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GALLOWAY: TOP COP SLEPT WITH MY AIDE

■ MP ACCUSES SENIOR TERRORIST OFFICER OF USING HIS HOME

■ YARD SUSPENDS DETECTIVE AFTER 'DIRTY TRICKS' CLAIM

Justin Davenport and Joe Murphy

SCOTLAND Yard is investigating claims that a senior anti-terrorism officer slept with a female aide of George Galloway at the politician's London home without his knowledge.

The Respect MP accuses the man of staying there and gaining access to his office as part of a "dirty tricks" campaign against him. Today the Yard said it had placed an officer in its Specialist Operations branch on restricted duties and launched an internal inquiry into the allegations.

The claims emerged in a Commons motion in which the MP says the detective inspector entered his house without his knowledge or consent and slept there. He says the officer, attached to the Met's Counter Terrorism branch, sent emails from his office and used an alias to attack him on Facebook.

Further details are revealed on Mr Galloway's website where the MP alleges that the officer - whom he refers to as K - was having an affair with one of his staff and slept with her in his Streatham home while he was away.

He accuses his former aide of acting as the officer's "agent" inside Respect and says she has now been sacked.

Mr Galloway today said he felt "violated" and called for the officer to be suspended rather than merely placed on restricted duties. He told the Standard: "It could not look

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MRS L JUST RAN OVER MY TOE. OUCH

GARY LINEKER'S wife ran over his foot as they left for the re-opening of a London restaurant, above. The BBC star and former England captain, 51, was left hopping in pain after Danielle, 33, reversed over his toe outside their home last night. He also revealed she smashed a wing mirror. Lineker

tweeted: "Leaving home for opening of our friend's restaurant, Barbarella on Fulham Road, and Mrs L reverses over my toe. My bad toe. #ouch." He added: "And then proceeded to smash wing mirror off on the iron gate that I was holding open. All my fault of course!"

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'Gold club' of elite schools to put London pupils on top

Anna Davis and Pippa Crerar

A RADICAL blueprint for London's schools that will push pupils in the capital to do better than anywhere else in the country was revealed today.

A far-reaching 12-point plan to boost results has been drawn up for Mayor Boris Johnson to ensure schools in the capital outperform all other cities.

It includes plans for a new "gold club" of elite state and independent schools and an "excellence fund" of government cash set up to help other schools learn from them.

The ambitious scheme, created by the Mayor's education inquiry, is to be unveiled tomorrow and is designed to put London children on the same footing as the brightest from around the world.

Munira Mirza, deputy mayor for education and culture, said: "London is a major world city so it's right that we compare ourselves to jurisdictions around the world."

"If we truly want to be a major world city in the future and we want to

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Dreaming of a far-flung beach holiday?
Jo Fernández
 rounds up the best late deals to Phuket

Slice of Thai paradise



THE Andaman-sea surrounded, southern island of Phuket has some of the world's finest hotels, some excellent beaches and is a good base from which to explore the surrounding isolated islands and their perfect beaches.

The 67-villa **Naka Island**, A Luxury Collection Resort & Spa on Naka Yai, has villas from £267 B&B per night with boat transfers, a 20 per cent reduction available for bookings made by October 31, 2012, luxurycollection.com/naka-island

The 56-residence **Sarojin**, set on an 11km stretch of secluded beach in Khao Lak, has a new Shipwrecked in Style package available from November 1. Six nights from £2,000 B&B per Garden Residence including a Thai cooking class, private cruise, dining experience and private airport transfers to and from Phuket Airport, sarojin.com

Seven nights at the four-star 144-room **Sugar Palm Karon Resort** in Karon costs £681pp room only. The price includes return flights departing Heathrow on October 30, 2012, lastminute.com

Seven nights (for the price of five) at the 135-villa **Banyan Tree Phuket** costs £2,040pp B&B (saving £950 per couple) in a deluxe villa with return flights departing Heathrow November 3 and transfers, elegantresorts.co.uk

Seven nights at the 69-room, four-star the **Beach Boutique House** in Kata Beach costs £553pp B&B including return flights departing Heathrow on October 23, teletextholidays.co.uk



Time to reflect: (above and left) main pool and villa at the luxury Naka Island resort; (right) the Sarojin offers a private cruise aboard the resort's own boat



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