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An explanation of what is going on with the Salmond enquiry.

Alex Salmond was the leader of the SNP and was first minister of Scotland, but he stepped down from this position after the SNP failed to secure the Scottish Referendum.

Nicola Sturgeon took his place.

Nicola was basically Salmonds underling and he was her mentor. They were very close.

Everything after this point is all speculation/allegations, so take everything with a pinch of salt until the facts come out.

If the SNP ever allow them to come out.

A rift had been growing for many years between Salmond and Sturgeon as he felt she was not progressing enough towards an independent Scotland, probably because the party focuses mainly on woke bullshit and hate crime laws for memes.

Salmond hinted a return to the party.

Around about this time, with very convenient timing, Salmond got MeToo'd by several women within the SNP, this resulted in a massive police investigation, seriously huge, with the cops interviewing around 400 people.

Salmond was charged with several counts of sexual assault.

The case goes to trial, which results in Salmond being acquitted of all charges.

This is usually where such things would end, but it turns out this exposed everyone to a rabbit hole of alleged corruption within the SNP at it's highest levels.

Alex Salmond cleared of all sexual assault charges

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Alex Salmond case



Important to include that not only was he acquitted, but an enquiry also found the governments action against him unlawful, and he was awarded £500,000 in legal costs.

Alex Salmond sexual harassment investigation ruled unlawful

By Ashleigh Webber on 8 Jan 2019 in **Sexual harassment**, **Latest News**, **Discipline and grievances**



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A parliamentary enquiry was launched to investigate the "mishandling" of this case by the Scottish government.

Some people consider this to be due to him being acquitted, some people believe it was part of a conspiracy to bring Salmond down as he threatened Sturgeons power.

Craig Murray, an ex-ambassador and diplomat, released the identities of Salmonds accusers, which resulted in him being charged with contempt of court.

In this article for The Majority, his defence statements say some pretty damning things about the SNP and Sturgeon.

'12. Alex Salmond, with whom I had only very slight prior acquaintance, invited me to meet him in the George Hotel in Edinburgh. Here, for the first time, he told me that Nicola Sturgeon had been behind the process designed to generate false accusations against him. He said as well as Mackinnon and Evans, Liz Lloyd was responsible for the actual orchestration.'

'14. Mr Salmond further told me that there was a massive police operation underway to try to get accusers to come forward against him...He understood that over 400 people had been interviewed by the police...[one woman] stated that she had been called in and interviewed by the police because many years ago Alex Salmond had been said by another person to have been seen kissing her on the cheeks in a theatre foyer. The woman stated she had told them it was a perfectly normal greeting...A 'retired [personal protection] officer challenged the interviewer as to how he could be involved in such a corrupt stitch up....all the accusations emanated from the same small coterie, there was not a single accusation from an outside or independent source.'

He alleges that in his meetings with Salmond, Nicola Sturgeon and other high ranking SNP members, conspired to bring Salmond down.

Again, all of this is currently just allegations.

17. 'It had been impossible to follow the judicial review case without concluding that a very unfair process had been undertaken against Alex Salmond, and that it was impossible this could have happened without the knowledge and approval of Nicola Sturgeon.'

'18. I asked what the motive could be...he had retired from the party leadership before, and then come back, and perhaps Nicola had concluded he needed a stake through the heart.'

He also alleges that the SNP put major pressure on the police themselves to go ahead with the investigation, that it was something they really pushed for.

The whole "what evidence do you need" angle is pretty sus.

'31. In March 2020 I had explained and briefly shown to me by a source with good access the content of evidence related to the Salmond trial, much of which was to be excluded from the trial itself by the judge as collateral.'

'32. This material included the message from Peter Murrell, Chief Executive Officer of the SNP, to Sue Ruddick, Chief Operating Officer, to the effect that it was now the right time to put pressure on Police Scotland to move forward against Alex Salmond.'

'It included the message from Ms Ruddick (I do not recall the recipient) to the effect that the problem was with Police Scotland refusing to detail precisely what evidence they required. If they would specify, then she could get that evidence for them.'

'It included the message from Leslie Evans, Permanent Secretary to the Scottish Government, after the Scottish Government had abandoned its judicial review case, to the effect that they had lost a battle but won the war.'

As the statement goes on, it seems the alleged victims were being treated like tools, with one even saying they felt more "pressured than supported" to go ahead with the allegations.

Indicates the party were more concerned with destroying Salmond, than getting justice.

'33. It included the message from [redacted] to another complainer to the effect that she had a plan that would enable them to have a strongly detrimental effect on Alex Salmond but have anonymity.'

'It included the message from [redacted] to the effect that she did not want to attend any further meetings regarding a possible complaint if [redacted] were going to be present as [redacted] made her feel pressured rather than supported.'

'It included the message from Ian McCann to the effect that he would sit on [redacted]'s complaint until it became necessary to deploy it.'

'It included a number of messages from [redacted] which gave the impression she was playing a central role in orchestrating and organising complainers, but I do not recall any specific details of those particular individual messages.'

You can read the entire thing here :

<https://t.co/tkUGJhANbZ>

He then closes with the reasons he made the names of the accusers public.

'40. If the public knew the identities of those being put up to make allegations, and just how close to Nicola Sturgeon they were, they would immediately understand what was happening'

'41. That accusers included:

Nicola Sturgeon. First Minister of Scotland Leader of the SNP ;

Ian Blackford, UK Parliamentary Leader for the SNP ;

Angus Robertson, Former UK Parliamentary Leader of the SNP ;

'The combination of the anonymity of these accusers, and the exclusion from the trial on the grounds of « collateral evidence » – and continued intention of the Crown Office to suppress – of the messages implicating Peter Murrell and Sue Ruddick in the conspiracy, has resulted in the denial to the Scottish public of information which there is the strongest possible public interest in knowing, in order for them to judge the actions of those in power over them.'

All of this still ongoing within the Scottish parliament, but it also includes a lot of fuckery, people giving conflicting statements, some people contradicting themselves, evidence being withheld, as well as accusations of Sturgeon breaking ministerial code by lying.

FMQs: Nicola Sturgeon under pressure to say she will resign if found to have broken ministerial code

The First Minister came under sustained pressure to abide by sanctions, including resignation, if she is found to have breached the ministerial code, as both Labour and the Conservatives attempted to determine whether she had misled Parliament over meetings she had with Alex Salmond to discuss allegations of sexual harassment against him.

As enquiries are still ongoing, just a few days ago, Nicola Sturgeon's own husband was giving evidence via video call, and during the call it is claimed he was "constantly looking to the left" leading to allegations that he was being coached off-camera about what to say.

Scots Tory MPs call for criminal probe into Sturgeon's SNP chief husband's 'dismal and shifty' performance at Alex Salmond sex harassment inquiry as he denies lying under oath and is called out for continuously 'looking left' off screen

- Feud between Nicola Sturgeon and predecessor Alex Salmond at heart of inquiry that has rocked the SNP
- Her husband Peter Murrell is accused of lying about a meeting between his wife and Mr Salmond in 2018
- Mr Murrell denies he knew about talks in advance and that he was present for them during evidence to inquiry
- Tory MSP Murdo Fraser said he has changed story and 'made an untruthful statement to this committee'
- Court cleared Mr Salmond of sex crimes and he said they were 'deliberate fabrications for political purpose'

There are many more things that I did not include for the sake of brevity, but this seriously is a huge rabbit hole and again it is still important to note that all of this far is just allegations. We don't have the full facts yet, and we might never get them.

But, if all of this turns out to be true, then it's over for the SNP, not only will the parties reputation be in the gutter, but many of its most prominent figures will have to resign and possibly face criminal charges themselves

If the upper echelons of this government are abusing their power in order to increase that power, then the Scottish people have a right to know, so I am happy with a full and unbiased enquiry, free from SNP influence, taking place.