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# \* Prince Andrew, Duke of York

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## Prince Andrew

*Duke of York (more)*



The Duke of York in 2013

<b>Born</b>	19 February 1960 (age 62) <a href="#">Buckingham Palace</a> , London, England
<b>Spouse</b>	<a href="#">Sarah Ferguson</a> (m. 1986; div. 1996)
<b>Issue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Princess Beatrice</a></li> <li><a href="#">Princess Eugenie</a></li> </ul>

### Names

Andrew Albert Christian Edward<sup>[a]</sup>

<b>House</b>	<a href="#">Windsor</a>
<b>Father</b>	<a href="#">Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh</a>
<b>Mother</b>	<a href="#">Elizabeth II</a>

<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Gordonstoun</a></li> <li><a href="#">Britannia Royal Naval College</a></li> </ul>
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### Signature



### Military career

<b>Allegiance</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Service/branch</b>	<a href="#">Royal Navy</a>
<b>Years of active service</b>	1979–2001
<b>Rank</b>	<a href="#">Vice Admiral</a>
<b>Battles/wars</b>	<a href="#">Falklands War</a>

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## Early life



[Gordonstoun](#) school in Scotland



Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Philip, Prince Andrew, and Prince Edward at the opening of the [1978 Commonwealth Games](#) in Edmonton, Alberta

Andrew was born in the Belgian Suite of [Buckingham Palace](#) on 19 February 1960 at 3:30 p.m.,<sup>[9]</sup> the [third child](#) and [second son](#) of [Queen Elizabeth II](#) and [Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh](#). He was [baptised](#) in the palace's Music Room on 8 April 1960.<sup>[10]</sup>

Andrew was the first child born to a reigning British monarch since the reign of [Queen Victoria](#).<sup>[11]</sup> As with his siblings, [Charles](#), [Anne](#), and [Edward](#), Andrew was looked after by a [governess](#), who was responsible for his early education at Buckingham Palace.<sup>[12]</sup> He was sent to [Heatherdown School](#) near [Ascot](#) in Berkshire.<sup>[13]</sup> In September 1973, he entered [Gordonstoun](#), in northern Scotland, which his father and elder brother had also attended.<sup>[14]</sup> He was nicknamed "the Sniggerer" by his schoolmates at Gordonstoun, because of "his penchant for off-colour jokes, at which he laughed inordinately".<sup>[15][16]</sup> While there, he spent six months—from January to June 1977—participating in an exchange programme to [Lakefield College School](#) in Canada.<sup>[13][17]</sup> He left Gordonstoun in July two years later with [A-levels](#)<sup>[17]</sup> in English, history, and economics.<sup>[18]</sup>

## Military service

### Royal Navy

The Royal Household announced in November 1978 that Andrew would join the [Royal Navy](#) the following year. In December, he underwent various sporting tests and examinations at the [Aircraft Selection Centre](#), at [RAF Biggin Hill](#), along with further tests and interviews at [HMS Daedalus](#), and interviews at the [Admiralty Interview Board](#), [HMS Sultan](#). During March and April 1979, he was enrolled at the Royal Naval College Flight, undergoing pilot training, until he was accepted as a trainee helicopter pilot and signed on for 12 years from 11 May 1979. On 1 September of the same year, Andrew was appointed as a [midshipman](#), and entered [Britannia Royal Naval College](#), Dartmouth. During 1979 he also completed the [Royal Marines All Arms Commando Course](#) for which he received his Green Beret.<sup>[19]</sup> He was commissioned as a [sub-lieutenant](#) on 1 September 1981 and appointed to the Trained Strength on 22 October.<sup>[20]</sup>

After passing out from Dartmouth, Andrew went on to elementary flying training with the [Royal Air Force](#) at [RAF Leeming](#), and later, basic flying training with the navy at [HMS Seahawk](#), where he learned to fly the [Gazelle](#) helicopter.<sup>[19]</sup> After being awarded his wings, he moved onto more advanced training on the [Sea King](#) helicopter, and conducted operational flying training until 1982. He joined carrier-based squadron, [820 Naval Air Squadron](#), serving aboard the [aircraft carrier](#), [HMS Invincible](#).<sup>[19]</sup>

### Falklands War

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**Prince Andrew, Duke of York**, [KG](#), [GCVO](#), [CD](#) (Andrew Albert Christian Edward; born 19 February 1960) is a member of the [British royal family](#). The third child and second son of [Queen Elizabeth II](#) and [Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh](#), he is eighth in the line of [succession to the British throne](#), and the first person in the line who is not a descendant of his older brother, [King Charles III](#).

Andrew served in the [Royal Navy](#) as a helicopter pilot and instructor and as the captain of a warship. During the [Falklands War](#), he flew on multiple missions including [anti-surface warfare](#), [casualty evacuation](#), and [Exocet missile](#) decoy. In 1986, he married [Sarah Ferguson](#) and was made [Duke of York](#). They have two daughters: [Princess Beatrice](#) and [Princess Eugenie](#). Their marriage, separation in 1992, and divorce in 1996 attracted extensive media coverage. Andrew served as the UK's [Special Representative for International Trade and Investment](#) for 10 years until July 2011.

In 2014, the American-Australian campaigner [Virginia Giuffre](#) alleged that, as a 17-year-old, she was [sex-trafficked](#) to Andrew by the American financier and convicted sex offender [Jeffrey Epstein](#). Andrew denied any wrongdoing.<sup>[2][3][4]</sup> Following criticism for his association with Epstein, Andrew resigned from public roles in May 2020,<sup>[5]</sup> and his honorary military affiliations and royal charitable [patronages](#) were removed by the Queen in January 2022.<sup>[6][7]</sup> He was the defendant in a [civil lawsuit](#) over [sexual assault](#) filed by Giuffre in the [State of New York](#). The lawsuit was [settled out of court](#) in February 2022.<sup>[8]</sup>

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payment. The paper said that Andrew did not know of the situation.<sup>[61]</sup> In July 2011, Sarah stated that her multi-million pound debts had been cleared due to the intervention of her former husband, whom she compared to a "knight on a white charger".<sup>[62]</sup>

## Health

On 2 June 2022, Andrew tested positive for [COVID-19](#), and it was announced that he would not be present at the [Platinum Jubilee National Service of Thanksgiving](#) at St Paul's Cathedral on 3 June.<sup>[63]</sup>

## Allegations of sexual abuse

### Jeffrey Epstein and related associations

Andrew was friends with [Jeffrey Epstein](#), an American [financier](#) who was convicted of [sex trafficking](#) in 2008. [BBC News](#) reported in [March 2011](#) that the friendship was producing "a steady stream of criticism", and there were calls for him to step down from his role as trade envoy.<sup>[64]</sup> Andrew was also criticised in the media after his former wife, Sarah, disclosed that he helped arrange for Epstein to pay off £15,000 of her debts.<sup>[65][66]</sup> Andrew had been photographed in [December 2010](#) strolling with Epstein in [Central Park](#) during a visit to [New York City](#).<sup>[67]</sup> In July 2011, Andrew's role as trade envoy was terminated and he reportedly cut all ties with Epstein.<sup>[64][68]</sup> 2010

On 30 December 2014, a Florida court filing by lawyers [Bradley J. Edwards](#) and [Paul G. Cassell](#) alleged that Andrew was one of several prominent figures, including lawyer [Alan Dershowitz](#) and "a former prime minister",<sup>[69]</sup> to have participated in sexual activities with a minor later identified as [Virginia Giuffre](#) (then known by her maiden name Virginia Roberts),<sup>[70]</sup> who was allegedly trafficked by Epstein.<sup>[71]</sup> An affidavit from Giuffre was included in an earlier lawsuit from 2008 accusing the [US Justice Department](#) of violating the [Crime Victims' Rights Act](#) during Epstein's first criminal case by not allowing several of his victims to challenge his plea deal; Andrew was otherwise not a party to the lawsuit.<sup>[72]</sup>

In [January 2015](#), there was renewed media and public pressure for Buckingham Palace to explain Andrew's connection with Epstein.<sup>[73]</sup> Buckingham Palace stated that "any suggestion of impropriety with underage minors is categorically untrue", and later repeated the denial.<sup>[74][75]</sup> Requests from Giuffre's lawyers for a statement from Andrew about the allegations, under oath, were returned unanswered.<sup>[76][77]</sup>

Dershowitz denied the allegations in Giuffre's statement and sought [disbarment](#) of the lawyers filing the suit.<sup>[78][79][80]</sup> Edwards and Cassell sued Dershowitz for [defamation](#) in January 2015; he countersued.<sup>[81]</sup> The two parties settled in 2016 for an undisclosed financial sum.<sup>[82]</sup> Epstein sued Edwards for civil [racketeering](#) but later dropped his suit; Edwards countersued for [malicious prosecution](#) with the result that Epstein issued a public apology to the lawyer in December 2018.<sup>[83][84]</sup>

Giuffre asserted that she had sex with Andrew on three occasions, including a trip to London in 2001 when she was 17,<sup>[2]</sup> and later in New York and on [Little Saint James](#) in the U.S. Virgin Islands.<sup>[67]</sup> She alleged Epstein paid her \$15,000 after she had sex with Andrew in London.<sup>[2]</sup> Flight logs show Andrew and Giuffre were in the places she alleged their meetings took place.<sup>[85][86]</sup> Andrew and Giuffre were also photographed together with his arm round her waist, with an Epstein associate, [Ghislaine Maxwell](#), in the background,<sup>[87]</sup> though Andrew's supporters have repeatedly said the photo is fake and edited.<sup>[88]</sup> Giuffre stated that she was pressured to have sex with Andrew and "wouldn't have dared object" as Epstein, through contacts, could have her "killed or abducted".<sup>[89]</sup>

On 7 April 2015, Judge [Kenneth Marra](#) ruled that the "sex allegations made against Andrew in court papers filed in Florida must be struck from the public record".<sup>[90][91]</sup> Marra made no ruling as to whether claims by Giuffre are true or false, specifically stating that she may later give evidence when the case comes to court.<sup>[92]</sup> Giuffre stated she would not "be bullied back into silence".<sup>[93]</sup>

Tuan "John" Alessi, who was Epstein's butler, stated in a deposition he filed for Giuffre's 2016 defamation case against Maxwell that Andrew's hitherto unremarked visits to the Epstein house in Palm Beach were more frequent than previously thought. He maintained that Andrew "spent weeks with us" and received "daily massages".<sup>[94]</sup>

In August 2019, court documents associated with a defamation case between Giuffre and Maxwell revealed that a second girl, [Johanna Sjöberg](#), gave evidence alleging that Andrew had placed his hand on her breast while in Epstein's mansion posing for a photo with his [Spitting Image](#) puppet.<sup>[95]</sup> Later that month, Andrew released a statement that said, "At no stage during the limited time I spent with [Epstein] did I see, witness or suspect any behaviour of the sort that subsequently led to his arrest and conviction," though he expressed regret for meeting him in 2010 after Epstein had already pleaded guilty to sex crimes for the first time.<sup>[96]</sup> At the end of August 2019, [The New Republic](#) published a September 2013 email exchange between [John Brockman](#) and [Evgeny Morozov](#), in which Brockman mentioned seeing a British man nicknamed "Andy" receive a foot massage from two

Russian women at Epstein's New York residence during his last visit to the mansion in 2010, and had realised "that the recipient of Irina's foot massage was His Royal Highness, Prince Andrew, the Duke of York".<sup>[97]</sup>

In July 2020, Caroline Kaufman, an alleged victim of Epstein, said in a federal lawsuit that she had seen Andrew at Epstein's New York mansion in December 2010.<sup>[98]</sup> In November 2021 Lawrence Visoski, Epstein's pilot, testified in court during Ghislaine Maxwell's trial that Prince Andrew flew in Epstein's private plane along with other prominent individuals, including Bill Clinton, Donald Trump and John Glenn. Visoski stated he did not notice any sexual activity or wrongdoing on the plane.<sup>[99]</sup> Similarly, Andrew's name was recorded on 12 May 2001 by Epstein's pilot David Rodgers in his logbook, and he testified that Andrew flew three times with Epstein and Giuffre in 2001.<sup>[100]</sup> The following month a picture of Epstein and Maxwell, sitting at a cabin on the Queen's Balmoral estate, around 1999, at the invitation of Andrew, was shown to the jury to establish their status as partners.<sup>[101]</sup>

On 5 January 2022, Virginia Giuffre's former boyfriend, Anthony Figueroa, said on Good Morning Britain that Giuffre told him Epstein would take her to meet Prince Andrew. He said, "She called me when she was on the trip and she was talking about she knew what they wanted her to do and she was really nervous and scared because she didn't know how to react to it". He alleged the meeting had taken place in London.<sup>[102]</sup> In a court filing, Andrew's lawyers had previously referred to a statement by Figueroa's sister, Crystal Figueroa, who alleged that in her bid to find victims for Epstein, Giuffre had asked her, "Do you know any girls who are kind of slutty?"<sup>[103]</sup> The same month, Carolyn Andriano, who as a 14-year-old was introduced by Giuffre to Ghislaine Maxwell and Jeffrey Epstein and was a prosecution witness in Maxwell's trial, said in an interview with the Daily Mail that then 17-year-old Giuffre told her in 2001 that she had slept with Prince Andrew. She stated, "And [Giuffre] said, 'I got to sleep with him'. She didn't seem upset about it. She thought it was pretty cool."<sup>[104]</sup>

In an ITV documentary, former royal protection officer Paul Page recounted Maxwell's frequent visits to Buckingham Palace, and suggested the two might have had an intimate relationship,<sup>[105]</sup> while Lady Victoria Hervey added that Andrew was present at social occasions held by Maxwell.<sup>[106]</sup> The Duke of York's name and contact numbers for Buckingham Palace, Sunninghill Park, Wood Farm and Balmoral also appeared in Maxwell and Epstein's 'Little Black Book', a list of contacts of the duo's powerful and famous friends.<sup>[106]</sup> In February 2022, The Daily Telegraph published a photograph of Andrew along with Maxwell giving a tour of Buckingham Palace to Andrew's guests Bill Clinton and Kevin Spacey, with a member of the tour party describing Maxwell as "the one who led us into Buckingham Palace".<sup>[107]</sup>

Tina Brown, a journalist who edited Vanity Fair, The New Yorker and The Daily Beast, maintains Epstein described Andrew behind his back as an idiot but found him useful. Brown stated, "Epstein confided to a friend that he used to fly Andrew to obscure foreign markets, where governments were obliged to receive him, and Epstein went along as HRH's investment adviser. With Andrew as frontman, Epstein could negotiate deals with these (often) shady players".<sup>[108]</sup>

## Newsnight interview

*Main article: Prince Andrew & the Epstein Scandal*

In November 2019, the BBC's Newsnight arranged an interview between Andrew and presenter Emily Maitlis in which he recounted his friendship with Epstein for the first time.<sup>[109]</sup> In the interview, Prince Andrew says he met Epstein in 1999 through Maxwell; this contradicts comments made by Andrew's private secretary in 2011, who said the two met in "the early 1990s".<sup>[110]</sup> The Duke also said he did not regret his friendship with Epstein, saying "the people that I met and the opportunities that I was given to learn either by him or because of him were actually very useful".<sup>[111]</sup>

In the interview, Andrew denied having sex with Giuffre on 10 March 2001, as she had accused, because he had been at home with his daughters after attending a party at PizzaExpress in Woking with his elder daughter Beatrice.<sup>[112][113]</sup> Prince Andrew also added that Giuffre's claims about dancing with him at a club in London while he was sweaty were false due to him temporarily losing the ability to sweat after an "adrenaline overdose" during the Falklands War.<sup>[114][115]</sup> According to physicians consulted by The Times, an adrenaline overdose typically causes excessive sweating in humans.<sup>[116]</sup> He also said that he does not drink, despite Giuffre's account of him providing alcohol for them both.<sup>[117][118]</sup> Accounts from other people have supported his statement that he does not drink.<sup>[119][120][121]</sup>

Andrew said that he had stayed in Epstein's mansion for three days in 2010, after Epstein's conviction for sex offences against a minor, describing the location as "a convenient place to stay". The Duke said that he met Epstein for the sole purpose of breaking off any future relationship with him.<sup>[122]</sup> He also said that he would be willing to testify under oath regarding his associations with Epstein.<sup>[111]</sup>

In July 2022 it was announced that a film would be made of the preparations for the interview and the interview itself. Shooting was planned to start in November 2022. According to Deadline, *Scoop* is being written by Peter Moffat.<sup>[123]</sup>

## Civil lawsuit

*Main article: Virginia Giuffre v. Prince Andrew*

In August 2020, anti-child trafficking protesters chanting "Paedophile! Paedophile!" referencing Andrew gathered outside Buckingham Palace, and videos of the protest [went viral](#).<sup>[161]</sup> In August 2021, royal biographer [Penny Junor](#) maintained Prince Andrew's reputation with the public was damaged beyond repair.<sup>[162]</sup>

In 2020, prosecutors seeking access to Andrew made a formal [mutual legal assistance request](#) to the British government.<sup>[163]</sup> It was reported in August 2021 that American authorities were pessimistic about being able to interview Andrew.<sup>[163]</sup>

In January 2022, Andrew's social media accounts were deleted, his page on the royal family's website was rewritten in the past tense and his military affiliations and patronages were removed to put an emphasis on his departure from public life.<sup>[164]</sup> He also stopped using the style [His Royal Highness](#) (HRH) though it was not formally removed.<sup>[37]</sup> In the same month, [York Racecourse](#) announced that it would rename the [Duke of York Stakes](#).<sup>[165]</sup> and [Prince Andrew High School](#) in Nova Scotia, which had announced two years earlier that it was considering a name change because the name "no longer reflects the values of the community",<sup>[166]</sup> stated that it would have a new name at the next academic year.<sup>[167]</sup> In February 2022, [Belfast City Council](#) and the [Northern Ireland Assembly](#) decided not to fly a union flag for Andrew's birthday.<sup>[168]</sup> In the same month, the [Mid and East Antrim Borough Council](#) announced that they would hold a debate in June 2022 regarding a motion to rename Prince Andrew Way in [Carrickfergus](#).<sup>[169]</sup> On 27 April 2022 [York City Council](#) unanimously voted to remove Andrew's [Freedom of the City](#).<sup>[170]</sup> [Rachael Maskell](#) [York Central](#) MP said Andrew was the "first to ever have their freedom removed".<sup>[171]</sup> There have also been calls to remove the Duke of York title.<sup>[172]</sup>

In March 2022, Andrew made his first official appearance in months, helping the Queen to walk into Westminster Abbey for a memorial service for his father, the Duke of Edinburgh.<sup>[173]</sup> There was a mixed reaction by commentators to his presence, with some saying that it would send the wrong message to victims of sexual abuse "about how powerful men are able to absolve themselves from their conduct" and others arguing that his appearance was required as "a son, in memory of his father".<sup>[174]</sup>

In June 2022, *The Telegraph* reported that Andrew had asked the Queen to be reinstated as Colonel of the Grenadier Guards, to use his HRH (His Royal Highness) title and to be allowed to appear at official events due to his position as a 'prince of the blood'.<sup>[175]</sup> In the same month, he took part in private aspects of the [Garter Day](#) ceremony, including lunch and investiture of new members, but was excluded from the public procession following an intervention by his brother [Charles](#) and his nephew [William](#) that banned him from appearing anywhere the public could see him. Andrew's name featured on one of the lists showing this was a last minute decision.<sup>[176]</sup>

In June 2022 Rachael Maskell MP introduced a 'Removal of Titles' bill in the House of Commons. If passed this bill will enable Andrew to be stripped of his Duke of York title and other titles. Maskell maintains 80% of York citizens want Andrew to lose all connection with their city.<sup>[177]</sup> The proposed bill will also enable other people considered unworthy to lose their titles. The monarch or a committee of Parliament would be able to remove a title.<sup>[178]</sup> The bill is due to get its second reading on 9 December 2022.<sup>[179]</sup>

In August 2022, it was reported that the Executive Committee for the Protection of Royalty and Public Figures (RAVEC) had assessed the security threat against Andrew and concluded that he should keep his taxpayer-funded police bodyguards, at an annual cost estimated to be between £500,000 and £3 million.<sup>[180]</sup> In early 2021 there were at least two trespassing incidents reported at his Windsor property, and in December he was verbally abused by a woman as he was driving his car.<sup>[180]</sup>

Following the [death of the Queen](#) on 8 September 2022, Andrew appeared in civilian clothing at various ceremonial events.<sup>[181]</sup> As he walked behind his mother's coffin in a funeral procession in Edinburgh on 12 September, a 22-year-old man shouted "Andrew, you're a sick old man"; the heckler was arrested and charged with committing a [breach of the peace](#).<sup>[182]</sup> Andrew wore military uniform for a 15-minute [vigil](#) by the Queen's coffin at [Westminster Hall](#) on 16 September.<sup>[183]</sup> Lawyer [Spencer Kuvin](#), who represented nine of Epstein's victims, was critical of Andrew's public role in the lead-up to the funeral and stated that "he is attempting now to see if he can rehabilitate his image in the public."<sup>[184]</sup> New York lawyer Mariann Wang, who represented up to 12 Epstein's victims described Andrew's public profile as "quite outrageous" and "harmful for any survivor of trauma to see an abuser or their enablers continue to reap the benefits of privilege, status and power."<sup>[184]</sup>

## Activities and charitable work



On 13 January 2022, it was announced that his royal patronages had been handed back to the Queen to be distributed among other members of the royal family.<sup>[37]</sup>

## Controversies and other incidents

### Special Representative for International Trade and Investment



The Duke of York with [Azerbaijani](#) President [Ilham Aliyev](#), 2011

From 2001 until July 2011, Andrew worked with [UK Trade & Investment](#), part of the [Department for Business, Innovation and Skills](#), as the United Kingdom's [Special Representative for International Trade and Investment](#).<sup>[219]</sup> The post, previously held by [Prince Edward, Duke of Kent](#), involved representing and promoting the UK at various trade fairs and conferences around the world.<sup>[12]</sup> His suitability for the role was challenged in the [House of Commons](#) by Shadow Justice Minister [Chris Bryant](#) in February 2011, at the time of the [2011 Libyan civil war](#), on the grounds that he was "not only a very close friend of [Saif al-Islam Gaddafi](#), but also ... a close friend of the convicted Libyan gun smuggler Tarek Kaituni".<sup>[220][221]</sup> Further problems arose as he hosted a lunch for [Sakher El Materi](#), a member of the corrupt Tunisian regime, at the Palace around the time of the [Tunisian Revolution](#).<sup>[222]</sup> Andrew also formed a friendship with [Ilham Aliyev](#), the president of [Azerbaijan](#) who has been criticised for corruption and for abuses of human rights by [Amnesty International](#), and visited him both during and after his tenure as the UK trade envoy. As of November 2014, Andrew had met Aliyev, on 12 occasions.<sup>[223]</sup> The controversies, together with his ties to Jeffrey Epstein, made him step down from the role in 2011.<sup>[222]</sup>

Andrew did not receive a salary from the UK Trade & Investment for his role as Special Representative, but he went on expenses-paid delegations and was alleged to have occasionally used trips paid for by the government for his personal leisure, which earned him the nickname "Airmiles Andy" by the press.<sup>[222]</sup> On 8 March 2011, [The Daily Telegraph](#) reported: "In 2010, the Prince spent £620,000 as a trade envoy, including £154,000 on hotels, food and hospitality and £465,000 on travel."<sup>[224]</sup>

In November 2020, and following reviews of emails, internal documents, and unreported regulatory filings as well as interviews with 10 former bank insiders, [Bloomberg Businessweek](#) reported on Andrew using his royal cachet and role as Special Representative for International Trade and Investment for helping [David Rowland](#) and his private bank, [Banque Havilland](#), with securing deals with clients around the world.<sup>[225]</sup> The Rowland family are among the investment advisers to Andrew,<sup>[226]</sup> and he was present for the official opening ceremony of their bank in July 2009.<sup>[227]</sup>

### Alleged comments on corruption and Kazakhstan

As the United Kingdom's Special Trade Representative, Andrew travelled the world to promote British businesses. It was revealed in the [United States diplomatic cables leak](#) that Andrew had been reported on by [Tatiana Gfoeller](#), the [United States Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan](#), discussing bribery in Kyrgyzstan and the investigation into the [Al-Yamamah arms deal](#). The Duke, she explained, "was referencing an investigation, subsequently closed, into alleged kickbacks a senior Saudi royal had received in exchange for the multi-year, lucrative [BAE Systems](#) contract to provide equipment and training to Saudi security forces."<sup>[228]</sup> The dispatch continued: "His mother's subjects seated around the table roared their approval. He then went on to 'these (expletive) journalists, especially from [the National Guardian](#) [*sic*], who poke their noses everywhere' and (presumably) make it harder for British businessmen to do business. The crowd practically clapped!"<sup>[229]</sup>

Earlier in 2010, it was revealed that the [Kazakhstan](#) President's billionaire son-in-law [Timur Kulibayev](#) paid Andrew's representatives £15 million – £3 million over the asking price – via offshore companies, for Andrew's [Surrey](#) mansion, [Sunninghill Park](#). Kulibayev frequently appears in US dispatches as one of the men who have accumulated millions in gas-rich Kazakhstan.<sup>[229]</sup> It was later revealed that Andrew's office tried to get a crown estate property close to [Kensington Palace](#) for Kulibayev at that time.<sup>[230]</sup>

In May 2012, it was reported that Swiss and Italian police investigating "a network of personal and business relationships" allegedly used for "international corruption" were looking at the activities of Enviro Pacific Investments which charges "multi-million pound fees" to energy companies wishing to deal with [Kazakhstan](#).<sup>[231]</sup> The trust is believed to have paid £6 million