

### Fatigue causes cells to 'turn off'

Brain cells respond to sleep deprivation by switching off when people are awake, leading to events from minor forgetfulness to car crashes, scientists have found. **Page 8**

### Mosque leader has Hamas role

A leader of the Finsbury Park mosque in London is a ruling member of Hamas, which has been designated a terrorist organisation by the EU. **Page 9**

### Man beat baby girl to death

A father aged 31 is facing life in prison for beating to death an 18-month-old girl after authorities in Wales, who let him adopt her, failed to spot months of abuse. **Page 17**

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## Many creative geniuses have done terrible things but we must separate the art from the artist

MELANIE PHILLIPS, PAGE 30

### Texas gunman's rift with family

The gunman who shot dead 26 people in a Texas church appears to have set out to kill his mother-in-law, who worshipped there. She was not present during the attack. **Pages 34-35**

### RBS punished entrepreneurs

Staff at Royal Bank of Scotland's restructuring unit were advised to extract money from small businesses that were in difficulty, a confidential document has shown. **Page 41**

### Chelsea hit by resignation

Chelsea has suffered a significant blow with the sudden resignation of the technical director, Michael Emenalo, one of Roman Abramovich's closest aides. **Page 72**

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### DINNER TONIGHT

#### Salmon and mango croquette with raita

A smidgen of mango chutney smeared over skinned fillets of lightly smoked salmon before breadcrumbing and quickly frying has a magical effect. I served these with cucumber raita and yesterday's aubergine curry. **Serves 2 Prep 15 min Cook 15 min**  
**Ingredients:** 2 lightly smoked salmon fillets; flour for dusting; 1-2 tbsp mango chutney; 100g fresh bread crumbs; 1 egg; 2 tbsp vegetable oil. **For the raita:** 10cm piece cucumber; 250g Greek yoghurt; 1 garlic



clove; squeeze lemon; few sprigs coriander; pinch cayenne pepper. Using a sharp knife, carefully slice off the salmon skin, pressing down against the skin as you go, lifting the fish away. Cut the fillets in two; the thick piece and thinner piece. Have flour on a plate, chutney ready, crumbs in a shallow bowl and beaten egg in another. Lightly flour the fish, smear

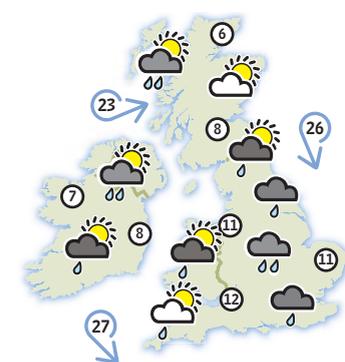
with jammy chutney, touch against the crumbs, then swipe through egg and press into the crumbs to coat. Transfer to a plate. Chill, covered with clingfilm, until required. Heat the oil in a pan over a medium heat, fry the pieces for 2-3 min a side until golden, reducing the heat and cooking the thicker pieces for 2-3 more minutes. Rest on kitchen paper before serving with raita. To make this, peel, seed and grate cucumber. Mix with yoghurt, crushed garlic, squeeze of lemon, salt and pepper and chopped coriander. **Lindsey Bareham**

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### THE WEATHER



Cloud and rain drifting eastwards, turning colder in the west with sunny spells. **Full forecast, page 61**

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# Press freedom threatened by changes to data bill, say peers

Matthew Moore Media Correspondent

Investigations into scandals such as sex grooming will be harder to publish under proposals that threaten press freedom, peers warned last night.

Amendments to the Data Protection Bill were a "profoundly misguided" attempt to impose statutory regulation of the print media, the Lords heard.

The bill seeks to give individuals more control over their personal information and penalise companies that misuse private data. However, several peers have tabled amendments that critics claim will restrict the press's ability to expose criminality.

One set of amendments would tighten the public interest exemption currently granted to journalists who handle private data while investigating wrongdoing.

Under the proposals, which would apply to all newspapers and broadcasters, the public interest presumption in favour of freedom of expression could be trumped by privacy concerns.

Baroness Hollins, the crossbench peer who tabled several of the amendments, said that the public needed to be protected from people who would

### Controversial amendments

#### Amendment affecting all media

One states that journalists could claim an exemption to data protection laws when handling private information only if the "likely interference with privacy ... is outweighed by the public interest in publication". This could allow investigations into alleged wrongdoing to be shut down by claims that privacy was infringed.

#### Amendments affecting publishers

Journalists would in effect have to abide by the state-recognised Impress regulator's rules for an exemption to data protection. Most papers belong to the rival Ipsos.

abuse press freedom to sell newspapers. "The economic pressures that drive newspapers to desperate practices before are still in place now," she said. "There must be safeguards."

A second batch of amendments would effectively require print titles to join an officially recognised press regu-

lator in order to handle private data without fear of breaking the law.

The only regulator that has sought Royal Charter recognition is Impress, which is largely funded by money from Max Mosley, the former Formula One boss turned privacy campaigner.

The vast majority of national and local newspapers are members of Ipsos, a regulator that has not sought recognition.

At the committee stage in the Lords, Lord Black of Brentwood, a Conservative peer and executive director of Telegraph Media Group, described the amendments as a "profoundly dangerous" attempt to "warp" the original intentions of the bill.

Lord Lester of Herne Hill, a barrister and Liberal Democrat peer who opposes the amendments, said: "Investigations, such as those into sex grooming, will become more difficult to publish."

The Lords will vote on the amendments at a later date. They are opposed by ministers from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, which introduced the bill.

Labour indicated that it had not yet come to a view about whether to support the amendments.

## 'Fund political parties from tax to cut ties with donors'

Patrick Maguire

Taxpayers should pay more to fund political parties as a way of loosening the "inherently unhealthy" reliance on wealthy donors and trades unions, Sir John Major has suggested.

In a speech on the state of British democracy yesterday, the former prime minister said increased state funding for parties could well be the "least bad" means of reducing the influence of interest groups and individuals.

"In my experience, many donors are altruistic and give money simply to support their party; but others may seek to exact a price," he told an audience at Westminster Abbey last night. "Whether that price is a policy promise, an appointment, or an honour — it is undesirable."

"An alternative is more funding through the public purse. This would be deeply unpopular and I share the general distaste for it. Nonetheless, it may be the least bad option."

Political parties already receive some

of their funding through state grants. Such payments include "short money", paid to opposition parties with two or more MPs or one MP and more than 150,000 votes, and policy development grants.

Parties also benefit from indirect state funding in the form of party political broadcasts and free postage at elections.

State funding for politicians has been suggested in the wake of several funding scandals, including New Labour's cash-for-peerages row, but would prove a contentious move.

In remarks that will inevitably be interpreted as an attack on Nick Timothy and Fiona Hill, Mrs May's former chiefs of staff, Sir John also accused a "handful" of special advisers of misusing "unjustified power" and acting as "attack dogs" for ministers.

Suggesting a "one leak and you're out" policy to slash the number of special advisers, he said: "Some advisers — with intellect but little judgment — are easy prey for the media."

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Heath inquiry chief

would not represent value for money. He was defiant when outlining the inquiry's findings, describing it as a "watershed moment" for victims of child abuse. The stance surprised his contemporaries given the fact that the inquiry did not identify any alleged co-conspirators.

One chief constable said: "It's a bit like that famous Monty Python sketch with the parrot. Do you think anyone has told Mike [Veale] that Ted Heath is dead?"

Since the release of the Heath findings, Mr Veale is said to have been frustrated by a lack of public support from the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) despite him taking on an inquiry involving allegations from other force areas. One source said he felt that he had been "hung out to dry".

He has told colleagues that he wants a way out of Wiltshire police and

applied for a role helping to run the annual strategic command course for future leaders. Applications closed on September 27, the week before the Operation Conifer report was published. Mr Veale did not get the job.

His spokesman said that the successful applicant could undertake the role alongside an existing job, so Mr Veale did not have to tell Mr Macpherson. Mr Veale applied for the job because he believed that the development of future leaders was of "great importance". He said: "It is not unusual for chief officers ... to support both the work of the College of Policing and the NPCC through the leadership of national portfolios on behalf of the service."

The College of Policing, which runs the course, confirmed it was a secondment position involving a ten-week residential placement in Ryton, Coventry. A senior police source said it would be "highly unusual" for a chief constable to perform duties outside the force area for

## Inflation may add £26bn to UK debt costs

Oliver Wright Policy Editor

Philip Hammond will be warned today by the government's official auditors that a 1 per cent rise in inflation caused by Brexit could push up the cost of borrowing by £26 billion.

Sir Amyas Morse, head of the National Audit Office (NAO), said that the high levels of government borrowing since the financial crash meant that there were already "significant risks" to the UK's finances. He added that these could be exacerbated by "unexpected developments", including the nature of Britain's departure from the EU.

The NAO said that since 2009-10, borrowing had increased by 61 per cent while interest payments on the UK's debts had cost the government £222 billion. It pointed to an increase in the use of index-linked gilts to finance the UK's debts, which meant that a rise of 1 per cent in inflation could add £26 billion in interest costs between 2016 and 2021.

more than two months while carrying out a second demanding role. Mr Veale's decision not to tell Mr Macpherson that he had applied for the role, which would require large amounts of time and affect on the rest of his command team, prompted speculation that he was trying to engineer an exit.

Another source said that Mr Veale was "very much of the view" that he could retire. He had become more confident in his decision making as a result.

Mr Macpherson has been supportive over the Heath saga, but the pair are understood to have disagreed over their public stance on funding cuts. Mr Macpherson has rejected suggestions that he has not properly held Mr Veale to account over Operation Conifer.

A Wiltshire police spokesman said: "We will not be commenting on private matters such as the decision of an individual to retire. A chief constable's contract is a matter for the police and crime commissioner."