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## Defective implants 'threaten' the unborn

Researchers call for breast surgery inquiry

Martin Barrow Health Editor

Thousands of women with faulty breast implants are at risk of exposure to chemicals known to damage unborn babies, experts warn in a report published today by the Royal Society of Medicine.

They have called for a new inquiry into the possible harm caused by the silicone implants, made by the French company Poly Implant Prothèse (PIP), after disputing the findings of an investigation by the medical director of NHS England. They accuse a panel chaired by Professor Sir Bruce Keogh of relying on outdated data and ignoring new evidence of the risks posed when the implants rupture, particularly during pregnancy.

About 42,000 British women have the PIP implants, which were banned in March 2010 owing to concerns over the use of an unauthorised industrial filler.

The French Government recommended that all women with PIP implants have them removed as a precaution, but in Britain the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Authority (MHRA) said that there was no need for their routine removal.

In July last year a panel convened by the Department of Health and chaired by Sir Bruce concluded that they "have not shown any evidence of significant risk to human health".

But experts on the impact of chemical substances on human and animal health have criticised the findings. Writing in *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine*, Victoria Martinide and

Andre Menaché point to evidence showing that the implants were found to contain a high proportion of a group of molecules, including one known as DM that has been identified as an endocrine-disrupting chemical. In low doses EDCs are known to cause damage to a developing foetus.

"Considering these known risks and the fact that most women receiving breast implants were of reproductive age we would expect the MHRA and the Department of Health to fulfil its duty of care and thoroughly investigate these risks as well as provide full information to patients," Ms Martinide and Mr Menaché say.

They also highlight risks associated with traces of platinum, lead and zinc used in the manufacturing process, and say that women should be aware that a more detailed analysis of the gel used by PIP is yet to be completed.

Ms Martinide and Mr Menaché say that the expert panel based much of its evidence on animal data, overlooking readily available research carried out on human cell lines, and that it accepted some results while dismissing others, without providing human-based support tests as backing.

They also say that the MHRA and regulatory panel relied upon the findings of non-UK bodies for the basis of its policy making. Yet some key findings by French and German regulatory bodies were known to be unreliable, because PIP staff were given time to conceal evidence of the cheaper alloys being used before factory inspections took place. The authors are

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Dazzling: The Queen attended her 60th State Opening of Parliament yesterday wearing the Imperial State Crown and Queen Victoria's pearl earrings. **Page 6, 7**

## Now Portillo turns against Cameron on future of EU

Roland Watson, Kat Lay

Tory pressure on David Cameron over Europe intensified last night when Michael Portillo and Boris Johnson both said Britain should be ready to quit the EU.

Mr Portillo, the former Cabinet minister, accused the Prime Minister of resorting to a cynical referendum ploy that smacked of deception. He said that, like Lord Lawson of Blaby, he would vote in the EU today.

The Prime Minister's promised referendum was a manoeuvre that would lead to "minimal renegotiation" and lacked conviction, he said, writing in *The Times* today. "You cannot imagine Margaret Thatcher approaching the issue in such an incoherent and political way," he said.

Mr Johnson did not go as far as saying that he would quit the EU today, but said it was "much less clear" that

She's back: Whip is restored to Dorries

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The UK would suffer by severing its ties with Brussels. "The debate is of less existential importance," he said. Mr Johnson favoured trying to renegotiate Britain's terms of membership, adding: "But we should be prepared to leave if we cannot get what we want."

The comments came as Lord Lawson's call for Britain to leave the EU rebounded through a Tory parliamentary party meeting over the UKIP election in last week's local elections. The mood, which had been calm after a comparatively uncontroversial Budget in March, improving poll numbers and a coming together after the death of Lady Thatcher, has been shaken.

Lord Lawson's article in *The Times* on Tuesday, arguing that Mr Cameron's efforts to renegotiate lower ties with Brussels were bound to be inconsequential, has threatened to destabilise it further. One senior MP said they thought that the number of Conservative colleagues who would vote to leave the EU immediately was "between a

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**Judge praises Keira**  
Keira Knightley's "no frills" wedding at the weekend has been praised by a High Court judge as an example to all young couples on how to tie the knot. **News, page 3**

**Bryan Forbes dies**  
The actor and director Bryan Forbes has died aged 86. His work included *The Sandlot* and *Whistle Down the Wind*. **News, page 11**

**Hawking Israel row**  
Stephen Hawking, the eminent physicist, has thrown his weight behind an academic boycott of Israel by pulling out of a conference hosted by President Peres. **News, page 6**

**Kidnap women home**  
The sound of cheers and cries, two of the women kept in prisoners for a decade at a house in Cleveland returned to their homes to recover from their ordeal. **World, pages 26, 27**

**Sainsbury's challenge**  
The boss of Sainsbury's has attacked the tax take from bricks-and-mortar businesses as unfair, calling for ministers to address the march of online retailers. **Business, page 13**

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## Terror plot 'ringleader' had just returned to UK

Medical student dubbed 'the Surgeon' was under surveillance for months

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The suspected ringleader of an alleged plot to carry out an Islamic State attack on the streets of London arrived back in Britain only 48 hours before he was arrested in an anti-terrorism raid. Security agencies believe that Tarik Hassane, 21, had been in Syria, but flew back to London from Sudan at the weekend. MI6 had been tracking the movements and communications of the medical student from Ladbrooke Grove, west London, whose nickname is "the surgeon", for months. His arrest came less than 12 hours after he tweeted "O la la... I smell war! Friends insisted that the remark was banter. The alleged plot is one of several under investigation by the authorities and the tense security situation led last night to Theresa May, the home secretary, abandoning plans to restructure Britain's counterterrorism policing. The Home Office had wanted to trap the Metropolitan police of responsibility for national counterterrorism and pass it to the National Crime Agency. However, Mrs May wrote to police chiefs saying that the proposal was being shelved "in light of the recent increase in the terrorist threat level". The development came as Philip Hammond, the foreign secretary, said that ministers would be prepared to go back to parliament to seek permission to extend British military action in Syria if US commanders considered it useful. "We absolutely had not ruled out playing a role in Syria," he said. Nineteen people were killed in Turkey as Kurds roiled over the counter-insurgency in the crisis, and there was further intensive fighting between

## Cameron resists calls for ebola screening

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Jill Sherman, Deborah Haynes

David Cameron is facing growing calls to screen airline passengers for ebola as they arrive in Britain after the United States ordered immediate checks at airports last night. Hundreds of NHS staff and more than 700 British troops will be sent to Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea as the government insists that the best way to protect the UK is to contain the deadly virus in west Africa. Surprise ebola outbreaks will also be simulated around Britain to test how well the health service is prepared. The World Health Organisation attempted to calm fears in Europe yesterday as a news came of the death of an ebola victim in America. This coincided with reports in Spain of a series of failures in infection control measures that prompted panic after a nurse caught the virus in Madrid. Jeremy Hunt, the health secretary, insisted that Britain's specialist ebola unit "probably has the most experience in western Europe in dealing with highly infectious diseases". However, he added: "We are one of the most well-prepared nations in the world. We need to be prepared. Ebola is one of the most serious health emergencies of recent years. We are taking it incredibly seriously."

Hospital doctors and other health professionals have been put on high alert to look out for anyone with flu-like symptoms who could have contracted ebola. Dame Sally Davies, the chief medical officer, circulated new guidance on the key steps needed to identify potential sufferers.

Patients with unexplained fevers should be asked whether they have travelled to affected countries. Posters will be put up in airports to inform anyone coming in from an infected area to phone a hotline if they have concerns. During an emergency Cobra meeting in Downing Street yesterday, Dame Sally disclosed that hundreds of nurses and doctors would be flown to Sierra Leone to help staff the new medical units which are being set up by the military.

Three other men, two aged 20 and one 21, were arrested in simultaneous raids. All four were being interviewed last night at a high security police station in London. **Continued on page 2, col 3**



## BP bows to Obama and cancels its dividends

Company may file for bankruptcy protection

**Catherine Philp  
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BP capitulated to the White House yesterday, cancelling dividend payments to shareholders for the rest of the year and promising \$20 billion (£14 billion) for an independently run compensation fund for victims of the Deepwater Horizon catastrophe. After a poorly received speech to the House yesterday, President Obama emerged to announce that the massive fund was not a cap on BP's liability. Minutes later the company's chairman offered his first full apology. "I would like to apologise to the American people on behalf of all the employees of BP. We hope we will resolve this as quickly as possible."

## Oceans apart from oil slick to luxury yacht

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Carl Hensby says that he is "personally devastated" by the spill. One of those who is question him, but Barack, the Michigan Democrat, said he expected Mr Hayward to be "silenced and dead". BP says that it plans to make \$100 million worth of chart sales over the next year to help to pay for the clean-up and compensation. The company is also "setting aside" some US assets to make up the \$20 billion fund. The decision shows how to the White House pressure on compensation payments and dividends, and the prospect of a new legal battle. But legal experts said it raised the spectre of bankruptcy. With additional legal liabilities poten-

## IN THE NEWS

### Private head quilts after 'hostile Britain' attack

Yucky Tick, the headmistress of Chesham Ladies' College, the country's most highly regarded girls' school, is leaving for a post in Switzerland after attacks on private education. She had been made to feel as if she were involved in something "slightly immoral". For running a fee-charging school, she said. She will become director general of the International School of Geneva. **News, page 2**

### Osborne's Bank reforms

George Osborne promised the most dramatic change to the policing of Britain's banks for a generation, scrapping the City regulator and returning all powers of scrutiny to the Bank of England. He announced the reforms in his first Mansion House dinner, the most important City function for the Chancellor. **News, page 5**

### McGuinness challenged

Martin McGuinness, Northern Ireland's Deputy First Minister, should come clean and confirm whether he killed two policemen in Londonderry three days before Bloody Sunday in January 1972. George Campbell, the city's Unionist MP, has said. The officers were the first to be shot in the city during the Troubles. **News, page 10**

### Shannon mother finding

A mother who kidnapped her own nine-year-old daughter, Shannon, was not such a poor parent that any of her seven children should have been taken into care, a report has suggested. Karen Matthews was jailed last year for eight years for her role in what the judge described as a "bully despicable plot". **News, page 21**

### Qataris eye hotel assets

The Qatar Investment Authority, one of the world's richest sovereign wealth funds, will buy UK interests including Harrods and the US Embassy building in London, it is already to bid for two London hotels, the Sava and Grosvenor House. The Times, 18.10.10. **Business, page 47**

### Wimbledon seedings

Roger Federer was promoted to No 1 seed for the forthcoming All England Championships. There will be only two British men in the year's field, the lowest in the tournament's 130-year existence, with Andy Murray seeded at No 4. The men's doubles will also be made up of two women's seeds respectively. **Sport, pages 95, 99**

## Goalie's girlfriend starts the Spanish inquisition

All the World Cup Cupation and James Corden inside the game

**IN THE NEWS**

**Yes to nuclear plant**  
The European Commission gave the go-ahead for EDF Energy, the French power company, to build the first new nuclear power station in Britain for 27 years. **Page 41**

**The big experiment**  
Ten of thousands of school children are to take part in classroom trials to see if new findings in neuroscience can be used to boost standards in education. **Page 4**

**Dewani gay websites**  
Shrien Dewani's computer was hacked into British and gay websites the day before his wife Anni was murdered by her honeymoon, his murder trial was told. **Page 5**

**EU migrant curbs**  
Britain welcomed a proposal from Brussels for new curbs on the movement of migrant workers from new states from eastern Europe join the EU in the next decade. **Page 2**

**The 'bionic man'**  
A Swedish truck driver has been given a "biological" prosthetic arm in an advance that blurs the boundaries between man and machine. **Page 16**

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