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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: this is a Saturday run — Newsworks carries no weekend covers, so all three covers below are the **Friday 23 October 2026** editions (filenames use today's date). Bylines verified against the papers' own author pages and cover stories, not just the vision read.*

Daily Express

⚠ *FALLBACK — 2026-10-23 edition, today's cover could not be fetched (not today's paper)*



1. **MAIN HEADLINE:**
   “NOW GET TOUGH / TO STOP RISE IN / ‘SHOCKING’ / ATTACKS / ON WOMEN”
2. **SUB-HEADLINES visible:**

- “Demand for end to ‘lenient sentences’ after sex violence cases hit record high”
- “Yawn of death for Ross as the Traitors strike again”
- “PREPARE FOR FOOD SHORTAGES AND DISRUPTION, WARNS STREETING”
- “Princess of hugs admits she is missing her George”

- Standfirst/deck: “VICTIMS of ‘shocking’ attacks on women need tougher sentences to halt record levels of violence, the Government’s sentencing overhaul will not be enough to deal with it”

3. **SUMMARY:** The front page calls for tougher sentencing to stop a rise in “shocking” attacks on women, after record-high sex violence cases and criticism that the Government’s sentencing overhaul is insufficient.
4. **NEWSPAPER NAME:** DAILY EXPRESS
5. **BYLINES:**
   BY MICHAEL KNOWLES

Daily Mirror

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(1) **MAIN HEADLINE:** Indefensible

(2) **SUB-HEADLINES:**

- COVID REPORT FALLOUT
- Bereaved families demand Hancock should be stripped of Right Honourable title over thousands of pandemic care home deaths
- Other visible cover headline: Traitors in chaos

(3) **SUMMARY:** Bereaved families are calling for Matt Hancock to be stripped of his Right Honourable title after a damning report criticised his conduct over thousands of pandemic care home deaths.

(4) **NEWSPAPER:** Daily Mirror

(5) **BYLINES:**
BY MARTIN BAGOT
*(the printed job title came through garbled in the vision read — the Mirror author page gives **Health and Science Editor**; the pipeline's "Whitehall Editor" was wrong)*

Daily Star

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1. **Main headline:** “Ross: Traitors
   harder than
   any war zone”
2. **Sub-headlines / editorial teasers exactly as printed:** “BOOTED STAR SPEAKS OUT”; “Twinner Sydney!”; “THE YAWN ULTIMATUM” *(ad/promotional copy excluded).*
3. **Summary:** Ross Kemp says the “Traitors” are harder than any war zone, with the full story inside.
4. **Newspaper name:** DAILY STAR

5. **Bylines:**
   BY JAMES CABOOTER
   (pipeline read this as "James Cabbage" — misread, corrected)

Authors

Daily Express

- **Michael Knowles** — cover story byline (Home Affairs and Defence Editor) **Bio:** 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, with a particular focus on the Channel migration crisis. Shortlisted for the 2020 Cudlipp Award for an investigation into child trafficking in Afghanistan, and has appeared on LBC to discuss criminal justice and the war in Ukraine. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches. IPSO's own search API returned no results for his name, and no entry appears in the Express or Mirror corrections archives for him.

  Sources: Michael Knowles — Express journalist page, Defending the Nation newsletter (Express, Jan 2026), IPSO search — no results. Wikipedia note: `Michael_Knowles` is a disambiguation page (American Daily Wire commentator, a Tory MP, an actor, a film producer, a rugby player) — **none is the Express journalist**, so it was discarded.

Daily Mirror

- **Martin Bagot** — cover story byline (Health and Science Editor) **Bio:** Responsible for the Mirror's health and science beat, with more than a decade of reporting on medical advances from cancer to dementia and obesity. He covered the Covid-19 pandemic and continues to scrutinise the state of the NHS, and won Best News Story at the Medical Journalists Association Awards 2026 for an exposé of how dementia patients are treated in NHS hospitals. He runs several Mirror campaigns (Dentists for All, Heel Prick Test for SMA Now, Give a Pint Save a Life, Fair Care for All, Change the Law for Life) and writes the paper's Health Check newsletter. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches. No IPSO results for his name and no entry in Reach's corrections archive for the Mirror or Star. **Sources:** Martin Bagot — Mirror author page, Mirror Health Editor wins top 'news story' award for dementia scoop, LinkedIn — Health and Science Editor, Daily Mirror, IPSO search — no results. No Wikipedia article exists for him.

Daily Star

- **James Cabooter** — cover story byline (showbiz/music writer; "Off the Record" editor) **Bio:** Showbiz and music writer at the Daily Star who edits the paper's daily *Wired* gossip column; his own bio line is "Music & showbiz writer, Daily Star's Wired, Fender Rhodes tinkler, tortoise feeder". Before the Star he was a freelance showbiz reporter at The Sun Online (News UK) from 2006, and he appeared as a BBC Radio 1 "Sound Of 2013" pundit for the paper. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches. IPSO's search API returned no results, and the Star's own corrections-and-clarifications archive carries no entry naming him. **Sources:** James Cabooter — Daily Star author page, LinkedIn — Off the Record Editor, Daily Star, Feedspot — Daily Star journalists list, Daily Star (UK) — Wikipedia (Wired column edited by James Cabooter), BBC Radio 1 Sound Of 2013 pundits, IPSO search — no results. No standalone Wikipedia article exists for him.

Verification notes

- **Express** — cover byline **correct** in the pipeline read. Corroborated: the matching story "Andy Burnham warned of growing violence crisis — 'tip of the iceberg'" carries `journalist/123184/Michael-Knowles` and the byline "By Michael Knowles, Home Affairs and Defence Editor".
- **Mirror** — pipeline read "Martin Bagot **Whitehall** Editor" (a full-page vision re-read gave "youth editor"); both wrong. Name confirmed by the cover story Hancock / Privy Council petition which carries `authors/martin-bagot`, and the author page gives **Health and Science Editor**.
- **Star** — pipeline read "James **Cabbage**"; the cover story "Tough guy Ross Kemp says being in Celebrity Traitors is harder than being in a war zone" carries `authors/james-cabooter` (×7), and `dailystar.co.uk/authors/james-cabooter/` is live while `james-cabbage` and `james-cardooter` both 404.
- IPSO checked via FlareSolverr against `https://www.ipso.co.uk/wp-json/wp/v2/search?search=<name>&per_page=20` — a literal `[]` for all three names (the cleanest possible negative). Rulings name publications, not journalists, so surname hits elsewhere would not have been evidence.
- No stale-image warnings: all three covers byte-different from the previous saved editions.

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