

6a - The Biggest Revelations From *60 Minute* and Prince Harry's Other Bombshell Interviews – A-

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Harry insists he never called his family racist

Prince Harry explained his understanding of the term "unconscious bias" and how he believes it differs from racism by delving into the controversy surrounding Lady Susan Hussey, William's 83-year-old godmother and a long-standing lady of the household. Hussey, Queen Elizabeth II's former lady-in-waiting, apologized and resigned from her position in December after she repeatedly asked Ngozi Fulani, a black British charity boss where she was "really" from in a prolonged encounter at a Buckingham Palace event on tackling domestic violence. Prince Harry said the row was a "very good example of the environment" within the Royal institution.

"After our Oprah interview, they said that they were going to bring in a diversity tsar. That hasn't happened. Everything they said was going to happen hasn't happened," he added. The royal emphasized that he never called his family racist; he said he just pointed out their unconscious bias, which they can work on. Prince Harry continued to say that he and Meghan Markle "loved" Hussey and that he was glad to hear that Fulani had been invited to the palace to discuss what happened. "She never meant any harm at all," he said of Hussey's comments. "But the response from the British press, and from people online because of the stories that they wrote was horrendous."

William tried to forbid Harry from keeping his beard at his wedding

In a more unusual encounter, Harry tells Bradby that William took issue with him keeping facial hair for his wedding despite the Queen, his late grandmother, granting him permission to keep his beard for the 2018 ceremony. When Bradby asked what the disagreement was actually about, Harry said: "I think a lot of it is to do with – I mean I refer to it as heir/spare but also older brother/younger brother. There's a level of competition there." He added: "And again, writing this, I remembered that William had a beard himself and that granny and other people, the ones to tell—told him that he had to shave it off." The duke then said that he explained to his grandmother that his beard felt like a "shield to his anxiety" and that was the reason for the different standard.

Harry believed that his mother may still be alive

Harry was 12 years old when his mother, Princess Diana, died in a car accident in Paris while being chased by the paparazzi. For many years as a teenager, the young prince believed that his mother may still be alive and had simply disappeared to escape the pressures of public life. "I just refused to accept she was gone. Part of 'She would never do this to us' but also 'This is all part of a plan.'" He says that he would discuss this hope with William, who had similar thoughts. He believed some day, "She would call us, and we would go and join her." It was only when Harry was in his 20s and asked to see photos of the car accident that killed Princess Diana that he let go of the fantasy of seeing his mother again. He made the tragic realization while reviewing the photos that the last thing his mother saw before she passed away was the flash of a camera.

Harry experimented with drugs to help with his grief

Initially, Harry says he dealt with his grief through alcohol, marijuana, and cocaine. He credits his military career from saving him from spinning out of control.

As an adult, Harry has experimented with other types of drugs in a much more controlled environment. He says he has used psychedelics to deal with the grief about his mother, including ayahuasca, psilocybin, and mushrooms, all in a controlled space. "I would never recommend people to do this recreationally, but doing it with the right people if you're suffering from a huge amount of loss, grief, or trauma, then these things have a way of working as a medicine," he said. "For me they cleared the windscreen, the windshield, the misery of loss." (...)

Eliana Dockterman and Armani Syed, *January 8, 2023*, Time.com

6b - The Biggest Revelations From *60 Minute* and Prince Harry's Other Bombshell Interviews – B-

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Harry says that Camilla “sacrificed” him to her “personal PR altar”

Cooper said during the interview that *Spare* was particularly cutting when it came to the depiction of Harry's stepmother Camilla, now queen consort. As boys, William and Harry both directly asked their father not to marry Camilla. “We thought it was going to cause more harm than good, and if he was now with his person, surely that was enough,” he told Cooper. “We wanted him to be happy.”

But Harry was wary of Camilla in part because her reputation had been so tarnished in the British press. Harry's father King Charles has admitted to having a multi-year affair with Camilla while he was married to Harry's mother, Diana. Diana famously once said of Camilla, “There were three of us in this marriage, so it was a bit crowded.” Harry argues that Camilla had to work to make herself more appealing to the British people after that revelation—and claims that she would trade secrets about other royals with the press to do so.

“The need for her to rehabilitate her image, that made her dangerous because of the connections she was forging within the British press. And there was an openness on both sides to trade in information,” he said in the interview. “And with a family built on hierarchy, and with her on the way to being queen consort, there was going to be people or bodies left in the street because of that.”

According to Anderson Cooper, Harry writes in the book that Camilla “sacrificed me on her personal PR altar.”

The royals didn't invite Harry on a plane to rush to the Queen's deathbed

He was in London last September in a charity event when the palace announced Queen Elizabeth II, his grandmother, was under medical supervision in Scotland at Balmoral Castle. “I asked my brother, I said, ‘What are your plans? How are you and Kate getting up there?’ And then a couple of hours later, all of the family members that live within the Windsor and Ascot were jumping on a plane together, a plane with 12, 14, maybe 16 seats...I was not invited.” By the time Harry reached Balmoral on his own, the Queen had died.

Harry says he's doing interviews to get through to his family

Even before the book's publication, Harry has faced criticism for airing his family's dirty laundry rather than resolving his issues with them in private. When Cooper challenged Harry on this point, Harry claimed that writing a book and conducting honest interviews was the only way he knew how to get through to his family. “Every single time I've tried to do it privately, there have been briefings and leakings and planting of stories against me and my wife,” he said. “Trying to speak a language that perhaps they understand, I will sit here and speak truth to you with the words that come out of my mouth rather than using someone else, an unnamed source, to feed lies or narrative to a tabloid media that literally radicalizes its readers to potentially cause harm to my family—my wife, my kids.”

Harry and Meghan are ready to apologize and reconcile

It's difficult to imagine that Harry and William will ever share the close bond they once had after the publication of *Spare*. The book details, among other things, a physical confrontation between the two brothers that ended in William grabbing Harry by the collar and shoving him to the ground before asking him to keep the incident a secret. Harry confirmed in the interview he has not spoken to his father or his brother in “quite awhile” Harry, meanwhile, continues to feel burned by the palace's silence on issues that personally affect his family. Cooper brought up an article in the British tabloid *The Sun* written by a TV host in which the author said he dreamed of Meghan walking naked through the streets of Britain having excrement thrown at her. The palace did not respond to the disturbing piece. “There comes a point when silence is betrayal,” Harry said. The Duke of Sussex said he “can't see” himself returning to life as a full-time royal, but maintained the “ball is in their court” in terms of personal reconciliation. “We will openly apologize for anything we've done wrong.”

Eliana Dockterman and Armani Syed, *January 8, 2023, Time.com*

6c- Prince Andrew BBC interview: Six things we learned

In an interview with BBC Newsnight's Emily Maitlis, the Duke of York, Prince Andrew has given details about his relationship with the late convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein and addressed allegations about sex with a teenage girl. Here are six things we learned from the interview.

1. He still does not regret being friends with Epstein

Prince Andrew has defended his relationship with Epstein before - including as recently as August - two weeks after the disgraced financier took his own life while awaiting trial on sex trafficking charges. But in the BBC interview broadcast on Saturday night, the prince gave more detail about why he "still" did not regret the friendship. He said knowing Epstein had "some seriously beneficial outcomes", at a time when he had left a career in the Navy and begun one as a trade and industry special representative.

Prince Andrew said: "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."

2. He met up with Epstein's ex-girlfriend this year

Prince Andrew has always said he met Jeffrey Epstein in 1999 through the financier's then-girlfriend, Ghislaine Maxwell - a well-connected socialite. Ms Maxwell, daughter of the late newspaper tycoon, Robert Maxwell, has generally kept a low profile since claims about Epstein began to emerge. But the prince said he met up with her earlier this year, before Epstein was arrested and charged over sex trafficking allegations. "She was here (in the UK) doing some rally," the prince said. He said they did not discuss Epstein during the meet-up.

"There wasn't anything to discuss about him because he wasn't in the news, you know, it was just... we had moved on."

The prince stressed throughout the interview that he and Epstein "weren't that close". Invitations Epstein had received to events at Windsor Castle and at Sandringham were in the financier's capacity as Ms Maxwell's "plus one" rather than as a friend in his own right, he said.

3. His reason for meeting Epstein in 2010 was 'to put an end to the friendship'

Prince Andrew said this photo was taken on a walk where he told Epstein their friendship was over. Much of the interview focused on why the prince went to stay with Epstein in 2010, following Epstein's conviction and imprisonment for soliciting and procuring a minor for prostitution. The prince said the visit was to explain to Epstein that their friendship was over. He said he had considered speaking to Epstein on the phone, but decided to meet him face-to-face "to show leadership".

"I took the judgement call that because this was serious, and I felt that doing it over the telephone was the chicken's way of doing it, I had to go and see him and talk to him."

4. Being shot at in the Falklands meant he 'stopped being able to sweat'

Maitlis asked the prince for his response to allegations against him made by one of Epstein's accusers, Virginia Giuffre (then known as Virginia Roberts). Ms Giuffre said she met the prince in 2001 when she dined with him, danced with him at a nightclub in London, and had sex with him at Ghislaine Maxwell's house in Belgravia.

Maitlis pointed out that Ms Giuffre's accusations were "very specific" and included that the prince had been "profusely sweating". The prince said a "problem" with Ms Giuffre's story was that a medical condition meant he could not have been sweating.

"I didn't sweat at the time because I had suffered what I would describe as an overdose of adrenalin in the Falklands War when I was shot at and I simply... it was almost impossible for me to sweat," he said.

5. How the prince likes to dress

Prince Andrew revealed he had investigated the possibility that a photograph - or elements of it - provided by Ms Giuffre was fake. One reason the prince gave was his attire. "I don't believe it's a picture of me in London because... when I go out in London, I wear a suit and a tie," he said. "That's what I would describe as... those are my travelling clothes... if I'm going overseas."

However, newspapers have previously **pictured the prince wearing jeans without a tie or blazer on a night out in London.**

Speaking about the photo with Ms Giuffre, Prince Andrew told Newsnight: "Nobody can prove whether or not that photograph has been doctored but I don't recollect that photograph ever being taken." He also said he did not believe the photograph "was taken in the way that has been suggested" because it shows the prince's hand on the woman's waist. "I am not one to, as it were, hug - and public displays of affection are not something that I do."

6. He has been to Pizza Express in Woking

Prince Andrew: 'Going to Pizza Express in Woking is an unusual thing for me to do'. The duke said the day on which Ms Giuffre's allegations are said to have happened, 10 March 2001, he was not out in London but "at home with the children". He said he had taken his eldest daughter, Princess Beatrice, to a party at a Pizza Express restaurant in Woking at about four or 5pm. "And then because the Duchess was away, we have a simple rule in the family that when one is away the other one is there."

He added he remembered the occasion "weirdly distinctly" because it was one of only a couple of times that he had been to Woking, and going to the Pizza Express there was "a very unusual thing for me to do".

Prince Andrew & the Epstein Scandal: The Newsnight Interview was shown on BBC Two on 16 November 2019 and can be seen on BBC iPlayer in the UK and the full interview can also be seen on YouTube.

6d- The fall of Prince Andrew -a time line

The stripping of Prince Andrew's military roles and royal patronages marked a **nadir** for the Queen's second son since sexual assault accusations arose amid concern over his relationship with the convicted child sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. It was a fall from grace for the 61-year-old, who was once second in line to the throne.

19 February 1960 : Prince Andrew is born at Buckingham Palace, becoming the first child born to a reigning monarch since Princess Beatrice to Queen Victoria.

1979 : Andrew joins the Royal Navy as a trainee helicopter pilot. He studies at Dartmouth naval college and completes Royal Marines courses.

1982 : The prince serves in the Falklands war, after Argentinian forces invade the British overseas territory in the south Atlantic. He serves on HMS Invincible as a Sea King helicopter co-pilot.

1984 : Andrew is promoted to lieutenant, and the Queen makes him her personal aide-de-camp. He serves onboard HMS Brazen as a flight pilot until 1986.

July 1986 : Thousands line the streets in central London as Andrew marries Sarah Ferguson at Westminster Abbey, and on the same day the Queen makes him Duke of York, Earl of Inverness and Baron Killyleagh. They go on to have two daughters – Princess Beatrice, born in August 1988, and Princess Eugenie, born in March 1990.

March 1992 : The Duke and Duchess of York announce they are to separate. Divorce is finalised in May 1996, although the two remain close.

1999: Andrew is reportedly introduced to Epstein, an investment banker and financier, through a mutual friend, Ghislaine Maxwell – the daughter of the late media tycoon Robert Maxwell. A photograph that comes to light during Maxwell's 2021 trial for sex trafficking shows her and Epstein at the Queen's Balmoral residence that year.

2000 : Epstein, Maxwell and Andrew are seen at Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago club in Florida. Later that year, Epstein and Maxwell attend a joint birthday party at Windsor Castle hosted by the Queen, and the prince throws a shooting weekend for Maxwell's birthday.

March 2001 According to Virginia Giuffre, Andrew sexually assaults her at Maxwell's home in Belgravia, London, and also twice more, at Epstein's New York home and at an "orgy" on his private island in the Caribbean when she was 17. The allegation prompts a comprehensive denial from the Duke of York.

July 2001 : Andrew retires from the Royal Navy as commander. He is later promoted to rear admiral, in 2010, and vice admiral, in 2015. The government appoints him as special representative for international trade and investment. He represents the UK at trade fairs and conferences around the world.

December 2010 : The prince visits Epstein in New York after Epstein's release from prison for pleading guilty to prostituting minors. They are photographed walking through Central Park.

May 2010 : The Duchess of York is filmed by a tabloid reporter claiming the prince would meet a donor and pass on business contacts if she receives £500,000.

July 2011 : Andrew quits his trade envoy role after a furore about him visiting Epstein in New York after he had been jailed for sexual offences. Ferguson admits accepting money from Epstein to pay off debts.

April 2015: Allegations that Andrew had sex with Giuffre emerge in court documents in Florida related to Epstein. They say she was forced to have sex with him when she was 17, which is under the age of consent under Florida law. Buckingham Palace denies the allegations.

August 2019: Epstein is found dead in his jail cell after being re-arrested and charged with sex trafficking.

November 2019: Andrew steps back from public duties “for the foreseeable future” after a disastrous BBC TV interview where he claims he could not have had sex with Giuffre because he was at home after a visit to Pizza Express in Woking, that her description of his dancing with her beforehand could not be true because he was unable to sweat, and that he had “no recollection of ever meeting this lady”.

12 January 2022 : A New York judge rejects the prince’s attempts to throw out a sexual abuse civil lawsuit brought against him by Giuffre.

13 January 2022 : The Queen strips her son of a range of military affiliations and royal patronages after more than 150 veterans write to describe their “upset and anger”. Giuffre’s lawyer insists she would be unlikely to accept a “purely financial settlement” to end her sexual assault civil lawsuit against the royal. The lawyer says that although she does not have a firm idea of what she wants, it is important that any resolution happens “in a way that vindicates her and vindicates the other victims”.

14 January 2022 : Giuffre requests testimony from Andrew’s former assistant Robert Olney on the grounds that she has “reason to believe” he has “relevant information about Prince Andrew’s relationship with Jeffrey Epstein”.

15 January 2022 : Andrew’s lawyers ask to question Giuffre’s husband and psychologist on the grounds that she may have “false memories”.

18 January 2022 : Shukri Walker, who may have seen Andrew with Giuffre at a London nightclub 20 years ago, says she is willing to provide testimony in Giuffre’s civil lawsuit. Her lawyer said “she remembers the night clearly because she never saw a royal before or since”.

26 January 2022: In legal filings submitted to the New York court, Andrew denies he was a co-conspirator of : Epstein and that the disgraced financier trafficked girls to him, and insists on a jury trial. His lawyers reiterate their previously unsuccessful claim that Giuffre’s 2009 settlement with Epstein shields Andrew from litigation.

5 February 2022 : A date in March is set for Andrew to give evidence under oath.

15 February 2022 : In a remarkable turnaround, Andrew reaches a settlement in principle with Giuffre in which he agrees to make a “substantial donation” to a charity, and accepts that Giuffre “suffered as an established victim of abuse”. In a document submitted to the New York court, Andrew says he regrets his association with Epstein.

March 2023: Prince Andrew refuses to obey King Charles's request of leaving Royal Lodge, the 30-room mansion and downsize to Prince Harry's former residence Frogmore Cottage.

Harry Taylor and Rachel Hall, February 15, 2022, The guardian .com

nadir: worst moment in one's life

6e- Who are the working royals now after Prince Harry and Meghan Markle quit?

It's been over two years since **Prince Harry** and **Meghan Markle** announced they'd be stepping down from royal duties in January 2020, after which they left the UK [Megxit]. (...) Harry and Meghan are no longer working royals, but here are the members of the **Royal Family** who are full-time working royals and what exactly it means to be one.

What is a working royal?

A working royal is a member of the royal family who represents the Queen at official engagements. While representing the Queen, working royals will often perform any duties needed such as: meeting with international dignitaries, hosting official state dinners and other events, attending parliamentary and constitutional functions, handing out honours, carrying out international trips and tours, opening buildings.

However, since all duties are performed on behalf of the Queen, doing them at events in the name of another charity or organisation doesn't count as a working royal's duty. Being a working royal is a full-time job, which means that living costs, accommodation, and any expenses not covered by appropriate government departments will be covered by the Queen. The seniority of a working royal will be negotiated between various government bodies, Buckingham Palace, ambassadors, or high commissioners in the overseas country. This is to ensure that the person is capable and of appropriate standing to perform any task at hand. The Queen pays working royals with the revenue of the Duchy of Lancaster, which is a private estate that has been part of the holdings of the monarch since Henry IV.

Who are the working royals today?

The Queen

Her Majesty The Queen is obviously a working royal as she has been for a history-making 70 years.

After celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of her service this year, the 96-year-old monarch still continues to carry out her royal duties, despite some health concerns and mobility issues of late.

The Prince of Wales, Prince Charles and The Duchess of Cornwall, Camilla

Prince Charles is the next-in-line to the throne and regularly represents the Queen in many of her official stately duties. The Queen confirmed that the Duchess of Cornwall, Camilla will be Queen Consort when husband Prince Charles ascends to the throne. Camilla is also a working royal who carries out duties and attends royal engagements either with Charles or alone.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Prince William and Kate Middleton

Prince William is the second-in-line to the throne after father Prince Charles. As the future of the monarchy, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have begun to take on more royal duties on behalf of the Queen in recent years including the Caribbean tour, which ended up receiving lots of backlash. Their children, Princes George and Louis and Princess Charlotte, also joined them on the balcony.

The Princess Royal, Anne

The Queen's only daughter, Princess Anne, is one of the most hard-working royals, often topping the list of most official engagements carried out annually. This year, Anne toured Australia and was even rumoured to become the first female head of the Marines. Anne's husband Vice Admiral Timothy Laurence, is not a working royal but he did join Anne on the balcony for Trooping the Colour.

The Earl and Countess of Wessex, Prince Edward and Sophie

The Queen's youngest son, Prince Edward and his wife Sophie are both working royals who regularly represent the Queen on several occasions. Their children, Lady Louise Windsor and James, Viscount Severn, are not working royals but they joined their parents on the balcony for Trooping the Colour.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, Prince Richard and Birgitte

Prince Richard who is the Queen's first cousin may be a lesser-known royal but he's been a full-time working member of the family for many years. His wife Birgitte is also a working royal who attends both national and international events alongside her husband, in support of The Queen.

Who isn't a working royal?

Both Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie, who are ninth and 10th in line to the throne are not classed as "senior working royals." Both sisters have regular day jobs with Beatrice working as Vice President of Partnerships and Strategy at tech company Afinity and Eugenie being director at a London art gallery.

The Queen's granddaughter Zara Tindall has had several ventures outside of being a member of the royal family. In 2020, she and husband Mike Tindall announced a commercial sponsorship deal to become ambassadors for V-Health Passport, to track Covid immunity among athletes. An accomplished equestrian and a silver medal winner at the London 2012 Olympics as part of the Great Britain Eventing team, Zara also became director at a Cheltenham racecourse in early 2020.

Some other royals like Princess Alexandra of Kent do carry out royal duties but do so on a reduced basis, so her exact working status is unknown.

Malvika Padin, *September 6, 2022*, The Mirror

6f- King Charles' slimmed down monarchy, with only four members under the age of 70, could leave royal family's day-to-day work responsibilities 'impossible to fulfil', royal experts warn

•King Charles, 74, is known to be in favour of a smaller and cheaper monarchy but (...) a new portrait **released to celebrate the King's Coronation** on Monday provided a glimpse into the future of the Royal Family, with Queen Camilla and the **Princess Royal** stood proudly either side of Charles. The image also highlighted the difficulties this may bring, with all but four working royals now aged over 70.

There are already concerns there may be too much pressure on the Prince and **Princess of Wales** to take on the bulk of engagements as the ageing pool of working royals continues to shrink. Prince Andrew and **the Duke and Duchess of Sussex are have stepped back from public duties** and were not included in the Royal portrait yesterday.

Royal author Phil Dampier today said there is a shortage of working royals for at least the next decade, with any further cuts leaving them unable to fulfil daily duties. He told MailOnline: 'We have got a slimmed down monarchy by default because Harry and Meghan have left and Andrew is in disgrace. But there is now a real problem with most of the working royals being over seventy. It leaves just William and Kate and Edward and Sophie until their children get older. So for the next decade there is a shortage of man and woman power. You could bring in the likes of Beatrice and Eugenie to do more, but Charles has always been against that, and they are associated with their parent. We are going to have to accept that the days of having 1,600 patronages like the Queen and Prince Philip are probably over.'

Mr Dampier also said the idea of long-distance overseas royal tours may not be overly welcomed by Queen Camilla. 'Charles is very fit for his age but I'm not sure the Queen is looking forward to gruelling overseas tours to the likes of Australia, New Zealand and the Caribbean. She doesn't like flying or the heat so it's going to be hard for her at 75.

As Princess Anne said a couple of weeks ago on Canadian TV the monarchy already looks pretty slimmed down, so let's stop any talk of cutting it further. Otherwise the day to day work of the institution will simply be impossible to fulfil.'

Royal expert Richard Fitzwilliams also noted the 'challenge' for the King in the future and said he will need to decide 'how slimmed down he wants the monarchy to be'. He said the group portrait of the working royals signified 'the people who the King can depend on', adding: 'The absentees, everyone knows the reasons for that'. Mr Fitzwilliam said Princess Anne's proximity to the King in the portrait 'is no accident', adding the fact she is 'experienced and hard-working' will have been noticed by Charles.

He added Queen Camilla looked 'more relaxed and comfortable' wearing the crown in her solo portrait than she did in Westminster Abbey, during the coronation ceremony that was watched by millions world wide

Jamie Phillips, *May 9, 2023*, Dailymail.com

6g- Paparazzi reject Harry and Meghan's demand to see photos from 'chase' in mocking letter

The royals say the incident could have been catastrophic, but others claim their account is exaggerated and that any danger came from the couple's own driver.

Harry and Meghan have demanded an agency hand over photos and videos taken by paparazzi during a "chase" in New York earlier this week. The couple said they were involved in a "near catastrophic" pursuit after an awards ceremony on Tuesday, but others said their account is overblown. Their letter reportedly states: "We hereby demand that Backgrid immediately provide us with copies of all photos, videos, and/or films taken last night by the freelance photographers after the couple left their event and over the next several hours." The reason given is apparently so they can improve security in future.

But Backgrid's lawyer appeared to mock Harry and Meghan's request as they sent a robust letter in response. It said: "In America, as I'm sure you know, property belongs to the owner of it: Third parties cannot just demand it be given to them, as perhaps Kings can do. Perhaps you should sit down with your client and advise them that his English rules of royal prerogative to demand that the citizenry hand over their property to the Crown were rejected by this country long ago. We stand by our founding fathers."

The agency previously said it did not condone harassment or illegal activity and that it was conducting a detailed investigation.

It comes after Harry and Meghan's press secretary told Sky News the couple were "incredibly scared and shaken up" by their experience and she had never seen them so vulnerable. Their security claimed at least 15 lights were ignored by paparazzi driving "aggressively and badly" in cars and on bikes.

However, one of those involved said the royals' own driver was the one who made the situation dangerous. A taxi driver who carried the couple on some of the journey also suggested their account was "exaggerated" and that he never felt in danger. Two New York police officers played down the incident, describing it as "a bit chaotic" rather than "near catastrophic".

Asked about the incident during an interview in Japan where he is attending the G7 summit, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said "cars in New York are not really my priority". He said he was "not aware of a particular incident in question" and sought to discuss his domestic policies. Pressed if he has sympathy with a possible invasion of privacy or safety, Mr Sunak told the BBC: "I think just as all of us do, we want to make sure that we go about our day-to-day lives in safety and security. My job as prime minister is to ensure everyone feels safe in our country."

Told the incident under discussion happened in the US, Mr Sunak said: "Cars in New York are not really my priority or my responsibility. What is my priority and responsibility is people's safety at home."

Prince Harry's mother, Princess Diana, died in a car crash after being chased by paparazzi in Paris in 1997. The duke is also currently suing UK newspapers over claims of intrusion into his private life, including alleged phone hacking.

Buckingham Palace and Kensington Palace have not commented on the incident in New York.

Bethany Minelle, *Friday 19 May 2023*, news.sky.com

6h- US court to hear challenge over Prince Harry's visa following drug revelations

Prince Harry's US immigration records should be unsealed in the light of revelations about drug-taking in his recent book, a conservative think tank will argue in a federal court next week. The Heritage Foundation is suing the US government to find out if it acted according to procedure when it granted the Duke of Sussex a US visa. Under US immigration law, evidence of past drug use can be grounds to reject an application.

The case will be held in front of a federal judge on June 6 at the US District Court for the District of Columbia. The Heritage Foundation filed a complaint under the Freedom of Information Act, attempting to compel the government to release Harry's immigration file. "The requested information is of immense public interest," reads an amended complaint filed on May 5.

"Widespread and continuous media coverage has surfaced the question of whether DHS [Department of Homeland Security] properly admitted the Duke of Sussex in light of the fact that he has publicly admitted to the essential elements of a number of drug offenses in both the United States and abroad," it continues. The original request for Harry's records was rejected because Harry had not indicated that he "consented to his information being released," the US Justice Department said in court papers. In addition, DOJ argues that "citations to speculation about the status of Prince Harry's visa are not sufficient to meet the standard" to speed up the process of releasing the document. The Heritage Foundation has long been one of the most influential conservative think tanks in Washington. Nile Gardiner, director of the foundation's Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom, tweeted on Thursday that there was a public interest in disclosing Harry's records. "Given his extensive drug use admissions, normally disqualifying for entry into the United States, the American people deserve answers to the serious questions raised by the evidence," he wrote in a Twitter post. "Did DHS in fact look the other way, play favorites, or fail to appropriately respond to any potential false statements by Prince Harry?" (...)

Harry most recently confessed to taking various recreational party drugs in his explosive memoir "Spare," which was published in January. The Duke of Sussex admitted to having taken cocaine, smoked marijuana and tried magic mushrooms. Harry, who moved to California with Meghan in 2020, has opened up about his experiences with cocaine as a teenager.

"Of course. I had been doing cocaine around this time. At someone's country house, during a shooting weekend, I'd been offered a line, and I'd done a few more since," Harry revealed. "It wasn't much fun, and it didn't make me particularly happy, as it seemed to make everyone around me, but it did make me feel different, and that was the main goal."

Harry described himself as a "deeply unhappy seventeen-year-old boy willing to try almost anything that would alter the status quo."

Elsewhere in the autobiography, the fifth in line to the throne discussed graduating from smoking tobacco to weed during his days at Eton College, as well as revealing that he tried magic mushrooms during a trip to the United States. Harry said he briefly stayed at actor Courteney Cox's house where "we spotted a huge box of black diamond mushroom chocolates" and he and a friend ate several and "washed them down with tequila."

Prince Harry's autobiography was not the first time the royal had touched upon his recreational drug use when he was younger. He previously spoke with Oprah Winfrey of how he abused drugs and alcohol in his late 20s and early 30s as a coping mechanism for the pressures of royal life.

"I was willing to drink, I was willing to take drugs," he said. "I was willing to try and do the things that made me feel less like I was feeling."

Jack Guy and Lauren Said-Moorhouse, *June 2, 2023*, CNN,