Coalition Update: 19-25 July

'Hackgate'

'Murky practices' revealed, says Nick Gegg ( , 21 July)

Clegg tries to establish a distinctive position for his party, saying: "I don't think anyone should be surprised that the Liberal Democrats and Conservatives come at this issue from completely different directions.

http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/murky-practices-revealed-says-nick-clegg-2318068.html

Nick Clegg defends Cameron's discussions with NI executives over BSkyB **bid** ( , 21 July)

Nick Clegg plays the loyal deputy in his press conference and resists the temptation to distance himself from David Cameron.

http://blogs.ft.com/westminster/2011/07/nick-clegg-tries-to-defend-camerons-discussions-with-ni-executives-over-bskyb-bid/#axzz1T5qYEQE4

## Lib Dem Voices

Andrew Stunell MP writes: Re-localisation of business rates will give councils real financial freedom ( , 19 July)

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## Lib Dem councillors attack Government plans for elected police commissioners ( \$ , 23 July)

15 Lib Dem councillors urge the Government to drop the proposal for elected police commissioners.

http://conservativehome.blogs.com/localgovernment/2011/07/lib-dem-councillors-attack-government-plans-for-elected-police-commissioners.html

Don't blame Nick ( , 25 July)

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## Cable waxes as Murdoch wanes ( , 25 July)

Vince Cable has not actually said 'I told you so', but the crisis at Murdoch's empire has given him renewed authority and he is using it to press for a bigger banking shakeup <a href="http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2011/jul/25/cable-revived-by-fall-of-murdoch">http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2011/jul/25/cable-revived-by-fall-of-murdoch</a>

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