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US bribery: the penny drops

Lord Black's tax evasion indictment appealed in 2010

When the then Hollinger CEO Conrad Black was charged in August 2006 with counts of tax evasion in the United States in connection with the two billion dollar sale of Canadian newspapers, the British newspapers went amok, not with the nuts and bolts of the charges, but with the tittle-tattle of gossip about his wife's dresses and other domestic details. The US had charged Lord Black with tax evasion, fraud and racketeering, as well as obstruction of justice for destroying documents. He was convicted on indictment and imprisoned in 2007 for six years, but in July 2010, he was released on bail pending his appeal case because an Enron executive had been convicted in what is not termed 'an abuse of process' by prosecutors who implied fraud where they should not have.



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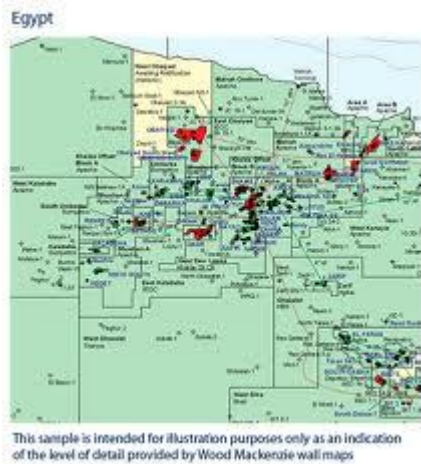


An examination of contemporary bribery crimes in Egypt



Egypt's oil and gas sector

Tipping and facilitation payments is part of Egyptian culture, especially in the oil and gas sector, where low-level government officials expect such tipping and facilitation payments during exploration phases.



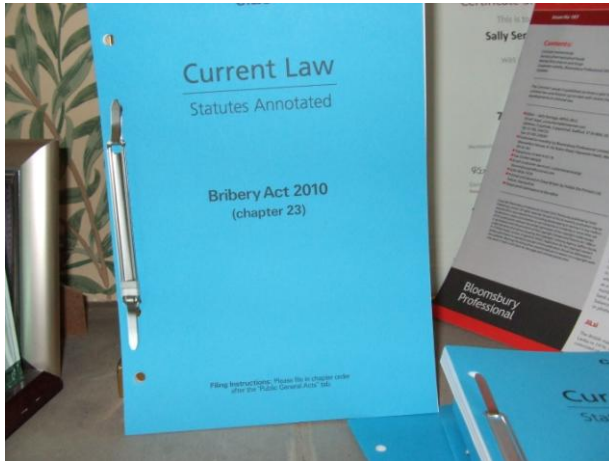
US oil and gas exploration in Egypt

The 1977 US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act makes the bribing of a foreign official abroad a criminal offence in the United States. As a result, most companies with operations in Egypt are used to working within this type of extraterritorial framework and have policies in place to ensure compliance. The FCPA does not criminalise facilitation payments but rather treats such payments as taxable expenses of the US Company similar to a restaurant 'tip' in the UK out of the company's petty cash.

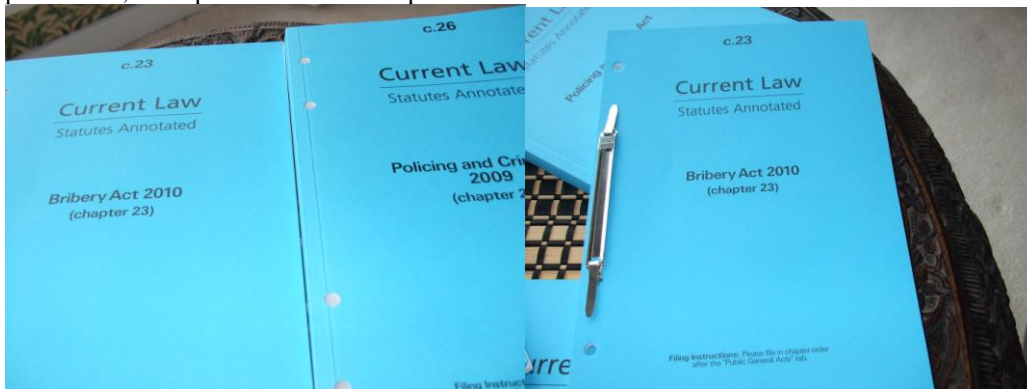


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UK Bribery Act 2010: government guidance postponed



The Ministry of Justice had announced in July 2010 that implementation of the UK Bribery Act 2010 (which was modelled on the Bribery Bill which the Law Commission published in its November 2008 report, *'Reforming Bribery'*) will be delayed until April 2011 (the act had been expected to come into force in October 2010. According to section 9 of the Bribery Act the government is to provide guidance as to adequate procedures, to be published before implementation.

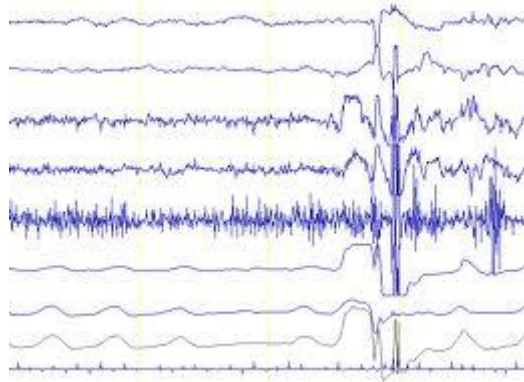


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Brain scans as criminal evidence

Police intelligence

UK police have long since reported on brain fingerprinting (otherwise known as EEG/P300) as an electronic means of collection of evidence by the United Kingdom police.



EEG sensors placed on the head and brain activity is compared for stimuli, which are known to be familiar or unfamiliar to the subject. New stimuli are then presented and compared to these baselines to determine whether they are familiar or unfamiliar to the subject. The test measures individual brain-wave responses to relevant words, pictures, or sounds presented by a computer.



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Women who murder their families



*'Nothing but No and I, and I, and No,
 How fals it out so strangely you reply?
 I tell you (Faire) ile not be answered so,
 With this affirming No, denying I.
 I say, I Love, you sleightly answee I:
 I say, You Love, you peule me with I:
 Save me I Crie, you sigh me out a No;
 Must Woe and I, have naught but No and I?
 No I am I, if I no more can have;
 Answere no more, with Silence make reply,
 And let me take my selfe what I doe crave,
 Let No and I, with I and you be so:
 Then answere No and I, and I and No.'*

“From Idea”, by Michael Drayton (1563-1631)
 W. H. Auden and Norman H. Pearson, eds., (1971) *Poets of the English Language*, Volume II, London: Eyre &



Spottiswoode for Heron Books, pg 102.



Another mother charged with killing her young children

On Friday 17 September 2010, Theresa Riggi, aged 46, appeared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court on a charge of murder of her three young children, Austin, Luke and Cecelia Riggi, after which court appearance, she was remanded in custody. Theresa Riggi made her first appearance in Edinburgh Sheriff Court on petition on charges of murder of her children, eight-year-old twins Austin and Luke, and their sister Cecilia, aged five years old. After the children were dead, Theresa Riggi threw herself...

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