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The News of the World (NOTW) phone hacking scandal has already caused a storm of headlines in the UK media, resulting now with the allegations of corruption against the most high-ranked Police commissioners.

The Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Paul Stephenson and Assistant Commissioner John Yates quit last weekend after growing pressure amid the hacking scandal. The resignation of Sir Paul, the most senior policeman in Britain, came after it was revealed that he had hired former NOTW Deputy Editor Neil Wallis as his PR consultant.

Wallis was already under arrest and was released on bail earlier this week, after being quizzed by the police investigating the phone hacking allegations. Assistant Commissioner John Yates decided to resign a day after Sir Paul as the Metropolitan Police Authority had warned he would be suspended pending an investigation. However, both of the men deny corruption allegations.

Rupert Murdoch's News Corp empire could also face charges in the US, after it was claimed that the NOTW had hacked into actor Jude Law's phone while he was in America. In the US, the prosecutions could be launched regardless of where the hacker was based.

Meanwhile, the Guardian newspaper has apologised to the Sun newspaper, which is also part of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. The apology acknowledged that accusing the Sun for illegally obtaining the medical records relating to the son of former PM Gordon Brown, was incorrect.

While this issue of WhiteSparks is being published, Ex-News International chief executive Rebekah Brooks, along with Rupert and James Murdoch, is questioned by the British Parliament on the News Corp role in the phone-hacking scandal.

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Vodafone was forced to patch the security hole in its SureSignal, after hackers turned the device into a eavesdrop on private mobile conversations.

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The Obama administration faces criticism for prosecutions it brought under the US Espionage Act against Government employees accused of leaking sensitive information, as it is seen as post-WikiLeaks over-reaction.

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