

RAK power struggles: Patrick Grayson and Stuart Page focus of new case being brought by Al Sadeq's lawyers

Two of London's best-known private investigators are caught up in a case linked to Ras Al Khaimah and lawyer Neil Gerrard.

The lawfirm **Stokoe Partnership**, representing **Karam Al Sadeq** the Jordanian lawyer imprisoned in the emirate of Ras Al Khaimah (RAK), has filed a suit against veteran City of London investigators **Stuart Page**, now the head of **Page Corporate Investigations Ltd**, and **Patrick Grayson**, of **Grayson + Co Ltd** and former **GPW** co-founder ([IOL 821](#)). Stokoe claims that the two were hired to obtain confidential information from the law firm including the bank details and travels of partner **Bambos Tsiattalou**.

The case is the latest instalment in a long running battle in Ras Al Kaimah, the small emirate headed by **Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi**, a big fan of private investigation. Al Sadeq, a former lawyer at the **Ras Al Khaimah Investment Authority** (RAKIA), has been imprisoned for two years for fraud, which he claims was a political move. Earlier this year, he accused **Neil Gerard**, who has worked for the RAK for many years in London ([IOL 828](#)), of complicity to torture, a charge denied by Gerrard and **Dechert**.

Usual suspects

As well as the RAKIA affairs, involving Al Sadeq, **Farhad Azima** and others ([IOL 852](#)), Gerrard, who resigned from Dechert out of the blue last month, is facing other accusations. The former **Metropolitan Police** star investigator and his former firm are still being pursued by the Kazakh company **ENRC**, owned by the

trio of oligarchs **Alijan Ibragimov**, **Patokh Chodiev** and **Alexander Machkevitch**. The company claims the lawyer gave confidential documents to the **Serious Fraud Office** (SFO) to broaden the investigation into the mining company and earn bigger fees for himself. The huge case involved a number of corporate intelligence firms ([IOL 841](#)). At one point, Gerrard filed a lawsuit against **Diligence** which has finally been settled out of court.

The ENRC case will not go to court until next June but those involved are already getting active. People close to Gerrard think that ENRC is looking to discredit him before the case and believe that the three oligarchs are behind the recent complaints, particularly those linked to RAK. Stokoe has not said who is paying for their client's case against Gerrard, Dechert, Page and Grayson - which is precisely what the investigators wish to ascertain.

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