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### Phone Hacking Ended News of the World

News of the World (NOTW), which has been in the midst of the major phone hacking scandal since November 2010, was forced to disband last week. The 168-year old tabloid issued its last edition two days ago, 10 July, as the allegations became irreparably damaging to the paper.

NOTW journalists are accused of hacking into the mobile phones of crime victims, celebrities and politicians between 2003-2006. According to the Metropolitan Police, it seeks to contact 4,000 possible crime targets named in seized documents.

The first police investigation into the phone interception was launched in 2006 and resulted with the arrest of the paper's Royal Editor Clive Goodman and private investigator Glenn Mulcaire, who had hacked into the phones of Prince William's aides. Both men were jailed in January 2007.

However, in November 2010 actress Sienna Miller sued NOTW for intercepting her voicemail and messages. Since then numerous politicians and celebrities have come forward, claiming their phones may have been also hacked (Read also: WhiteSparks Issues 38, 39 and 44).

In April 2011, NOTW admitted the hackings, after the paper had run an internal investigation. Further revelations followed about reporters hiring private detectives to conduct illegal information gathering. It was also discovered that the NOTW journalists and detectives had paid the police in exchange for illegal information. Many of the reporters and investigators have been questioned or are currently under arrest.

Andy Coulson, former NOTW editor and then Director of Communications for the British Prime Minister David Cameron, who resigned in January 2011 over the scandal, was also arrested last week. Shortly before his arrest, it became apparent that amongst the hacking victims were murdered schoolgirl Milly Dowler and the families of soldiers, killed in Afganistan. That caused many companies, such as Ford, O2 and Sainsbury's to pull out from buying advertising space in the paper.

It is widely assumed that axing NOTW, once the most successful tabloid selling 2.8 million copies per week, was a result of Rupert Murdoch's concern that the hacking scandal would spoil News Corp's chances for the BSkyB takeover as some members of the UK Parliament have already advised the British Government to delay the deal.

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