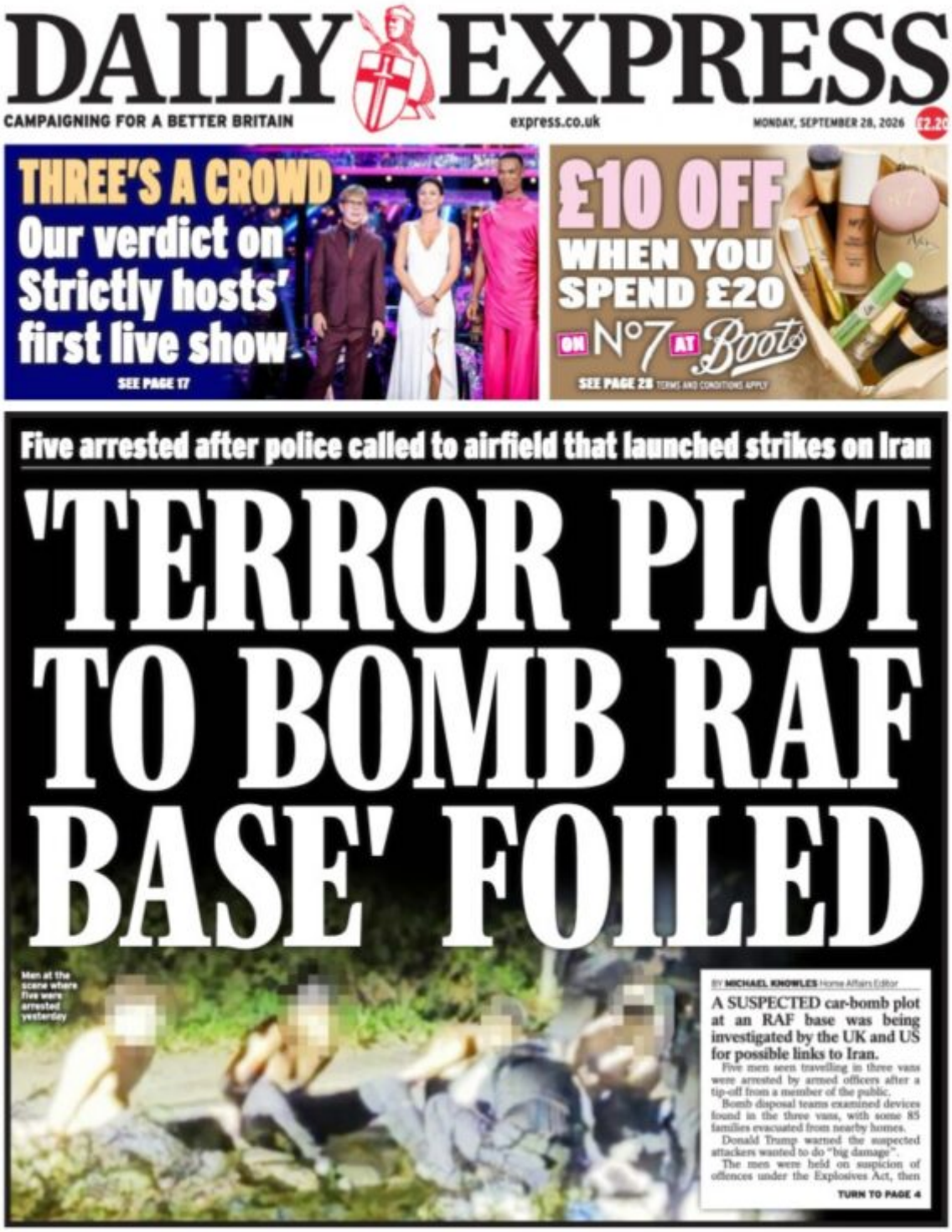
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Daily print front pages of the Express, Mirror and Star. Read via DeepSeek vision (deepseek-v4-flash-vision-exp).

Daily Express

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(1) 'TERROR PLOT
TO BOMB RAF
BASE' FOILED

(2) Sub-headlines:

- Five arrested after police called to airfield that launched strikes on Iran
- Our verdict on Strictly hosts' first live show
  (Other visible promo headline: THREE'S A CROWD)

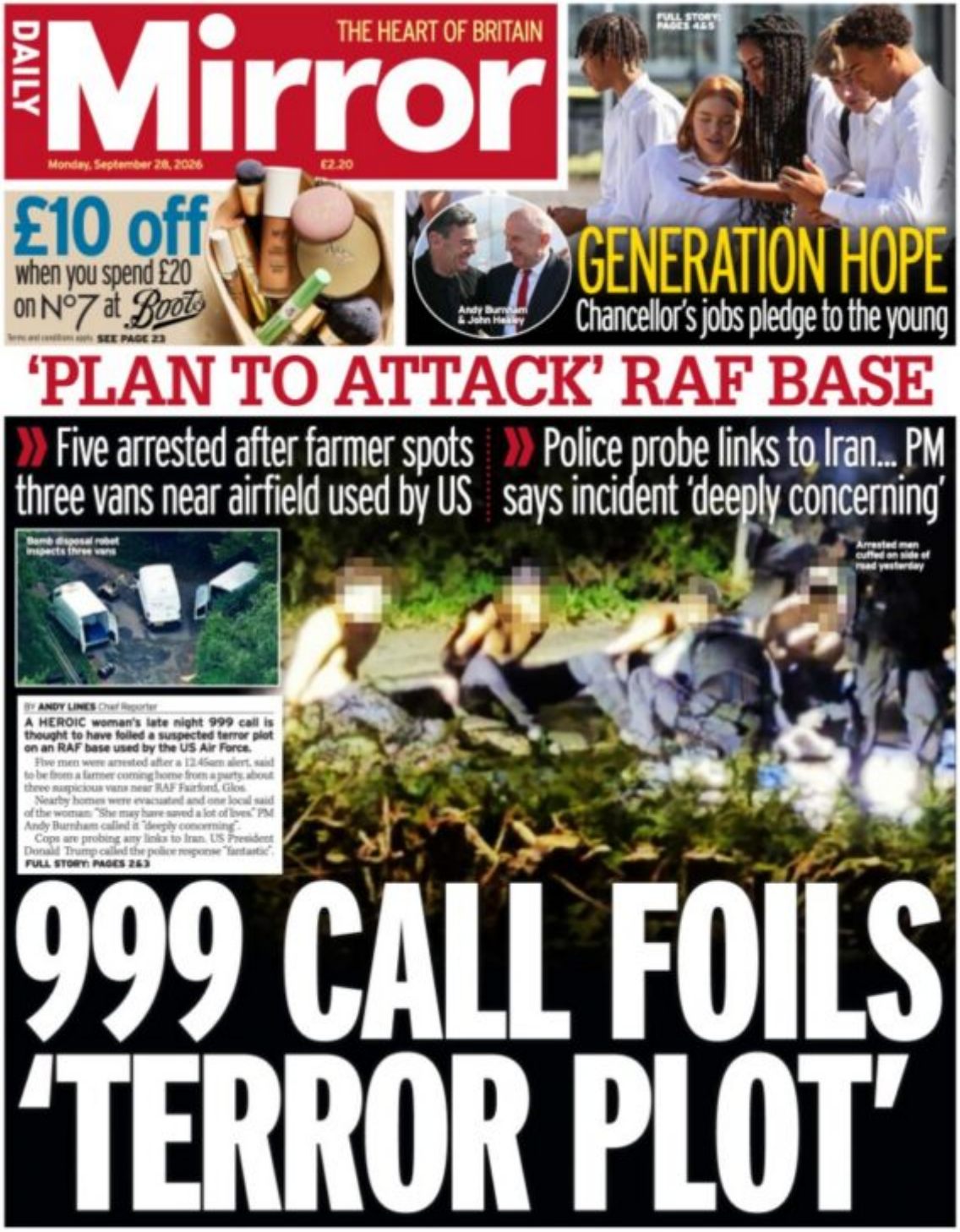
(3) UK and US investigators examined a suspected car-bomb plot at an RAF base for possible links to Iran. Five men were arrested after a “specific threat,” and bomb-disposal teams checked devices found in a vehicle.

(4) DAILY EXPRESS

(5) BY MICHAEL KNOWLES Home Affairs and Defence Editor

Daily Mirror

print cover via Newsworks (2026-09-28)



(1) MAIN headline:
999 CALL FOILS 'TERROR PLOT'

(2) Sub-headlines:

- 'PLAN TO ATTACK' RAF BASE
- Five arrested after farmer spots three vans near airfield used by US
- Police probe links to Iran... PM says incident 'deeply concerning'

Other visible front-page headline/subhead:

- GENERATION HOPE
- Chancellor's jobs pledge to the young

(3) Summary:
A woman’s late-night 999 call led to five arrests and foiled a suspected terror plot on an RAF base used by the US Air Force after a farmer reported suspicious vans. Police are examining possible Iran links, and the PM called the incident “deeply concerning.”

(4) Newspaper name:
Daily Mirror

(5) Journalist bylines visible:
BY ANDY LINES Chief Reporter

Daily Star

print cover via Newsworks (2026-09-28)



(1) MAIN headline: THEY WERE LOOKING TO DO BIG DAMAGE

(2) Sub-headlines / other headline text:

- TRUMP PRAISE AS 5 HELD IN RAF BASE 'BOMB PLOT'
- MPs AT ODDS
- RAIN AUSTEN
- CITY 'STOLE JOY'

(3) Summary: Armed police arrested five men at a suspected bomb factory near a UK military base used by US troops; the suspects were allegedly “looking to do big damage.” The page also carries a top strapline linking the case to Trump praise.

(4) Newspaper name: Daily Star

(5) Bylines: BY NADEEM BADSHAH

Authors

Daily Express

- **Michael Knowles** (Home Affairs and Defence Editor) — cover story byline (Cover printed title — the pipeline's first read logged "DEPUTY POLITICAL EDITOR"; the printed cover and the paper's own byline both say **Home Affairs and Defence Editor**.) **Bio:** Michael Knowles is Home Affairs and Defence Editor at the Daily Express, which he joined as a reporter in July 2016 after reporting for the Watford Observer (March 2014 – December 2015, promoted to senior reporter). He specialises in immigration, people smuggling, organised crime, terrorism, intelligence, policing and the military capability of the British Armed Forces, writes frequently on the Channel migration crisis, and was shortlisted for the Cudlipp Award in 2020 for an investigation into child trafficking in Afghanistan (children abused crossing from Afghanistan into Iran). He has appeared on LBC discussing criminal justice, migration and the war in Ukraine. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches. No IPSO ruling names him: the IPSO full-text search for "Michael Knowles" returns 18 case blocks across 4 pages, all matching other complainants (e.g. *Simon v thesun.co.uk*, *Muslim Association of Britain v The Daily Telegraph*, *Ross v thejc.com*) — IPSO rulings name publications, not named journalists. Name-collision trap confirmed: the Wikipedia entry "Michael Knowles" is a disambiguation page listing an American Daily Wire political commentator, a British Conservative MP, an actor, a film producer and a rugby player — **none of these is the Express journalist**, so no Wikipedia bio was used. **Sources:** Michael Knowles — Express journalist page, Terror cops issue huge Iran update on RAF base bomb plot — Express (byline), Muck Rack — Michael Knowles, IPSO search: "Michael Knowles"

Daily Mirror

- **Andy Lines** (Chief Reporter) — cover story byline **Bio:** Andy Lines is Chief Reporter of the Daily Mirror, based in London, a member of the NUJ. He first joined the Mirror in 1995 and spent five years as the paper's US Editor, covering 9/11. He has reported on 7/7, Grenfell, the Bataclan and Columbine attacks, Frank Sinatra's funeral and the 2000 US election, was in Kyiv the night Russia invaded in 2022, and won Amnesty International's news

reporter of the year in 2019 for reporting from inside Yemen. He has also served as the Mirror's head of news, rejoining the paper as chief reporter from PR firm Media House, where he had been head of operations for three years, and he secured a world-exclusive interview with Bill Clinton in 2001. **Controversies:** The Mirror apologised in November 2014 over a "grossly inaccurate" front-page exclusive, "*EBOLA TERROR AS PASSENGER DIES AT GATWICK*" (4 August 2014), by-lined to Lines and Rebecca Younger — the splash claimed a passenger from Sierra Leone had died of Ebola at Gatwick, while paragraph 22 of the same article conceded she had tested negative; Hacked Off contrasted the "terrifying" splash with the paper's small correction. No IPSO ruling names him: the IPSO search returns 16 case blocks across 4 pages, all unrelated complainants (e.g. *Laker v Daily Mail*, *Johnson v The Sun*, *Tysoe v Daily Express*). Name-collision trap confirmed: Wikipedia's "Andy Lines" is an Anglican bishop (ACNA/GAFCON), not the journalist, so no Wikipedia bio was used. **Sources:** Andy Lines — Mirror author page (bio), Compare and Contrast: The Daily Mirror's terrifying ebola headline vs the tiny correction — Hacked Off, Andy Lines rejoins Daily Mirror as chief reporter — Press Gazette, Muck Rack — Andy Lines , IPSO search: "Andy Lines"

Daily Star

- **Nadeem Badshah** (freelance journalist) — cover story byline (Byline correction trail: the pipeline's first read logged "NADENE BADHAM"; two upscaled re-reads of the byline box gave "NADEEM BADSHAN"/"NADEEM BADSHAH". Settled via the paper's own author archive — `dailystar.co.uk/authors/nadeem-badshah/` serves a live author page, while `nadeem-badshan` and `nadene-badham` both return the Star's 404 page.) **Bio:** Nadeem Badshah is a UK-based freelance journalist who writes for the Daily Star among other titles. The Times profile states: "Nadeem Badshah is a freelance journalist. He was formerly a senior reporter at the Eastern Eye newspaper. He has also written for The Guardian and The Independent." The Guardian carries a standing author profile describing him as a freelance journalist; Muck Rack lists him as a verified Freelance Journalist in the United Kingdom, seen in The Guardian, MSN, Daily Mail, Daily Mirror, Sunday Mirror and The Sun. The Daily Star's own author page for him lists recent work on Strictly Come Dancing, Met Office weather and Jeremy Clarkson, i.e. general news and showbiz, and carries **no published bio block**. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches. IPSO returns zero case blocks for "Nadeem Badshah" (searches on `?s=` and its pagination return no results at all — the cleanest possible "none found"). **Sources:** Nadeem Badshah — Daily Star author page, Nadeem Badshah — The Guardian profile, Nadeem Badshah — The Times profile, Muck Rack — Nadeem Badshah, IPSO search: "Nadeem Badshah" (0 results)

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