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PM: WE'LL FREEZE RUSSIAN BILLIONS

Cameron's furious call to Putin as jet victims' bodies are piled on train amid fears they'll be used as bargaining chips

DAVID Cameron last night warned Vladimir Putin his billionaire 'cronies' will have their assets frozen in London unless he co-operates with the probe into Flight MH17.
 The Prime Minister vented his fury at Russia's obstruction in a

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30-minute phone call - the first direct contact between the leaders since the jet was shot down with the loss of 298 lives.

He effectively blamed Russia, telling Mr Putin he had 'contributed to an appalling tragedy'. And he urged him to 'change course' by calling off

the armed thugs in eastern Ukraine thought to have been behind the atrocity that left ten Britons dead.

It came as the separatists loaded piles of victims' corpses onto a freight train, sparking fears they could be used as bargaining chips.

Britain is now pushing for EU sanctions against Mr Putin's 'crony group' of wealthy supporters, some of whom use London as their

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Rory, the model ...and a stunning return to form

Golfer's victory and glamorous new friendship

By Arthur Martin

SINKING a simple putt may have won him the Open – but was there a greater driving force behind Rory McIlroy's triumph yesterday? A budding romance, perhaps?

The victory – and spectacular return to form – meant the 25-year-old golfer became the third youngest player to win three major championships.

It all coincides with his blossoming friendship with Irish lingerie model Nadia Forde.

After being introduced by mutual friends last year, the pair have remained tight-lipped about the nature of their relationship.



Tight-lipped: McIlroy yesterday

Meanwhile McIlroy's ex-fiancee, Danish tennis star Caroline Wozniacki, 24, seems to be thriving on being a single woman after winning the Istanbul Cup yesterday – her first title of the year.

McIlroy and Miss Forde, 25, certainly seem to be getting closer. He missed a practice session before the Open when he learnt that Miss Forde had been involved in a car crash last weekend.

Her Fiat 500 Abarth flipped six times before crashing into the central reservation on the M40 in Warwickshire when she was driving from London to Manchester. She suffered only minor bruising and a bump to her head.

After the crash, McIlroy said: 'If anyone is involved in a car crash you are glad to see they are OK but yeah, obviously, it was a pretty scary incident.'

The golfer, who split from Miss Wozniacki in May after the couple sent out their wedding invitations, has been reluctant to answer questions

about any potential new romance. But after he was spotted getting close to Miss Forde in a Dublin bar earlier this month, he rediscovered the kind of goading form which propelled him to the top of the world rankings two years ago.

Miss Forde is a model, actress and singer who regularly appears on Irish television.

She has previously described McIlroy as a 'lovely guy', although she too has been coy about the nature of their relationship.

'The bottom line with me and Rory is we have mutual friends who introduced us and we've been in each other's company,' she said.

When asked if the golfer was her type she replied: 'I don't

really have a type, to be honest with you.'

Miss Forde said her ideal man would be 'a bit of a cheeky chappie who makes me laugh... a guy with a twinkle in his eye'.

She added: 'For me it's not about looks. It's about the person. I think whoever I end up with I will be friends with first.'

'The important thing is having somebody with ambition and drive who is hard-working. That for me is a massive turn-on.'

The model did not attend the Open at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, in Hoylake, the Wirral, despite speculation that she might make an appearance. She is thought to be in Florida. All the same McIlroy

punched the air with delight, then hugged his tearful mother Rosie after sinking a simple putt to clinch the Claret Jug – and a cheque for £975,000 – by two shots last night.

Describing his win, the Northern Irishman told the BBC: 'It feels incredible. It wasn't easy. There were a few guys making runs at me and I just needed to stay focused.'

'To win three legs of the grand slam at 25 is a pretty big achievement.'

He added: 'This is the first major my mum has been to that I've won, so mum, this one's for you.'

'I just can't wait to get back and defend this thing at St Andrews next year.'

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Prodigy: Young Rory on the course with his father Gerry

£50k for dad – from bet 10 years ago

RORY McIlroy's father Gerry won £50,000 from a bookmaker last night – ten years after he and a friend placed a bet on his son winning the Open.

When Rory was 15, Mr McIlroy and his pal placed a £200 bet that Rory would win the tournament before he was 26.

Bookmaker Ladbrokes will now have to pay them £50,000 each after offering odds of 500-1 a decade ago.

It was their last chance to win the bet because Rory's 26th birthday is on

May 5 next year – before the 2015 Open. He was coached by his father at their local club in Holywood, near Belfast. By the age of two the sporting prodigy was already said to be able to hit the ball 40 yards.

His father worked 100 hours a week and his mother Rosie did night shifts at a factory so they could save enough money to send Rory to US competitions as a junior.

But their hard work paid off when he won his first major championship, the US Open, by a record margin in 2011.

Cricketers are caught out by 'haunted' hotel

By Arthur Martin

FROM Brazil to Wimbledon, it's been a summer of woe for British sport.

But there could be a rather novel explanation for the poor results England's cricketers have had – with players complaining of being kept awake by ghostly goings-on at their five-star hotel.

Several players have asked to move rooms, convinced that theirs were haunted, while their wives and girlfriends refuse even to stay at the Langham Hotel in West London after being spooked by the mysterious manifestations.

Up to seven ghosts are claimed to stalk the hotel, including a doctor who killed himself after murdering his wife on honeymoon, and

a German prince who committed suicide by leaping off a balcony just before the First World War. The Langham, where a standard double room costs around £300 a night, is the England team's base during London Test matches. The players are staying there while they play India at Lord's cricket ground.

Past bowler Stuart Broad, 28, said he felt a presence there last month when the team played Sri Lanka at Lord's. He added: 'All of a sudden the taps in the bathroom came on for no reason. I turned the lights on and the taps turned themselves off. Then when I

turned the lights off again the taps came on. It was very weird, it really freaked me out. I ended up asking to move rooms.'

He said his girlfriend Bealey Mitchell was 'pretty spooked', while the wife of teammate Moeen Ali refuses to stay in the hotel 'because she's so frightened of the ghosts'.

Broad said all-rounder Ben Stokes and wicket-keeper Matt Prior also had problems, adding: 'It seems the third floor is where a lot of the issues are. Something weird is going on. One night I woke up around 1.30am and I was convinced there was a presence in the room. It was the weirdest feeling.'

'I turned the light on and looked online and could see Matt Prior was online, too. I went

to his room and he said exactly the same thing. He was wide awake as well. Neither of us could sleep because we were so spooked.'

Matt was in a twin room so I ended up sharing with him. It's weird. It's definitely caused a few sleepless nights.'

Room 333 is said to be the most haunted. It is where, in 1973, BBC radio announcer James Alexander-Gordon said he woke in the night to see a fluorescent ball that took on the shape of a man in Victorian evening wear.

He said he asked the ghost what it wanted and it began to float towards him, with its legs cut off, arms outstretched, eyes staring emptily – at which point he fled the room.

The hotel declined to comment.