

WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST

Main Newspaper Stories

Prime Minister expected to see Tom King today to "finalise plans to combat the present surge of IRA violence". IRA are hoping to provoke return of internment through renewed campaign of bombings and violence.

Iraq used poison gas against Iranians in Azarbaijan in the days leading up to ceasefire.

Brian Wolfson, soon to take over as Chairman of the Training Commission said yesterday that a version of the American workfare scheme was a possibility in Britain.

Fears that interest rates might rise again. Concern over yawning balance of payments deficit: "Pink Book" figures show a current account deficit of £2.5billion rather than £1.6billion. Nervousness in advance of tomorrow's trade figures.

Gerard Harte accused of arms and petrol bombing offences has been successfully extradited from the Irish Republic to Northern Ireland.

David Owen calls for the border to be "sealed".

Athletes opposed to "wild-card" entry to Olympics for Sebastian Coe.

High-powered catapults will not be included in the list of weapons to be banned under the Criminal Justice Act from September 29.

Mail services face disruption as management and unions disagree over pay supplements for staff recruited in London and the South-East.

Government will today issue its first directive aimed at improving North Sea safety in the wake of Piper Alpha disaster.

IBA accused of excluding newspapers from bidding for satellite television news contract.

Nurses pay talks resume today.

British service personnel in West Germany are to stop using military number plates, Archie Hamilton announced yesterday. They will use ordinary British plates instead. Fear that this may place tourists in danger.

Surviving P&O employees from the Zeebrugge disaster have been offered varying amounts of compensation depending on whether they are "valued" members of staff or have black marks against them.

Used car dealer, Michael Clarke, brother of Health Secretary Kenneth Clarke, is being sued over a conked-out car.

Jean Rook recognises the care and compassion felt by the Prime Minister for the families of the soldiers who have died in recent IRA attacks.

Prime Minister has ~~intervened~~ in the matter of choosing Britain's next generation of ~~thanks~~.

Another Marconi employee, John Ferry, has been found dead in mysterious circumstances.

Fears grow for future of North-East Shipbuilders as 1000 workers are laid off.

Australia set to eliminate PSBR in the current financial year.

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GCSE results expected today.