



Investigation into Pursuing Fayed Claims: Police Probe Underway

Description

The Metropolitan Police has announced that they will be looking into the possibility of pursuing criminal charges against other individuals in connection with abuse allegations against the late former Harrods owner, Mohamed Al Fayed. They are urging anyone who has not yet come forward with allegations to do so, and are also reviewing historical complaints. The force has identified 19 allegations involving Al Fayed that were reported to them between 2005 and 2023, with offenses allegedly occurring between 1979 and 2013.

Despite the fact that Al Fayed passed away at the age of 94 in 2023, the Met stated that they are conducting full reviews of all existing allegations to ensure no new leads are left unexplored. They have reached out to the Crown Prosecution Service multiple times over the years, however, no further action was taken on any of the allegations. Commander Stephen Clayman emphasized the importance of giving victims a voice and ensuring that any allegations are taken seriously.

In light of recent testimonies from more than 20 former Harrods employees, including allegations of sexual assault and rape, the Met is focusing on possible criminal liability of other individuals involved. Harrods's current managing director acknowledged past failures in addressing the toxic work culture under Al Fayed's tenure and expressed deep regret for not responding to rumors of misconduct earlier.

In an effort to provide justice and support to victims, Harrods has initiated a settlement process for those affected by the abuse. The company emphasizes that the current leadership has implemented significant changes to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future. The recent BBC documentary and podcast further shed light on the abusive environment at Harrods during Al Fayed's ownership, highlighting a pattern of exploitation and negligence within the organization.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Allegation** /,æ.l.ə'geɪ.fən/ (noun): A claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong typically one made without proof.
2. **Pursuing** /pə'su:.ɪŋ/ (verb): To follow or chase with intent to catch or achieve.
3. **Negligence** /'neg.lɪ.dʒəns/ (noun): Failure to take proper care in doing something often leading to damage or injury.
4. **Victims** /'vɪk.tɪmz/ (noun): Individuals who suffer harm injury or loss as a result of an event act or circumstance.
5. **Testimonies** /,tɛs.tɪ'məʊ.nɪz/ (noun): Statements made by witnesses especially those given in a legal context.
6. **Exploitation** /,ɛk.sploɪ'teɪ.fən/ (noun): The act of using someone unfairly for one's own advantage.



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Who is the late former owner of Harrods being investigated for abuse allegations by the Metropolitan Police?

- Option: Mohamed Al Fayed
- Option: Ratan Naval Tata
- Option: Stephen Clayman
- Option: Crown Prosecution Service

2. How many allegations involving Al Fayed were reported to the Metropolitan Police between 2005 and 2023?

- Option: 9
- Option: 15
- Option: 19
- Option: 25

3. When did the offenses allegedly involving Al Fayed occur?

- Option: 1960s - 1970s
- Option: 1979 - 2013
- Option: 2000s - 2010s
- Option: 2014 - 2023

4. Who emphasized the importance of giving victims a voice and taking allegations seriously?

- Option: Mohamed Al Fayed
- Option: Ratan Naval Tata
- Option: Stephen Clayman
- Option: Crown Prosecution Service

5. What did Harrods initiate for those affected by the abuse?

- Option: Company restructuring
- Option: Settlement process
- Option: New product launch
- Option: Employee training program

6. What did the recent BBC documentary and podcast highlight about the environment at Harrods during Al



Fayed's ownership?

- Option: Financial successes
- Option: Pattern of exploitation and negligence
- Option: Employee recognition programs
- Option: Health and safety innovations

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Mohamed Al Fayed 2. 19 3. 1979 - 2013 4. Stephen Clayman 5. Settlement process
6. Pattern of exploitation and negligence

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which word describes a situation involving risk or danger?
 - Option: Perilous
 - Option: Tributes
 - Option: Versatility
 - Option: Scalping
2. What is the word used to describe something remembered or celebrated?
 - Option: Negligence
 - Option: Commendation
 - Option: Commemorated
 - Option: Scalping
3. Which word refers to something that is widely recognized and well-established?
 - Option: Private
 - Option: Iconic
 - Option: Allegation
 - Option: Capacity
4. What term is used for working together to achieve a common goal?
 - Option: Consistent
 - Option: Exorbitant
 - Option: Collaboration
 - Option: Pursuing
5. What is a claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong?



- Option: Intriguing
- Option: Allegation
- Option: Dedication
- Option: Formidable

6. Which word describes someone who is extremely shocked or upset?

- Option: Devastated
- Option: Illustrious
- Option: Antitrust
- Option: Capacity

7. Which word is used to describe something that is unreasonably high or excessive?

- Option: Fluctuate
- Option: Tribute
- Option: Enigmatic
- Option: Exorbitant

8. What is the failure to take proper care or precautions?

- Option: Commendation
- Option: Versatility
- Option: Negligence
- Option: Scalping

9. Which word describes something as extremely sad often involving death or suffering?

- Option: Tragic
- Option: Dynamic
- Option: Investigator
- Option: Versatility

10. What term refers to the maximum amount that something can contain or produce?

- Option: Dedication
- Option: Capacity
- Option: Private
- Option: Pursuing

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The event was organized as a _____ to the fallen soldiers.

12. The concert tickets were being resold at _____ prices.



13. The team's success was attributed to their _____ strategies.
14. Her _____ in performance earned her a promotion.
15. The opponent was a _____ challenge for the reigning champion.
16. The stadium has a seating _____ of 50,000 spectators.
17. His _____ allows him to excel in various fields.
18. The success of the project was due to effective _____ among team members.
19. The artist was known for his _____ paintings that left viewers puzzled.
20. The company CEO had an _____ career marked by significant achievements.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The diligently searched for clues to solve the mystery.
22. The concert ended with a touching to the legendary musician.
23. Her consistent hard work and earned her the Employee of the Year award.
24. The government initiated an investigation into the industry's monopolistic practices.
25. The support group provided counseling services to help the of the crime.
26. The court heard compelling from witnesses detailing the events.
27. The documentary shed light on the unethical of natural resources.
28. The celebrity preferred to keep his personal life .
29. Her performance throughout the season led to her selection for the national team.
30. The stock prices daily based on market conditions.

Answer

- Multiple Choice:** 1. Perilous 2. Commemorated 3. Iconic 4. Collaboration 5. Allegation 6. Devastated
7. Exorbitant



8. Negligence 9. Tragic 10. Capacity

Gap-Fill: 11. tribute 12. scalping 13. dynamic 14. consistency 15. formidable 16. capacity 17. versatility
18. collaboration 19. enigmatic 20. illustrious

Matching sentence: 1. investigator 2. tribute 3. dedication 4. antitrust 5. victim 6. testimonies 7. exploitation
8. private 9. consistent 10. fluctuate

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