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

“ **Edition note (21 Sep 2026):** the 11:30 automated pass initially downloaded **stale Friday 18 Sep covers** — Newsworks returned HTTP 403 on the exact-date URL (rate-limit/hotlink protection), so the script's walk-back silently landed on Friday's editions. Today's genuine Monday covers (`DXP/DMR/DST_20260921`) **do exist** on Newsworks and were re-fetched at full resolution (800×1017) for this file. The Mirror masthead reads "Monday, September 21, 2026" and the Express "MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026". Bylines below were confirmed with deterministic macOS Vision OCR, not the vision model.

Daily Express

print cover via Newsworks (2026-09-21) — full resolution



Tories call on government to end the 'hammering' of Britain's shops and pubs

STOP YOUR TAX RAID ON NATION'S HIGH STREETS

EXCLUSIVE

BY JONATHAN WALKER Whitehall Editor

TORY leader Kemi Badenoch has led calls for the government to stop "hammering" shops and pubs as Britain's battered high streets warn they desperately need a lifeline.

Along with her Shadow Chancellor,

TURN TO PAGE 4



(1) MAIN HEADLINE:

STOP YOUR TAX RAID ON NATION'S HIGH STREETS

(2) SUB-HEADLINES:

- SPENCER'S ROLE 'IS TO STIR UP PAINFUL MEMORIES AND EXACT REVENGE' — Diana author's verdict on Earl's memoir, SEE PAGE 47
- Tories call on government to end the 'hammering' of Britain's shops and pubs
- Does 'total pro' Emma need two sidekicks? — SASHA MOORE'S STRICTLY VERDICT, SEE PAGES 7&9

(3) Summary:

Tory leader Kemi Badenoch has led calls for the government to end the "hammering" of Britain's shops and pubs, as Britain's battered high streets warn they desperately need a lifeline. An Express exclusive, turn to page 4.

(4) Newspaper name: DAILY EXPRESS

(5) Bylines: **BY JONATHAN WALKER** (printed role on the cover: Whitehall Editor) *(The pipeline's vision pass read the role as "Political Editor"; full-resolution OCR reads "BY JONATHAN WALKER Whitehall Editor" at confidence 1.00 — OCR wins.)*

Daily Mirror

print cover via Newsworks (2026-09-21) — full resolution

DAILY Mirror THE HEART OF BRITAIN

Monday, September 21, 2026 £2.20

Having a ball...

Princess Diana and Mohamed Al Fayed

Diana 'was groped by' Dodi's dad

SHOCK NEW CLAIM: PAGE 13

£5 OFF

When you spend £25 at

dobbies

garden centres

PLUS £5 OFF

when you spend £20 in

dobbies

restaurants and coffee shops

SEE PAGE 22

Terms and conditions apply. Subject to availability.

New Strictly pro Maddie Ingoldsby

EXCLUSIVE: PAGES 10&11

Meet Strictly's new dance pro recruits

SHOWBIZ ROW EXCLUSIVE

ED: I FEEL SO ALONE

» Sheeran's anguish over Palestine storm on tour

» Tearful star tells fans: I thought about quitting

BY TOM BRYANT

ED Sheeran's friends shared their concern after he broke down in tears on stage.

The star - who is mired in controversy after support act Macklemore was booted off his

tour for voicing pro-Palestine views - told fans he had been on the verge of quitting.

One friend said: "It's been a really, really lonely place at times. He has been so broken."

FULL STORY: PAGES 4&5

HEAD IN HANDS

Ed Sheeran breaks down at US concert

Star speaks about tour row

(1) MAIN HEADLINE: **ED: I FEEL SO ALONE**

(2) SUB-HEADLINES / other front-page headlines:

- **SHOWBIZ ROW EXCLUSIVE** — Sheeran's anguish over Palestine storm on tour; tearful star tells fans: I thought about quitting
- **Diana 'was groped by Dodi's dad'** — SHOCK NEW CLAIMS, PAGE 13
- **Having a ball...** — Meet Strictly's new dance pro recruits, EXCLUSIVE PAGES 10&11
- (£5 OFF When you spend £25 at dobbies — promotional text)

(3) Summary:

Ed Sheeran's friends shared their concern after he broke down in tears on stage. The star — mired in controversy after support act Macklemore was booted off his tour for voicing pro-Palestine views — told fans he had been on the verge of quitting. One friend said: "It's been a really, really lonely place at times. He has been so broken."

(4) Newspaper name: **Daily Mirror**

(5) Bylines: **BY TOM BRYANT** (*The pipeline's vision pass reported "NO BYLINES ON PAGE"; full-resolution OCR reads "BY TOM BRYANT" at confidence 1.00. Online, the same story also carries Dan Warburton and Ashlie Blakey as co-credits.*)

Daily Star

print cover via Newsworks (2026-09-21) — full resolution

dailystar.co.uk

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Life's a rollercoaster

DAILY STAR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

News with a wink £1.60



City's high five

SEE STARSport

FREE FOOTIE PULLOUT
INSIDE

£5

OFF WHEN YOU SPEND £25 AT

PLUS £5 off when you spend £20 in  **dobbies**
garden centres

Terms and conditions apply. Subject to availability. See Page 16



Oasis roll in it

PAGE 11

FREE HORSE RACING TICKETS

CLAIM A FREE PAIR TODAY

PAGE 18

Terms and conditions apply



Ed Tear-an has stage breakdown

PAGE 11

ANDROS TOWNSEND LAUGHS OFF PITCH ROLLER 'HORROR'

A COLD, RAINY NIGHT IN STOKE IS NOT SO BAD

Star escapes serious injury after being run over

by NADEEM BADHAH

FORMER England winger Andros Townsend has joked Stoke away "wasn't so bad after all" following a bizarre incident in Thailand where he was run over by a pitch roller.

Full story: Page 9



(1) MAIN HEADLINE:

A COLD, RAINY NIGHT IN STOKE IS NOT SO BAD

(2) SUB-HEADLINES:

- ANDROS TOWNSEND LAUGHS OFF PITCH ROLLER 'HORROR'
- Star escapes serious injury after being run over
- City's high five — SEE STARSPOUT INSIDE
- Oasis roll in it — PAGE 11
- Ed Tear-an has stage breakdown — PAGE 11

(3) Summary:

Former England winger Andros Townsend has joked that Stoke away "wasn't so bad after all" following a bizarre incident in Thailand where he was run over by a pitch roller. He escaped serious injury and went on to play. Full story: Page 9.

(4) Newspaper name: **Daily Star**

(5) Bylines: **NO BYLINE ON PAGE.**  Discarded: the vision pipeline reported "BY HADEM BAKHTIAR", and two independent `vision_analyze` reads returned "by NADREM BADHAN" and "BY JAMES HARRIS" — three mutually inconsistent names, all uncorroborated. Full-resolution macOS Vision OCR of the entire cover at confidence 1.00 found **no byline line anywhere**, so no author is recorded for the Star today. The Star's online version of the Townsend story is credited to Amie Wilson.

Authors

Daily Express

- **Jonathan Walker** (Whitehall Editor) — cover story byline **Bio:** Jonathan Walker is Whitehall Editor of the Daily and Sunday Express, based at Westminster, where he writes on transport, health, education, the economy and the cost of living, and has interviewed prime ministers from Tony Blair to Rishi Sunak. He previously served as Deputy Political Editor of the Sunday Express and as Political Editor of Birmingham Live, and he also acts as a news editor for the Express. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches — no IPSO ruling, apology or correction naming him surfaced; the only "Jonathan Walker" controversies online concern unrelated namesakes (an American abolitionist, a rugby league player, a US judge and a convicted criminal), not this journalist. **Sources:** [Jonathan Walker — Express profile](#), [Jonathan Walker — About me](#), [Jonathan Walker — LinkedIn](#), [Birmingham Live author page](#)

Daily Mirror

- **Tom Bryant** (Associate Editor, Showbiz) — cover story byline **Bio:** Tom Bryant is Associate Editor (Showbiz) at the Daily Mirror, where he has worked for nearly two decades. He has interviewed the Rolling Stones, Paul McCartney and Dolly Parton, won Arts and Entertainment Reporter of the Year at the 2019 British Journalism Awards for agenda-setting exclusives including Jamie Oliver's £5 million Shell deal, and is a multiple Press Awards nominee. He shares the online credit on today's Sheeran story with Dan Warburton and Ashlie Blakey. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches — no IPSO ruling, correction or press row attaches to him. His 21 Sep 2026 Mirror comment piece on the Sheeran/Palestine row ("Enough is enough") is a stated editorial position rather than a recorded controversy. **Sources:** [Tom Bryant — Mirror profile](#), [Daily Mirror lands hat-trick of top prizes at the British Journalism Awards \(Press Gazette\)](#), [Ed Sheeran left heartbroken over Palestine row — Mirror](#), ['Angry mob are forgetting one key thing in Ed Sheeran row' — Mirror](#)

Daily Star

- *No journalist byline is printed on today's Star front page (see the discard note in the Star section). The online version of the cover story is credited to Amie Wilson, Daily Star writer — not researched here as a print byline.*

Research notes

- **Wikipedia was no help and produced notability traps for both names.** `Jonathan Walker` resolves to a disambiguation list (abolitionist, rugby league player, US judge, actor, musician, soccer keeper) and `Tom Bryant` redirects to *Thomas Bryant*, the American basketball player. Neither has an encyclopaedia article as a journalist; both extracts were discarded as mismatches.
- **Both bios came from the papers' own author pages** (Express `/journalist/123551/Jonathan-Walker`, JSON-LD `jobTitle` + `description`; Mirror `/authors/tom-bryant/`), corroborated by Press Gazette and the journalists' own profiles.
- **IPSO yields nothing at individual-journalist level.** `site:ipso.co.uk` searches return outlet-level rulings only (e.g. "express.co.uk v ..."), never named rank-and-file reporters; "None found in public-record searches" is the honest answer here.
- **OCR beat the vision model twice today** (Express role, Mirror byline) and refuted three hallucinated Star bylines.

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