

LONDON 7/7: Leaked official report damns London Police bosses for Brazilian Jean Charles de Menezes Shooting

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Leaked official report damns Met bosses for de Menezes Shooting

By Ian Kirby

THE *News of the World* last night fought off a bid by police watchdogs to stop us revealing the sensational truth about the shooting of Brazilian Jean Charles de Menezes.

The leaked Independent Police Complaints Commission report shows a catalogue of blunders and cock-ups. The dossier is so damning it appears to spell the end for Met chief Sir Ian Blair.

the IPCC appealed to a judge to stop our story being published. But Mr Justice Gray threw out their application for a gagging order.

Our lawyer Tom Crone said: "IPCC lawyers tried to gag us on the basis of confidentiality but failed."

The story they tried to ban

BELEAGUERED Scotland Yard boss Sir Ian Blair was last night fighting for his job—after being exposed over a fresh catalogue of cock-ups surrounding the tragic shooting of Brazilian Jean Charles de Menezes.

The top-secret Independent Police Complaints Commission report into the scandal, leaked yesterday to the *News of the World*, sensationally reveals a raft of incompetence, blunders and buck-passing that seem to spell doom for the Metropolitan Police Commissioner.

Last night we beat off an attempt by the IPCC to stop us publishing revelations in the 150-page dossier. Mr Justice Gray refused to grant a gagging injunction to the police watchdog.

The dossier, leaked by Whitehall insiders, reveals that some of Sir Ian's senior officers KNEW de Menezes was innocent and definitely NOT a suicide bomber just hours after he was killed. But they failed to tell their boss until the next day.

Cocaine

The report also reveals how officers:

USED the Prime Minister's name in a bid to stop the IPCC probe,

FAILED to pass on alerts from the undercover team that they were tailing an innocent man,

DELAYED five hours in deploying 'specialist' firearms cops who could have taken him alive,

DOCTORED a Special Branch log of the surveillance operation leading to the shooting, as revealed by the *News of the World* in January, and

FOULED up orders to frontline men, ordering that the suspect be "stopped" which was tragically interpreted as "kill him".

Other startling findings include evidence that de Menezes, 27, was high on cocaine when he was gunned down at Stockwell Tube station last July 22.

But the worst news for Sir Ian is the revelation that some of his most senior aides knew of de Menezes' innocence but kept it from him for 12 hours.

An IPCC-linked source told us: "That's a cast-iron fact. The question is why. The belief in Whitehall is that it's because Sir Ian is notorious for taking bad news very badly—they just couldn't face telling him so they left it until Saturday morning."

But they did not anticipate the publicity-hungry Commissioner would seize the first chance, on his way into work next day, to arrogantly boast to TV cameras what a terrific job his officers had done in stopping a "suicide bomber".

Our IPCC source added: "Sir Ian has always insisted neither he nor his senior officers knew the wrong man had been shot before about 10am Saturday. But the report proves two Yard departments knew the truth by 9.45pm Friday.

"And Sir Ian's desperation to prevent the commission investigating the shooting has done him great damage. Just 42 minutes after the incident his office issued orders to exclude us from the inquiry, even citing the Prime Minister...an appalling lack of judgement. This could force him to resign."

De Menezes was killed the day after four alleged terrorists failed to explode suicide bombs on London's transport system—just a fortnight after the devastating 7/7 attacks that killed 52 innocents.

Swarthy

Tragically for de Menezes, he lived in the same block of flats as a prime suspect. At 4.30am on Friday July 22, Special Branch (known as SO12) mounted an undercover operation **WITHOUT** calling the specialist firearms team CO19.

They were only sent in at 9.30 when swarthy de Menezes left the building and was mistaken for the bomb suspect. The report brands that an “inexplicable failure” and major factor in the killing. Instead of being able to safely apprehend the suspect on his way to the Tube they arrived only after he had gone into the station.

An IPCC source said their report also spotlights “gross negligence” of the SO12 watchers’ team leader in failing to tell bosses one of his men had definitely ruled out de Menezes as the suspect.

It was one of this group, says the report, that later deliberately doctored their official surveillance log to suggest they HADN’T identified de Menezes as the target.

The commission says loose language used by Yard commanders in communicating with officers on the chase probably condemned de Menezes to death. As he walked into Stockwell station, Commander Cressida Dick ordered that he must be “stopped” getting on a train. Another officer claimed she added “at all costs”.

Commander Dick told the IPCC she meant the suspect should simply be apprehended. But on the scene her officers took it to mean death.

The cocaine discovered in de Menezes’ blood by forensic scientists was “recent” abuse they concluded. He had been observed as “very, very jumpy”, fuelling belief that he was acting suspiciously.

Sir Ian Blair may seize on that as a crumb of comfort— but Whitehall sources were last night convinced he’s a dead man walking...

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