

Press Release

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Sunday Times apologises to Adam Ingram

The Sunday Times today apologised to Adam Ingram, the former Labour MP and Minister of State, at a court hearing before Mr Justice Eady in London.

Mr Ingram brought libel proceedings in respect of an allegation published in the Sunday Times in November 2011 which suggested that he had been responsible for making a corrupt payment to Saif Gaddafi, the son of the late Libyan ruler. The Sunday Times article related to donations made to the London School of Economics by a foundation controlled by Saif Gaddafi, which were subsequently the subject of an independent inquiry by the former Lord Chief Justice, Lord Woolf.

Andrew Stephenson on behalf of Adam Ingram told the court *"The true position is that Mr Ingram was not responsible for making any unlawful or improper payment whether to Saif Gaddafi, to his foundation or otherwise"*. Counsel on behalf of the Sunday Times, Jonathan Sherbel-Ball, confirmed that the Sunday Times accepted that the allegation of which Mr Ingram complained was not true, and apologised to him.

The Court was told that Times Newspapers had agreed to pay compensation to Mr Ingram. Under the offer of amends procedure the amount, if not agreed, will be decided by a Judge at a separate hearing.

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