

SENSATIONAL KYLIE PICTURE

SEE QUEEN OF POP ON PAGE 7

KELLY OFF THE HOOK



In clear... Kelly as Captain Hook

By IAN HEPDURN, Crime Reporter

TELLY host Matthew Kelly told of his delight yesterday after he was cleared of child sex claims.

But the Stars In Your Eyes presenter admitted cops found "a small quantity" of class A drugs at his London home.

Kelly was arrested last month while playing Captain Hook in

Continued on Page Six

Star in clear on child sex rap

CORRIE EXCLUSIVE



Picture: PETER SIMPSON

We track down TV Tricky Dicky

WHERE DID WE FIND HIM? SEE PAGE 15

WAR ON TERROR

CHIRAC'S PLOT TO SABOTAGE UN WAR VOTE

But Bush sticks to guns

By TREVOR KAVANAGH
Political Editor

AMERICA, Britain and Spain last night formally asked the United Nations to authorise war on Iraq.

They put down a second UN resolution declaring that Saddam Hussein had missed "the final opportunity" to disarm peacefully.

But French President Jacques Chirac tried to sabotage the move - and again opened up bitter divisions in the EU.

He submitted a counter proposal to the UN saying Iraq should get FIVE MONTHS to co-operate with weapons inspectors.

His move was backed directly by Germany and Russia. China also supported the proposal. The rival positions set the stage for a heated battle in the 15-nation UN Security Council. The Allies' resolution must secure nine "yes" votes - and avoid a veto by

France, Russia or China. But all the argument may be academic.

As Chirac made his challenge, US President George Bush called on the UN to stand up to Saddam or surrender its role as world guardians.

And he warned that America is ready to finish off Saddam if the UN fails to do its duty

Security

Mr Bush said: "This is a moment for the UN to determine whether or not it is going to be relevant as the world confronts the threats of the 21st Century."

"One way or the other, Saddam Hussein, for the sake of peace and the security of the American people, will be disarmed."

The little-by-little proposal by Chirac - branded Le Worm by

The Sun - was slugged down by Britain's Jack Straw at a meeting of EU foreign ministers.

He snapped: "You don't need to treat Saddam like a child. He does not need a list of things he knows he has got to do."

The EU split struck gloom into the ministers' crisis meeting in Brussels. Foreign policy chief Javier Solana said: "I have to say, frankly, we have failed."

CHIRAC'S plotting was revealed on a day when the US persuaded Turkey to allow Allied troops to use its military bases in a conflict with Iraq. And Jordan accepted US Patriot missiles in defence against Iraqi Scuds.

SADDAM will challenge Bush to a live TV debate during a US interview to be shown this week. He also vows not to destroy his missiles - as demanded by UN weapons inspector Hans Blix.



Heat's on Hoon

DEFENCE Secretary Geoff Hoon makes his peace with troops yesterday after his ski holiday row.

He made a flying visit to Kuwait and chatted to Royal Marines training in the desert heat.

The trip follows criticism of Mr Hoon taking a family holiday in Chamonix, France, as war looms.

Mobs close Esso pumps

AT LEAST 50 Esso petrol stations were forced to close yesterday after anti-war activists sabotaged their pumps.

Eight protesters were also arrested during a Greenpeace blockade of Esso's UK base at Leatherhead, Surrey.

Staff at the HQ were sent home.

TURKEY HOLS HIT

HOLIDAY bookings to Turkey have fallen by 70 per cent because of the threat of war, it was revealed last night.

Last year huge numbers of British holidaymakers flocked to the country for their summer break.

But bookings for this summer started to run dry two weeks ago. One tour operator said sales "fell off a cliff" following pictures of troops and tanks guarding London airports.

Holidays to Greece have also seen a 55 per cent drop and even the popu-

lar Balearic Islands of Majorca, Ibiza and Menorca are down 35 per cent.

The Association of British Travel Agents said all January bookings fell by 15 per cent last year.

But ABTA said last night there was no reason to stay away from Turkey. A spokesman said: "Major resorts are in the South West of the country which would be unaffected by war."

ABTA said holidaymakers will get a full refund if the Foreign Office issues a travel warning to their destination.

IDS dodges challenge by 60mins

EXCLUSIVE by GEORGE PASCOE-WATSON
Deputy Political Editor

LAME-duck Tory leader Iain Duncan Smith came within an hour of a leadership challenge yesterday.

Rebel MPs were talked out of triggering a coup at the last moment.

Plotters secured the signatures of 25 backbenchers prepared to declare no confidence in IDS.

They only backed down when Tory Chief Whip David Maclean made a highly unusual public plea for unity - and warned them there was no alternative candidate.

The beleaguered Tory leader vowed: "I am absolutely determined to take this party, my party, to the next General Election."

But even as he spoke, senior party figures were studying ways of holding a "short, sharp" three-week leadership election.

Gloomy MPs and Conservative staffers predicted the chop for IDS. One shadow cabinet minister said: "The act will not be delayed for long."

Another senior party official said: "Iain's not a lucky politician, he's not hugely articulate and he has not been gifted with a personality."

SKY NEWS
WEATHER with LISA BURKE

EARLY mist and fog will be followed by spells of sunshine. West will be breezy and cloudy with outbreaks of rain. Top temp: 10°C (50°F).

Latest forecast from Sky on www.the-sun.co.uk/news

242 KILLED BY QUAKE

A HUGE earthquake has killed at least 242 people in western China and injured thousands more.

The tremor, 6.8 on the Richter scale, toppled houses and schools, destroying many villages in the Xinjiang region at breakfast time yesterday.

CYPRUS LAND DEAL

Britain is to give up nearly half its military land in Cyprus to aid a Greek-Turkish peace deal.

Cleaning up Britain... Mr Blair yesterday

'GREEN LECCY' BILL UP

HOUSEHOLD electricity bills are set to soar under new plans to tackle global warming, it was revealed yesterday.

The Government pledged to cut carbon dioxide fumes by spending more on cleaner forms of energy like solar and wind power.

And it said no new nuclear power stations will be built for at least five years.

But it admitted the move will put up household bills by between five and 15 per cent. And businesses could end up paying 25 per cent more for power.

Tony Blair, speaking after the release of a white paper on energy, promised that by 2010 Britain would cut fossil fuel gases by 40 per cent

of greenhouse gases have risen by ten per cent since 1990, with a 35 per cent increase in developing countries.

"At best, Kyoto will mean a reduction of two per cent in emissions, so it is clear Kyoto is not radical enough."

Plans unveiled yesterday include a £600m loan grant to encourage the use of renewable energy sources.

The Government also wants to make it easier to build "green" power stations.

Friends of the Earth welcomed the plans.

Crisis to end in blackouts?

THE lights haven't started going out yet - but Britain's power industry is in crisis.

Our dwindling North Sea supplies mean we will be importing gas by 2006 and oil by 2010. Our nuclear power stations are so old that, by 2025, just one of them will be working.

The Government had the chance to address the unfolding emergency and blew it.

Britain must replace a quarter of its electricity supply, currently generated by nuclear, in the next two decades.

But electricity generators face huge financial problems after a collapse in prices, and none can afford to build new power stations. Britain's biggest power station Drax, in North Yorkshire, is more than £2 billion in debt.

Wind, solar and water energy will not be enough, and in 20 years' time we could face regular power cuts.

COMMENTARY
by IAN KING

GOT A STORY? PHONE THE Sun NEWS DESK

LONDON 020 7782 4100

MANCHESTER 0161 935 5323

GOT A QUERY WITH AN OFFER OR PROMOTION? 020 7860 1129

FAX us on 020 7782 4108
or e-mail us at news@the-sun.co.uk

BINGO Page 16

TV Pages 32, 33 & 34

THE SUN SAYS

France alone

WE need no further proof: The French inhabit a different planet.

As Britain and America tabled their second resolution at the United Nations last night, the French were up to their usual dirty tricks.

They say they won't back the resolution but insist that Saddam Hussein, like some naughty boy caught pinching apples, should be given another chance.

If France felt that way because of deeply-held moral principles, such a stance would be understandable, even though we might think it terribly misguided.

But France is being awkward because of its President's pig-headed vainglory and his determination to wring the most out of unscrupulous trade deals.

By its actions, France has set itself apart from civilised society.

Aids example

MILLIONS of Sun readers have been deeply moved by our War On Aids campaign.

But one man holds the key to Britain's contribution to the fight to save Africa.

He is Chancellor Gordon Brown. And today on Pages 16 and 17 he tells Sun readers why he is determined to persuade world leaders to pump billions more into tackling the Aids crisis.

Brown points out that we are the first generation with the technology, drugs and resources to beat this modern-day plague.

Key to this is Britain's plan for an international finance facility, under which rich countries will provide funds for healthcare.

Brown can lead by example by pledging even more money from Britain when he sets next year's spending budgets in the summer.

We know he won't let the dying millions of Africa down.

Kick him out

THE madness of Britain's asylum laws could not be more clearly brought into focus.

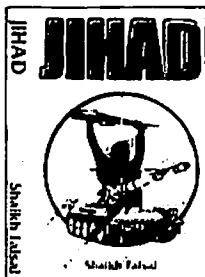
The conviction of rogue Muslim cleric Abdullah el-Faisal for preaching racial hatred and inciting the murder of Jews, Hindus and Americans poses two disturbing questions:

If he hates Britain and the West so much, why did he plead for asylum here?

And more to the point, why were we soft enough and stupid enough to give it to him?

There could not be a clearer case of a man whose presence in Britain is totally contrary to the public interest.

He should be locked away for a long time — and then be given the boot.



Vicious... cassette rant

By SIMON HUGHES
Civil Investigative Reporter

A FANATIC Muslim cleric convicted yesterday of soliciting murder used Britain's asylum laws to preach race hate.

Vile bigot Abdullah el-Faisal, 39, called for the slaughter of "unbelievers" and ranted against Britain after applying to live here.

The self-styled sheik, who could be jailed for life, is believed to have acted as a recruiting agent for al-Qa'ida terror chief Osama Bin Laden. He has admitted preaching twice in Tipton, West Midlands, where his audiences almost certainly included four men said to have joined the Taliban to fight British and American forces in Afghanistan.

Hotheads

Three of them are now caged at the US army's Camp X Ray, in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and the other is missing.

El Faisal also preached at the mosque in Brixton, South London, attended by jailed shoe bomber Richard Reid and Zacharias Moussawi.

The latter faces trial in America this year accused of being the intended 20th hijacker for Bin Laden's airliner attacks on New York and Washington on September 11, 2001.

El-Faisal rattled hotheads with a series of lectures attracting audiences of up to 150 at venues throughout Britain.

His addresses were recorded and the cassettes sold for £2 each at Muslim bookshops.

One bore a picture of Bin Laden and was called Declaration of War. Another hailed Jihad - which means holy war.

El-Faisal called for the deaths of Jews, Hindus and Americans.

Tirades

He dubbed the UK and US "the United Killers and the United Snakes".

Some of the tapes were played to the Old Bailey jury which yesterday found him guilty of three charges of soliciting murder and three relating to inciting racial hatred. He will be sentenced next month.

Jamaica-born el-Faisal was originally granted permission to enter the UK to preach at the Brixton mosque ten years ago.

He upset the authorities by switching to Stratford, East

SHEIK OF HATE IS ASYLUM SEEKER

He urged murder, loathed Britain, but applied to stay

London, to run his own religious study group.

The move, without permission, breached visa conditions.

He was ordered to leave the country and apply to re-enter.

El-Faisal was allowed back and in 1998 he married Zahida Khan, with whom he now has a nine-month-old son. They set up home in Stratford.

It was there, at the Jagannara Centre, partly financed by the European Development Fund, that he continued the tirades that led to the charges.

In late 2001 el-Faisal visited Nigeria, but was kicked out.

When he came back to Britain, officials tried to turn him away but he claimed asylum and launched an appeal. El-

Faisal's calls to arms and vicious verbal race attacks soon came to the attention of police.

He was arrested a year ago.

During the Old Bailey hearing he claimed he had been interpreting and updating the Muslim holy book the Koran.

Victim

But prosecutor David Perry denied his allegation that the Koran itself was on trial and accused the preacher of hiding behind a "cloak of religion".

He rapped: "This is not some crank in Speaker's Corner."

A Whitehall source said: "It is ironic he criticises the country which has allowed him to stay and, when told to leave, wants

asylum. It makes you wonder why he wanted to remain what he wanted to do here."

The trial was the first in more than 100 years that any one had been charged with soliciting murder without the naming of a specific victim.

After the case it was disclosed that midway through the hearing the judge received a letter offering him a bribe, believed to be £50,000.

Judge Peter Beaumont, the Common Serjeant of London, was outraged and ordered an immediate police inquiry.

But he said there was nothing to indicate el-Faisal was aware of the letter and cop-believed it might be a hoax.

See The Sun Says

FANATIC IN SALLY ARMY



Bin Laden... terror chief

ABDULLAH el-Faisal turned Islamic fundamentalist after a childhood in the Salvation Army.

He was born William Forrest, in Jamaica, and remained in the church organisation until becoming a Muslim at 16.

El-Faisal grew a beard and wore the robes and white cap of his adopted religion. He went to Saudi Arabia to study at

By SIMON HUGHES

the radical Mohammed Ibn Saud Mohammed University in Riyadh.

The country was the birthplace of al-Qa'ida chief Osama Bin Laden.

A source said last night: "El-Faisal embraced many of the views which were also embraced by Bin Laden." After graduating, el-

Faisal was sent to Britain to preach what he had been taught, because he was more fluent in English than Arabic.

That was ten years ago, when al-Qa'ida was beginning to emerge in the Middle East.

El-Faisal is known to have had contact with an al-Qa'ida suspect awaiting trial on terrorist charges in the US. He is

James Ujaama who moved to London in the late 1990s to become a regular at the controversial Finsbury Park mosque, North London.

Ujaama was an associate of the mosque's hook-handed cleric Abu Hamza.

He also attended at least one of el-Faisal's sermons when he shared a stage with Hamza.