

David Kelly: UK weapons expert's death back in spotlight

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Weapons inspector David Kelly's mysterious death has raised new speculations amid news that he was authoring a book containing damaging government secrets.

Britain's Daily Express recently reported that Dr Kelly, who was found dead in the woods near his Oxfordshire residence in 2003, was intending to reveal that he warned Prime Minister Tony Blair there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

His death, ruled as an apparent suicide, came two days after he was entangled in a row between the government and the BBC over claims that Downing Street "sexed up" a dossier on Iraq's weapons capability.

He was interrogated in the House of Commons for secretly talking to journalists and highlighting the flaws of the Number 10 dossier which sought to justify the war.

The daily added that the scientist had had several discussions with a publisher in Oxford and was enquiring how much of the classified information he could publish without breaking the law.

He may also have caused a bigger scandal as sources say he was to go into the details of his own secret dealings in germ warfare with the apartheid regime in South Africa.

There has been no reported discovery of any rough drafts of the unfinished book, and his computers were seized following his death.

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