comedian became 'monster like', accuser tells court
- FOR LIAM
- Star's family in fight with online giants
- EXCLUSIVE Liam Payne died five years ago
- Right 'royal' welcome...

- Sussexes in first joint 'duty' since UK return
- Meghan and Harry's new initiative to combat online harm

(3) Summary: A woman told a court that Russell Brand made her take a photo before ordering her to strip and then raping her. Brand, 51, denies the allegation.

(4) Newspaper name: Daily Mirror

(5) Bylines: BY PATRICK HILL (No job title printed on the page.)

Daily Star

print cover via Newsworks (2026-10-16)



(1) MAIN headline:
TOPLESS 'MONSTER'

(2) Sub-headlines:
RUSSELL BRAND TRIAL
Kiss picture moments before alleged hotel rape

Other visible front-page headlines:
HANNAH FRIED!
INSIDE TOMORROW FREE £2 SHOP BET WITH William Hill

VALID ON ALL SPORT
Meg & Harry: 'WE GOT LUCKY'

(3) Summary:
Russell Brand is accused of exposing himself and making a joke about raping a woman in a hotel, a court heard. The front page says a kiss picture was taken moments before the alleged hotel rape.

(4) Newspaper name:
Daily Star

(5) Journalist bylines visible:
BY JERRY LAWTON
(No job title shown; no other bylines visible.)

Authors

Byline verification: every name below was re-read off the saved cover images with a second vision pass plus targeted crops, then corroborated against the paper's own article byline links. Two corrections were needed — see notes.

Daily Express

- **Michael Knowles** (Home Affairs Editor as printed on the cover; his full title is Home Affairs and Defence Editor) — cover story byline **Bio:** Michael Knowles is the 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. He joined the Express as a reporter in July 2016, having previously been a reporter (later senior reporter) at the Watford Observer from 2014; his work on child trafficking in Afghanistan was shortlisted for the Cudlipp Award in 2020. He regularly reports on the Channel migration crisis and has appeared on LBC discussing criminal justice, the Channel and the war in Ukraine. **Controversies:** No IPSO ruling names him (IPSO WordPress search returns an empty set). The one documented public row he is part of is a press-freedom dispute, not a scandal: as the Express's home affairs editor he was one of seven national-media home affairs editors and correspondents who signed a joint letter of protest to the Home Office press office in March 2024, accusing it of using the publication of the 361-page Sarah Everard report to "bury bad news" on immigration. His immigration-focussed reporting is frequently criticised as politically slanted by campaigners, but no correction or regulator ruling against him was found. **Sources:** Michael Knowles — Express journalist page (bio + jobTitle), Home Affairs editors pen letter of protest to Home Office PR team — Press Gazette, Muck Rack profile, IPSO search — "Michael Knowles" (empty result set), Wikipedia: Michael Knowles — disambiguation page, no tabloid journalist

Daily Mirror

- **Patrick Hill** — cover story byline (no job title printed on the cover) **Bio:** Patrick Hill is a Senior News Reporter for the Daily Mirror, Sunday Mirror and Mirror.co.uk. He covers stories at home and abroad and specialises in UK current affairs, with a particular interest in foreign news and humanitarian crises; the Mirror's own bio says he has visited more than 60 countries and reported from over 40 across five continents. He was a finalist at the British Journalism Awards 2019 for his Sunday Mirror work (Gareth Thomas on living with HIV; Novichok survivor Charlie Rowley), and has led the paper's on-the-ground coverage from Tenerife of the Jay Slater case. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches. No IPSO ruling names him (IPSO WordPress search returns an empty set), and no correction or published complaint against his byline surfaced. Wikipedia has no article on him — "Patrick Hill" is a disambiguation page listing the Birmingham Six's Patrick Joseph Hill, an LA-based artist and an American football coach, none of whom is the Mirror journalist. **Sources:** Patrick Hill — Mirror author page (bio + job title), Russell Brand rape trial: Star stripped half-naked... — Mirror (bylined Patrick Hill), British Journalism Awards 2019 finalists — Press Gazette, IPSO search — "Patrick Hill" (empty result set), Wikipedia: Patrick Hill — disambiguation page, no Mirror journalist

Daily Star

- **Jerry Lawton** — cover story byline (no job title printed on the cover) **Bio:** Jerry Lawton is the Daily Star's Chief Crime Correspondent, based in London, and has worked for the paper for three decades (his author page also carries the title Chief Reporter). His specialisms span UK and world news, crime, sports news (football, horse racing, darts), space, science, health and technology. In 2012 he gave evidence to the Leveson Inquiry as the Star's crime correspondent, telling it that police could have reduced damaging media coverage in the Madeleine McCann and Joanna Yeates cases had officers given journalists off-the-record guidance. **Controversies:** [1] The "GTA Rothbury" affair — on 21 July 2010 the Star ran a story by Lawton claiming Rockstar Games planned a Grand Theft Auto instalment based on the Raoul Moat shootings. It was false: the paper published a lengthy apology on 24 July 2010 admitting it had made no attempt to verify the claims or contact Rockstar, and Express Newspapers subsequently paid "substantial" undisclosed libel damages to Take-Two/Rockstar, which Rockstar donated to charity (Guardian, 4 Oct 2010). Before the apology, Lawton defended the story on his Facebook page. [2] Leveson scrutiny of his McCann coverage — his 19 March 2012 testimony concerned the Star's Madeleine McCann reporting; in the wider context Express Newspapers had already paid £550,000 and printed front-page apologies in March 2008 over more than 100 "seriously defamatory" McCann articles across the Express and Star. No IPSO ruling names him (IPSO WordPress search returns an empty set); there is no Wikipedia article on him. **Sources:** Jerry Lawton — Daily Star author page (bio), Daily Star pays out for false Raoul Moat story — Guardian, 4 Oct 2010, Daily Star (United Kingdom)

— Wikipedia, "Grand Theft Auto Rothbury", Daily Star pulls "GTA Rothbury" story — GamesIndustry.biz, Police blamed for McCann and Jefferies media mistakes — Press Gazette (Lawton's Leveson evidence), Newspapers apologise to McCanns — Guardian, 20 Mar 2008, IPSO search — "Jerry Lawton" (empty result set)

Byline correction notes

- **Express — pipeline read "DEPUTY POLITICAL EDITOR"; wrong.** A 3× crop of the byline box reads `BY MICHAEL KNOWLES / Home Affairs Editor`; the Express's own journalist page (JSON-LD `jobTitle`) gives `Home Affairs and Defence Editor`. A first full-page vision pass offered a third, also-wrong title ("Chief Political Correspondent") — the crop plus the paper's own page settled it. Corrected in the Express section and the Authors entry above.
- **Mirror and Star bylines were read correctly** (`PATRICK HILL`, `JERRY LAWTON`), confirmed by byline crops and by the paper's own article/author pages. No correction needed — recorded as the useful negative.
- **Corroboration:** the Express cover story (`express.co.uk/news/politics/2257652`) carries exactly one author link, `/journalist/123184/Michael-Knowles`; the Mirror's Brand trial stories for 15–16 Oct (`37778639`, `37777730`, `37773936`, `37769193`) are all authored by `authors/patrick-hill`; the Star's byline is printed as `by JERRY LAWTON` in the cover's court-splash text box.

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