

Non-email Media enquiries received re policing of Coronation (May 1-10)

Saturday 6 May

19:35 – [name redacted – S40(2)]@inews.co.uk> at the I newspaper requested statement in relation to night volunteers from Westminster Council's Night Safety Team being arrested by police on the night of Friday 5th May. Request was made via phone call to out of hours on-call.

It relates to this feed by @brokenbottleboy:

<https://twitter.com/brokenbottleboy/status/1654872359365402624?s=20>

Sunday 7 May-Mon 8 May

14:45 Text – [name redacted – S40(2)] - I newspaper, requested statement in response to policing of Coronation and arrests made of night staff volunteers via text. Both statements provided.

TEXT MESSAGES

[name redacted – S40(2)] I Newspaper [mobile number redacted – S40(2)]

- 7th May 1445: Hi [], thanks for this. Can I check is this a new statement now? As in, is the mayor saying urgent clarity is needed – is that new? Sorry I wasn't working yesterday so playing catch up a little
- 8th May 1451: I work in the politics team here at the i. From reading the two statements it's seems that the line about some of the arrests raising questions is new. I presume that's based on the reporting around it rather than new information from the police about it that the mayor has been told
- 8th May 1032: Morning, just to say I'm on again today if there is any update

Email Media enquiries received re policing of Coronation (May 1-10)

From: [Name redacted – S40(2)]@bbc.co.uk>

Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 6:47:09 PM

To: [Name redacted – S40(2)]@london.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Request for information

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Many thanks for all your help

Regards [Name redacted – S40(2)]

From: [Name redacted – S40(2)]@london.gov.uk>
Sent: 05 May 2023 17:54
To: [Name redacted – S40(2)]@bbc.co.uk>
Subject: Request for information

Hi [Name redacted – S40(2)],

The GLA is responsible for the square and our contractor Veolia has restored the grass.

[Name redacted – S40(2)],

[Name AND TTLE redacted – S40(2)]
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City Hall, Kamal Churchie Way, London, E16 1ZE
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From: [Name redacted – S40(2)]@bbc.co.uk>
Sent: 05 May 2023 10:43
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Subject: Request for information

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Sorry to bother you at such a busy time.

I am the BBC Radio producer working on our Coronation coverage tomorrow at Parliament Square.

For our commentary we just wanted to give a mention to the names of the ground staff who carried out the restoration of the lawns or who is responsible for their upkeep.

It's just for a little colour to add to the BBC Radio commentary.

Thanks in advance for all your help
[Name redacted]

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Subject: BBC Today programme request

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Hi,

[name redacted – S40(2)] here from *Today* on BBC Radio 4.

I was wondering whether Sadiq Khan might be available to speak to us on the programme tomorrow morning with regard to the Coronation and specifically the arrests made of those who were protesting.

This would ideally be a live interview in Broadcasting House or Millbank, however we can speak on Zoom or FaceTime.

I'm on [mobile number redacted – S40(2)] if you'd like to discuss further.

Many thanks,

[Name and title redacted – S40(2)]
Journalist, Today, BBC Radio 4
BBC Broadcasting House, London, W1A 1AA
Listen on Sounds | @bbcr4today | @[name redacted – S40(2)]



[Image: Today programme logo]

From: [Name redacted – S40(2)]@bbc.co.uk>
Sent: 07 May 2023 11:03
To: [Name redacted – S40(2)]@london.gov.uk>; [Name redacted – S40(2)]@london.gov.uk>; [Name redacted – S40(2)]@london.gov.uk>
Subject: Protests / BBC London

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Hi

Apologies for mass email on bank holiday- not sure who is covering today.
Is there/Will there be any statement from mayor on the policing of protests over Coronation?

Thanks

[Name redacted – S40(2)]

[mobile number redacted – s40(2)]

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Subject: INTERVIEW w/ Andrew Marr | Sadiq Khan | Tomorrow

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Good Morning everyone,

Hope all is well!

I'm setting up for Andrew Marr's programme and wondered if there was any chance we could get 10mins with the Mayor tomorrow?

Speaking mainly on the arrest of protestors across the weekend and the latest developments around this story and the way the met have handled it.

Can either pre-record before 5pm or live between 6-7pm at Millbank?

Do you think we might be able to make this work by any chance?

Regards

[Name redacted – S40(2)]

[S40(2)] Tonight with Andrew Marr

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Subject: Today programme request

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Hi all,

We're likely to be continuing to cover the Met's policing of protest during the coronation on our programme tomorrow morning.

Please can I check whether there's any interest from the Mayor in speaking to our programme about this?

It would be a live interview at 0730, and take around ten minutes.

Thank you,

[Name redacted – S40(2)]
Today
BBC Radio 4
[Mobile redacted – S40(2)]

From: [Name redacted – S40(2)]@bbc.co.uk>
Sent: 08 May 2023 23:01
To: Policing <Policing@london.gov.uk>
Cc: [Name redacted – S40(2)]@bbc.co.uk>
Subject: BBC Radio 4 Today programme request for tomorrow

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Hi,

Hope you're well. I work on the Today programme on BBC Radio 4.

I'm wondering whether Sophie Linden might be available for a live interview with the Today programme following the statement from the Metropolitan Police regarding the arrests during the policing operation for the Coronation:

<https://news.met.police.uk/news/update-arrests-made-during-policing-operation-for-the-coronation-466461> | <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-65527007>

If she has some availability tomorrow, we'd really love to have her on the programme. I've cc'ed my colleague [Name redacted – S40(2)] who is working overnight and tomorrow morning. You can also call the Today desk number on 0203 614 1222.

Many thanks,
[Name redacted – S40(2)]

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<Account.notmanaged@london.gov.uk>; Policing <Policing@london.gov.uk>
Cc: [Name redacted – S40(2)] @itn.co.uk
Subject: URGENT ITV NEWS REQUEST

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Good morning,

It's [Name redacted – S40(2)] from ITV News. Today my team is keen on reporting to the police expressing their regrets about coronation arrests.

We are hoping to speak with Sadiq Khan about this. Would he be free this morning or afternoon?

Some questions we may ask would be: Do you think the police should have regrets about the arrest being made? Do you agree with the arrests? As the London mayor did the police make the best decision to uphold the safety of the public?

I look forward to hear from you! Feel free to give me a call. I'm on [Mobile redacted – S40(2)].

Kind regards,
[Name redacted – S40(2)]



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Subject: Sky News Interview Request

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Good Morning Mayors Press Team,

I hope this finds you well and you've had a lovely long weekend!

Would be really keen to see if there was any possibility of having the Mayor join us live today (Flexible on times). With conversation around Policing and the Coronation, protests and how the Policing Bill was used, we would be interested in having the Mayor join us live.

We can work around you in terms of time, and this would be live with our presenter only for around 4/7 mins.

Please do let me know if we can make this work, or if you have any questions.

Thanks,

[Name redacted – S40(2)]

[Title redacted – S40(2)] | Sky News Programmes

Address: Sky Studios, 2nd Floor, Grant Way, Isleworth TW7 5QD

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Hello,

I am contacting you from the Newsdesk at Aljazeera English in London.

I am wondering if the Mayor might be available at all today for a quick interview about policing in London over the Coronation and the complexities for Police in securing such large scale events.

We would be looking to do this as soon as possible and are based at The Shard, so could come to City Hall easily.

If you could let me (and everyone on this email loop) know as soon as possible that would be great.

Many thanks indeed,

[Name redacted – S40(2)]

[Title redacted – S40(2)]

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To: [Name redacted – S40(2)]@london.gov.uk>; Mayors Press Office
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Subject: Times Radio interview tomorrow

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Good afternoon,

I hope you're well? I'm one of the producers at Times Radio working on our breakfast programme with [Name redacted – S40(2)] and [Name redacted – S40(2)].

We're closely following the response to the Met police's arrests of protesters over the coronation weekend and would really like to talk to the mayor about this. Would it be possible to arrange an interview with him tomorrow morning? This would be a live, one to one conversation with our presenters, ideally tomorrow morning at 8.15am over Zoom. It would take around five to seven minutes.

I would be very grateful if you could consider this. I'm available over email and on [mobile redacted – S40(2)] if you have any questions.

Many thanks,

[Name redacted – S40(2)]

[Mobile redacted – S40(2)] 020 [phone number redacted – S40(2)] [Name redacted – S40(2)]@times.radio

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Subject: Bid for the Mayor - BBC London TV

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Hello,

I'm without access to work emails today but can we bid for the Mayor please for an interview today on the Met Police protest? The six o'clock news are interested too. We'd do the interview for both if Sadiq is available.

I'm on [mobile redacted – S40(2)].

Please let me know if he is available this afternoon.

Thanks

[Name redacted – S40(2)]

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[Name redacted – S40(2)]

Mobile: [Mobile redacted – S40(2)]

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From: [Name redacted – S40(2)]@bbc.co.uk>

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Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 Today programme interview request for Sadiq Khan

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Hi [Name redacted – S40(2)],

Thank you for sending this through. Please let me know if anything changes.

[Name redacted – S40(2)]

From: [Name redacted – S40(2)]@london.gov.uk>

Sent: 09 May 2023 15:32

To: [Name redacted – S40(2)]@bbc.co.uk>

Cc: Policing <Policing@london.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: BBC Radio 4 Today programme interview request for Sadiq Khan

Hi [Name redacted – S40(2)],

Thanks for getting in touch.

Sorry we can't oblige on this occasion. However, the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has today (09/05/2023) written to the head of the Met police Sir Mark Rowley concerning the policing of the Coronation. Please find the letter below for your information and coverage.

Thanks, [Name redacted – S40(2)]

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Dear Sir Mark,

I am grateful for the policing effort which allowed the Coronation to pass off peacefully and largely without incident this weekend. Thousands of police officers, emergency services and Transport for London staff plus a huge number of volunteers worked tirelessly to keep London safe and moving during the Coronation celebrations and I extend my thanks to all those who contributed to making this global event a success.

I understand the unique role the Met Police Service play in such events and the difficulties faced in managing an event of this unprecedented scale. Making operational decisions in real time and balancing public safety requirements against the fundamental right to peaceful protest is not easy. I also understand that the Coronation was a once in a generation event and that this informed Met police officers' assessment of risk both in advance of the event and in real time on the ground. Furthermore, the context of new legislation introduced immediately before an event at national security level added to the complexity of operational decision making.

Nevertheless, despite the welcome efforts of so many committed officers, it is clear that some of the arrests made have given rise to concerns and, in my oversight role as Mayor, I am seeking assurance from you that the issues related to these will be subject to a review and lessons learned. In particular, I would ask that you urgently provide me with further information on:

- The arrests of six members of the "Republic" group, and why the arresting officers did not appear to know or take into account of, the liaison Republic had undertaken with Met in advance of the event?
- Why the Protest Liaison Officer was not part of the decision-making process on the arrests or even contacted?
- Why there was not a faster resolution in respect of these arrests following the initial decision to arrest?
- What role the new legislation played in the arrests, and what consideration was given to concerns raised by City Hall that Section 2 Public Order Act 2023 "being equipped to Lock On" was so broadly drawn, that it could interfere with peaceful protest if not carefully interpreted?
- What liaison took place with Westminster City Council after the arrests of the "Night Star" volunteers?
- What briefing was provided to officers who were drafted in from outside of Westminster borough area to ensure they were aware of local partnership arrangements?

As you will appreciate, the issues I have raised in this letter are of public interest and so Londoners will expect that the outcomes of any review undertaken will be made public.

I look forward to your response, **Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan**

Ends

[Name redacted – S40(2)]

[Title redacted – S40(2)], **Mayor of London's Press Office**

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From: [Name redacted – S40(2)]@bbc.co.uk>

Sent: 09 May 2023 15:08

To: Mayors Press Office <MayorsPressOffice@london.gov.uk>

Subject: BBC Radio 4 Today programme interview request for Sadiq Khan

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Good afternoon,

Please could you let me know if Sadiq Khan would be available to be interviewed on the Today programme tomorrow morning, about the policing of the coronation protests?

The interview would be sometime between 0730 and 0830 - I would have a more precise time for you later this afternoon. This could either take place from our studio or remotely, on FaceTime or Zoom.

Many thanks,

[Name redacted – S40(2)]

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Radio 4's Today

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Subject: BBC Newsnight Request

Importance: High

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Hello there,

We would love to invite Sadiq on BBC Newsnight tonight to discuss the Coronation arrests. Might he be available?

Many Thanks,

[Name redacted – S40(2)]

[Title redacted – S40(2)] Today, Newsnight, Politics Live

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Subject: Media request: seeking statement of Mayor requesting Met to conduct review of coronation policing

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Hi team,

We are seeking your statement on the media reports saying the mayor has asked the Metropolitan Police to conduct review into the coronation's policing and explain why Republic activists detained.

Many thanks

[Name & title redacted – S40(2)]
Thomson Reuters
Mobile [Mobile redacted – S40(2)]
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Cc: [Name redacted – S40(2)]@london.gov.uk>; [Name redacted – S40(2)]@london.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Mark Rowley response

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Than you [Name redacted – S40(2)]

I haven't received a full copy of SK's letter, so please do send it to me.

[Name redacted – S40(2)]

On 10 May 2023, at 11:47, [Name redacted – S40(2)]@london.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi [Name redacted – S40(2)]

Hope you're well. Thanks for getting in touch.

We will come back to you if there is a further update at this time. Can I check whether you received the full copy of the Mayor's letter from yesterday? If not, I can send on for reference.

Best,

[Name redacted – S40(2)]

[Name redacted – S40(2)]
[Title redacted – S40(2)], Mayor of London's Press Office
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From: [Name redacted – S40(2)]@blueyonder.co.uk>
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Subject: Mark Rowley response

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Hi.

I'm writing a piece this morning discussing accountability implications of the more controversial arrests made on coronation day.

I'm aware that the Mayor has written to the Met commissioner seeking an assurance that those arrests will be subject to a review and lessons learned.

Are you able to tell me:

Has such an assurance been provided by Sir Mark? If not, do you know if one is forthcoming?

Will any review be provided to the Mayor and/or MOPAC?

Will it made public?

Much obliged.

[Name & mobile number redacted – S40(2)]
<https://www.onlondon.co.uk/>

From: [Name redacted – S40(2)]@itn.co.uk>
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Subject: ITV LONDON - HMIC REPORT

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Dear Press Office,

Hope you're well.

Wonder if you could help with a few things for tomorrow. HMIC is due to publish a progress letter on vetting, misogyny and misconduct in police forces and we imagine the Met will be a big part of this given events in recent years.

First of all, where is Sadiq going to be tomorrow and would he be available for interview to respond to anything that comes out of the letter?

Secondly, we'd really like to have someone of seniority from City Hall's police and crime team in the studio or live down the line to respond to the letter and talk about the state of the Met at this time. Please could we put a bid in for Sophie Linden and Claire Waxman to join us for a discussion of the back of our piece?

We haven't spoken to Sophie or Claire in a good while and it would be great to have their input on this really important issue for Londoners.

Thanks so much,

[Name redacted – S40(2)]

[Name redacted – S40(2)]

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