

***Daily Mirror* faces high-profile hacking claims**

LONDON, UK: Ex-England football boss Sven-Goran Eriksson and a former nanny to the Beckham family are taking legal action against Britain's Mirror Group Newspapers over alleged phone hacking, *Sky News* reported earlier this week.

Media lawyer Mark Lewis said he had also issued High Court claims against newspapers in the Mirror group, the *Daily Mirror*, *Sunday Mirror* and *The People*, on behalf of soap actress Shobna Gulati and former footballer Gary Flitcroft.

Eriksson's claim dates back to when Piers Morgan was editor of the *Daily Mirror*. Morgan, who now hosts a talk show on US broadcaster CNN, has always denied any involvement in phone hacking.

This is the first time a publisher outside Rupert Murdoch's News International has faced court action over hacking allegations in Britain.

The scandal led to the closure of the tycoon's *News of the World* tabloid, which had a circulation of around 2.7 million, in July 2011.

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