

# Press in Britain

# A Bit of History

- Newspapers appeared in many European countries in the 17th century. The first English printed news book averaging twenty-two pages was the "Weekly News". It appeared in London in 1621. By the 1640s the news book had taken the form of a newspaper. The first periodical was the "London Gazette", a bi weekly court paper. It started as the "Oxford Gazette" in 1665 when the King and the court moved to Oxford because of London plague.

- The first English daily was "The Daily Courant" (1702-35). It was in 1771 that Parliament allowed journalists the right to report its proceedings. The "Times" was founded by John Walter in 1785, and "The Observer" was founded in 1791.



# Fleet Street



- **Fleet Street** (London (London)) was for centuries the home of the newspaper industry and the name is still used to describe the national press. It ran from the Fleet river, a noisome ditch, to the Strand—strategically between the city and the court. From Tudor times it was the haunt of booksellers, writers, and printers. The first daily newspaper, the Daily Courant, was established there in 1702, and The Times, in Printing House Square to the east, followed in 1785, under the name Daily Universal Register.



# Fleet Street – symbol of the British press





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# TIMES

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# Penalty points double for speeding drivers

- Motorists could be banned for two offences
- Moves to halve fine in children killed on roads

The six-point offences

Speed limit	Penalty points	Maximum fine
20	6pts	£100
30	32mph	£100
40	45	£100
50	57	£100
60	70	£100

### Sir Ian Blair-backed inquiry into shooting

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- “The Times” has been published in London since 1785. It is the UK’s leading daily newspaper for business people.
- In 2010 the paper’s circulation was 502 436 copies daily



## 'Third man' tells of bomb hunt ordeal

### Gym card link put Somali in danger during police shooting

Ian Cobain and Vikram Dodd

A man being sought by the police team which accidentally shot dead Jean Charles de Menezes has spoken for the first time to the Guardian of his shock at being caught up in the search for the would-be suicide bombers.

Abdi Omar, a Somali-born bus driver, was one of two men detectives were looking for when they began following the young Brazilian from his home in south London. Mr Omar is a friend of one of the four suspects, Hussain Osman, and rents a flat above the apartment where Mr de Menezes was living.

"It could have been me who got shot that day," Mr Omar said. "I don't know what to make of all this. I don't know what I should do."

Police had been watching the block where both men lived, in Scotia Road, Tulse Hill, because they had discov-

ered Mr Omar's gym membership card in a rucksack holding the bomb intended to blow up a tube train in Shepherd's Bush, west London.

However, Mr Omar says he had lent his membership card to Hussain Osman, a suspect since arrested in Rome and facing extradition to Britain.

He said he was friendly with Osman, an Ethiopian-born British citizen, also known as Hamdi Adus Issac, who lived in Stockwell, south London.

"I knew him from the gym, although not well, not 100%," said Mr Omar, 42. "I lent him my card. But I have no idea why it was in the rucksack."

An army surveillance specialist, on attachment to Scotland Yard, had begun watching the flats where Mr Omar lived at 6.30am on the day after the failed attacks.

Mr Omar was living in a second-floor flat in the block, while Mr de Menezes was on the first floor. Police had decided to monitor everyone leaving through the front door.

When Mr de Menezes emerged the soldier was, according to his later statement, relieving himself, and was unsure whether he had been watching either Mr Omar or Mr Osman.

The soldier would have been

issued with at least one CCTV image of the Shepherd's Bush bombing suspect. He may also have had a photograph of Mr Omar: it is understood that Mr Omar's picture was on his membership card from the South Bank Club, a £395-a-year gym in south London.

According to members of Mr Omar's family, his mother-in-law was manhandled by armed police when they raided the home of his estranged wife a few hours after the death of Mr de Menezes.

The family said three plain-clothes officers with submachine guns surrounded his wife, Aziza Hassan, the cou-

ple's 12-year-old son, and her 74-year-old mother as they emerged from their home off Harrow Road, west London.

"She suffered a heart attack, and although she is now out of hospital, she needed heart surgery," said Mr Omar. Scotland Yard would not comment, other than to confirm that a complaint was being investigated.

Questioning Ms Hassan, detectives realised her husband had left the country five days before the bombing, after telling relatives that he was making a short trip to Somalia. Apparently, this heightened their suspicions. Mr Omar de-

nies going to Somalia but says he was abroad on July 21. "I knew nothing about what was happening until I came back."

He says he went to see the police when he returned to London two weeks ago. "They questioned me like they weren't interested. They asked me: 'Why do you think we are suspecting you?' I said: 'I don't know'. By this time they knew all about the gym card, and they told my lawyer later that they were not interested in me."

"They have damaged my life and my family. But if they ask me, I would help them."

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## Storm troopers Some residents who chose to stay reported stranded or dead



Downtown New Orleans yesterday during the devastating winds and rain from Hurricane Katrina Photograph: Mark Wilson/Getty Images

## New Orleans deluged as Katrina batters coast

## Bush accused of Aids damage to Africa

Jeevan Vasagar and agencies in Nairobi and Julian Borger in Washington

A senior United Nations official has accused President George Bush of "doing damage to Africa" by cutting funding for condoms, a move which may jeopardise the successful fight against HIV/Aids in Uganda.

Stephen Lewis, the UN secretary general's special envoy for HIV/Aids in Africa, said US cuts in funding for condoms and an emphasis on promoting abstinence had contributed to a shortage of condoms in Uganda, one of the few African countries which has succeeded in reducing its infection rate.

"There is no doubt in my mind that the condom crisis in Uganda is being driven by [US policies]," Mr Lewis said yesterday. "To impose a dogma-driven policy that is fundamentally flawed is doing damage to Africa."

The condom shortage has developed because both the Ugandan government and the US, which is the main donor for HIV/Aids prevention, have allowed supplies to dwindle, according to an American pressure group, the Centre for Health and Gender Equity (Change).

In 2003, President Bush declared he would spend \$12bn on his emergency plan for Aids relief, but receiving aid under





### China's bolshie bourgeoisie

The odd phenomenon of middle-class property activism **ANALYSIS** Page 11

### On the borderline

MARTIN WOLF on why walls won't stop immigration Page 11



### The media barons

The Mohrs shouldn't leave risk-taking to the Murdochs **JOHN GAPPER** Page 8

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# FINANCIAL TIMES

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## BRIEFING

### China approves US's bid for Beijing Securities

The US has secured a landmark agreement to take control of troubled Shanghai Securities, the first US firm to do so, following a lengthy process in the shadow of Chinese government's efforts. **Page 10** Editorial **Financials** Page 10

### Record turnout

French voters and French voters turned out in record numbers to elect members to the assembly to govern France's 2nd round in the second round. The results are in the early evening. **Page 5**

### Thaksin to step down

Thaksin Shinawatra, the Thai prime minister, said he was stepping down to end months of political turmoil that have sidelined governments and threatened the country's economic and social progress. **Page 4**

### Germany urges Iran talks

Germany's Foreign Minister, Frank-Walter Steinmeier, has urged the US to talk directly with Iran over its nuclear program. **Page 3**

### EU gambling cash threat

Germany, Italy and the other European states threaten to withhold contributions from ahead of the 2006 election. **Page 1**

### Delay will not stand

Further delays in the EU's decision to start the process...

# Energy at heart of EU bid to open markets

■ France, Spain and Italy face harshest criticism

By David Lipton in Brussels, Thomas Loken in London and Raphael Winkler in Strasbourg

The European Commission unveiled a plan to open up the energy market to competition in a bid to reduce costs and improve efficiency. The plan is part of a broader effort to reform the EU's internal market. It will require the UK, France, Spain and Italy to open up their markets to competition. The Commission will monitor progress and report back in 2007. The plan is part of a broader effort to reform the EU's internal market. It will require the UK, France, Spain and Italy to open up their markets to competition. The Commission will monitor progress and report back in 2007.

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### Slanging match Berlusconi raises election heat



### Pressure grows on Mittal to raise offer for Arcelor

By Peter Ward in London and Paddy Hennessey in Paris

Pressure grows on Lakshmi Mittal to raise his offer for Arcelor. The Indian steel magnate's bid for the French steel giant has been under fire since it was first announced. Mittal's offer is seen as a bid to take control of the company. The French government is expected to approve the deal. Mittal's offer is seen as a bid to take control of the company. The French government is expected to approve the deal.

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By JAMES FRAYS and  
DUNGAN LAHOUCHE  
PRINCE Harry alone indulges  
in attending a pal's birthday  
bark dressed as a Nazi soldier.  
Harry, 28, wore the swastika  
and desert uniform of Rommel's  
Luftwaffe German Afrika Korps in  
the party in West London, Wills.  
Last night he said: "I am very  
sorry if I have caused any  
offence. It was a great choice of  
entertainment and I apologise."  
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Prince's swastika outfit at party

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# MURDERERS

The Mail accuses these men of killing.  
If we are wrong, let them sue us



Gary Dobson



Neil Acourt



Jamie Acourt



LLee Knight



David Harris



# HE WAS 42 AND ALONE

Wednesday, August 17, 1977

6p

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# KING ELVIS DEAD



**FAT AND FORTY** . . . One of the last pictures of rocking king Elvis Presley on stage in America. His overeating made him a tragic sight

**From 1956 to 1977** in New York  
**ELVIS PRESLEY, the rock 'n' roll king who thrilled millions, died alone yesterday aged 42.**

He was killed by a massive heart attack . . . and died in his mansion alone before help could reach him. Elvis, who had been ill for weeks, died last night in his room at Graceland.

Mr. Starobin said he had been called to examine Elvis' body. He said he had seen the singer's body in the morgue and that he had seen the body in the morgue.

### FATHER

Elvis' father, Vernon Presley, who died in 1958, was one of the producers who helped Elvis become a star. He was one of the producers who helped Elvis become a star. He was one of the producers who helped Elvis become a star.

### The idol who had the whole world rocking

Elvis Presley was a rock and roll star who had the whole world rocking. He was a star who had the whole world rocking. He was a star who had the whole world rocking.

## A massive heart attack at mansion

Heart specialists said the singer died of a massive heart attack.

Elvis' death came with only a few hours of warning.

The singer had been ill for weeks.

He was found dead in his room.

His death was a tragedy.

He was a star who had the whole world rocking.

His death was a tragedy.

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- The newspaper is printed from Monday to Saturday in tabloid format and as of December 2008, it has an average daily circulation of 2,899,310 copies. The Sun sells more copies than any other daily newspaper in the United Kingdom and at its peak in the mid-1990s, the Sun regularly sold over 4,000,000 copies a day.

An **online newspaper**, also known as a **web newspaper**, is a newspaper, is a newspaper that exists on the World Wide Web, is a newspaper that exists on the World Wide Web or Internet, either separately or as an online version of a printed periodical.

Going online created more opportunities for newspapers, such as competing with broadcast journalism. Going online created more opportunities for newspapers, such as competing with broadcast journalism in presenting breaking news in a more timely manner. The credibility and strong brand recognition of well-established newspapers, and the close relationships they have with advertisers, are also seen by many in the newspaper industry as strengthening their chances of survival.<sup>[1]</sup> The movement away from the printing process can also help

The true online only paper is a paper that does not have any hard copy connections. An example of this is an independent web only newspaper, introduced in the UK in 2000, called the [Southport Reporter](#). It is a weekly regional newspaper that is not produced or run in any format other than 'soft-copy' on the internet by its publishers PCBT Photography. Unlike [blog](#) sites and other news websites it is run as a newspaper and is recognized by media groups in the UK

