

News Corp timeline of allegations



■ **Nov 2005:** Story published in News Corp's *News of the World** (NoW) on injury suffered by **Prince William** – Queen Elizabeth's grandson – triggers British phone hacking inquiry

■ **Jan 2007:** NoW royal editor **Clive Goodman** and private investigator **Glenn Mulcaire** jailed for illegally intercepting mobile phones. NoW says hacking was by single "rogue" reporter

■ **Apr 2008:** **James Murdoch**, News Corp deputy chairman, overseeing Europe and Asia, allegedly agrees **£700,000** payment to hacking victim **Gordon Taylor**



Milly Dowler family **£3 million**
Family of murdered schoolgirl

Max Clifford publicist **£700,000**

Charlotte Church singer **£600,000**

Tessa Jowell MP **£200,000**

Jude Law actor **£130,000**

Sienna Miller actress (above) **£100,000**

Paul Gascoigne ex-footballer **£68,000**

Simon Hughes MP **£45,000**

Lord Prescott politician **£40,000**

■ **2009-11:** Evidence emerges that phone hacking at NoW is systemic. Legal costs and settlements cost News Corp some **£200m**, including:

■ **Jul 2011:** Britain's parliament summons News Corp CEO **Rupert Murdoch** and son **James** to answer questions over scandal. Enquiry ends after Murdoch Sr. is hit in face with shaving foam pie



■ **Jul:** Eager to shore up his bid for BSkyB – Britain's biggest pay-TV broadcaster – Murdoch closes NoW. Move fails to stop pressure from public and parliament. News Corp drops its **£8.3bn** bid to purchase remaining 60.9% of BSkyB



■ **Feb 2012:** James Murdoch resigns as News International chairman



■ **Mar:** New allegations claim that News Corp's NDS** leaked set-top box codes of Sky pay-TV rivals in 1990s – allowing free access – which helped cripple their finances. News Corp denies any involvement

■ **Apr 3:** James Murdoch quits as chairman of BSkyB

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**News Datacom Systems (NDS) was sold by News Corp to Cisco in March 2012

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