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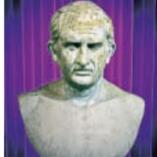
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Last week The Sunday Times received 13 nominations at the British Journalism awards, more than any other national newspaper.

**Christina Lamb** (1) is shortlisted for the features journalism prize, **Krissi Murison** (2) for the arts and entertainment award and **John Arlidge** (3) for the business prize. Arlidge is also in the technology journalism line-up, along with **Nick Rufford** (4), while the Insight team of **Jonathan Calvert**, **George Arbuthnott** and **David Collins** (5) contests the sports journalism award. Football Leaks, a series by Insight and European Investigative Collaborations, is up for investigation of the year (global).

In the new journalist of the year category, **Gabriel Pogruud** (5) is joined by our freelancers **Johannes Laubmeier** (6) and **Carlos Bafille** (7). Meanwhile, **Louise Callaghan** (8) is among the finalists for the foreign affairs award, as is **Claire Thomas** (9) for the photojournalism prize and **Martina Lees** (10) for the infrastructure, development and construction award.

The Sunday Times is also shortlisted for the scoop of the year for its Trident report. Our sister paper The Times received 10 nominations.



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## Corbyn snubs Israeli PM's dinner

## Labour leader rejects invitation to Balfour centenary celebration

Dipesh Gadhher

Labour is entangled in a fresh row over Israel after it emerged that Jeremy Corbyn has refused to attend an official dinner with the country's prime minister this week to mark the centenary of the Balfour Declaration, which helped to pave the way for a Jewish nation state.

The Labour leader's snub came as Israel's ambassador to London told The Sunday Times that those who oppose the historic declaration are "extremists" who reject Israel's right to exist and could be viewed on a par with terrorist groups such as Hamas.

The ambassador, Mark Regev, also suggested a "vocal minority" of British students and academics are still intent upon the destruction of Israel, 70 years after the country came into being.

Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli premier, has been invited to London by Theresa May to mark the Balfour centenary "with pride" on Thursday. However, Corbyn, a strong supporter of the Palestinian cause, has refused an invitation to a formal dinner that will take place in the evening. He has asked Emily Thornberry, the shadow foreign secretary, to attend in his place.

The move is reminiscent of last month's Labour Party conference in Brighton, where Corbyn avoided a Labour Friends of Israel reception attended by Regev.

He sent Thornberry instead, claiming he had to work on his leader's speech – only to be spotted at three other receptions on the same night.

That snub came despite a row over left-wing activists at a conference fringe meeting calling for some Jewish groups to be expelled from Labour. It forced Corbyn to deny that he is in charge of "the nasty party".

Signed on November 2, 1917, by Arthur Balfour, Britain's then foreign secretary,

the Balfour Declaration pledged the UK government's support for a Jewish "national home" in Palestine. The document is seen as a key staging post in the creation of Israel but has been criticised by Palestinians.

The Palestinian National Authority has described the declaration as "our tragedy" and has called on May to use this week's centenary to issue an apology, a move Downing Street has rejected.

Regev declined to speculate on Corbyn's actions but said: "Those who oppose the Balfour Declaration are exposing themselves for the extremists they are." Regev, the son of a Holocaust survivor, added: "Britain was on the right side of history."

Corbyn has previously called for an end to the "oppression" of the Palestinian people and, in line with official government policy, supports a two-state solution to the Middle East conflict. @dipeshgadhher

## Press freedom laws 'at risk from Labour'

Tim Shipman  
Political Editor

Ministers have warned that laws that protect press freedom, catch terrorists and expose drugs cheats are at risk after Labour announced plans to make changes to data storage legislation this week.

A Labour amendment to the Data Protection Bill, expected to be voted on tomorrow, would create an absolute right to privacy, which ministers say will tear up exemptions that allow journalists to protect sources. Removing the exemptions

might also give terrorist suspects unrestrained access to information held about them by the security services and stop anti-doping agencies processing health data on athletes to catch drug cheats.

The Labour peers Lord Stevenson of Balmacara and Baroness Hayer, backed by the Liberal Democrats, have tabled an amendment to insert article 8 of the EU's Charter of Fundamental Rights into the Data Protection Bill.

They argue that Britain's data laws must remain the same as those in the EU or UK

businesses will not be able to continue trading with the EU after Brexit.

But Matt Hancock, the digital minister, said the amendment would have the opposite effect, with serious unintended consequences.

He said: "The Data Protection Bill brings privacy laws into the modern age. It carefully protects privacy while allowing for important exemptions such as protecting the freedom of the press, safeguarding children and maintaining the integrity of professional sports.

"But this Labour ploy would place all the exemptions at risk and make our data laws non-compliant with EU rules, which threatens the vital free flow of data after we leave the EU. "This reckless amendment shows Labour are simply not serious about protecting people's rights."

Labour spokesman Liam Byrne accused Hancock of preparing to remove existing rights to privacy. "Mr Hancock is panicking and is rather desperately trying to sow confusion," he said. @shippersunbound

## Activists pressed for an inquest

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coffin were left behind, he said. Jonas, who lives nearby, continued: "We have been at this for 4½ years. We did put placards, one placard, asking for a coroner's inquest. There has been no desecration. About three years ago Mrs Kelly sent the police round to me one Saturday night. They started questioning me." Jonas said that Justice for Kelly, which has 11 members, had been pressing the Oxfordshire coroner, Darren Salter, for two years for an inquest. "We were going to go for an exhumation licence

ourselves. Earlier this year, around March, I said to the coroner, if you can't help us we might have to pursue an exhumation, and the next moment the exhumation went ahead. What does that tell you?"

Kelly was found dead near Longworth after swallowing 29 painkilling tablets and cutting his wrists. Some doctors have questioned whether the cuts could have caused enough blood loss to be fatal and the call for an inquest has been supported by some politicians.

However, the pathologist's report said there was a lot of blood, the wounds were "typical of self-inflicted injury" and there was no evidence of foul play.

Jonas said the body had been exhumed to stop it being used as evidence. "Why after 14 years would someone want to do this?" he said. "I think it's a bit more than Mrs Kelly." The family source denied any connection with the state, saying: "Janice just hated what was happening."



David Kelly arrives to testify to MPs a few days before his death



## Ex-Met detective leads BBC inquiry

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Riley is understood to have complained about the sports presenter as part of the 2013 Respect at Work Review carried out in the wake of the Jimmy Savile crisis.

The review was independent of the BBC and had been set up "to assess complaints of sexual harassment made by staff or freelancers at the BBC or involved in BBC productions". It uncovered 37 formal complaints of sexual harassment.

It is not known if the original allegation was proven, but the host has been part of the BBC's sports team up until the present time.

Riley joined Radio 5 Live in 2004 and has been the voice of sport on 5 live Breakfast since 2011. He also presents rugby league, darts and snooker for BBC television and radio. It is understood he has been suspended pending

the outcome of the inquiry. The group of female presenters – which includes television broadcaster Derbyshire, Today programme host Husain and Washington correspondent Rajini Vaidyanathan, along with some of the BBC's top female editors – is believed to be in contact with some of the alleged victims.

Vaidyanathan has already gone public about her own experience of sexual harassment. In a BBC online piece she wrote that she had been sexually harassed by a colleague twice her age in New York while covering the Republican convention in 2004. The man, who is not identified but was then in a relationship, told her: "I'm unbelievably sexually attracted to you. I can't stop thinking about you."

The BBC was rocked to its core after it emerged that Savile had sexually abused women and children while he was working at the BBC during a career spanning more than 40 years.

The internal investigation is being led by the BBC's corporate security and investigations team headed by Carol Ann Kinley-Smith, a former Metropolitan police detective. It is understood that the BBC has hired several former detectives and that one of them has spoken to a number of the women.

## Police cuts may fuel serious crime

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attend rehabilitation courses and perform community service to vote if they are still on the electoral roll.

People drop off the electoral roll after one year, and prisoners will not be allowed to apply to rejoin it while they are locked up. The plans are expected to affect "hundreds" of prisoners.

A senior government source said: "This will only apply to a small number of people who remain on the electoral roll and are let out on day-release. These are not murderers and rapists but prisoners who are serving less than a year who remain on the electoral roll. No one will be allowed to register to vote if they are still behind bars."

The leaked document contradicts claims by Amber Rudd, the home secretary, who insisted last month: "I ask the police if they have

the resources they need to do the job, and they tell me they have."

With the cuts biting, police fraud and cyber-crime specialists, intelligence handlers, surveillance teams and undercover units who target the most dangerous offenders are to be sent to London boroughs to investigate robberies and burglaries.

The decision is expected to be approved by Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan police commissioner, in a desperate attempt to tackle soaring crime rates.

However, critics warned the move risked fuelling the most serious crimes. "Strategically, it's a nonsense," said one well-placed source.

"They are removing the people that keep some semblance of a lid on the guns and drugs flooding onto the streets. The Met's capability to deal with organised crime will be almost non-existent."

Roy Ramm, a former Flying Squad commander, said: "Those detectives play a vital role in preventing crime, proactively targeting criminals, utilising intelligence and getting in before stuff happens."

Scotland Yard said it had to "make efficiencies" but that "no decisions have been made".

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