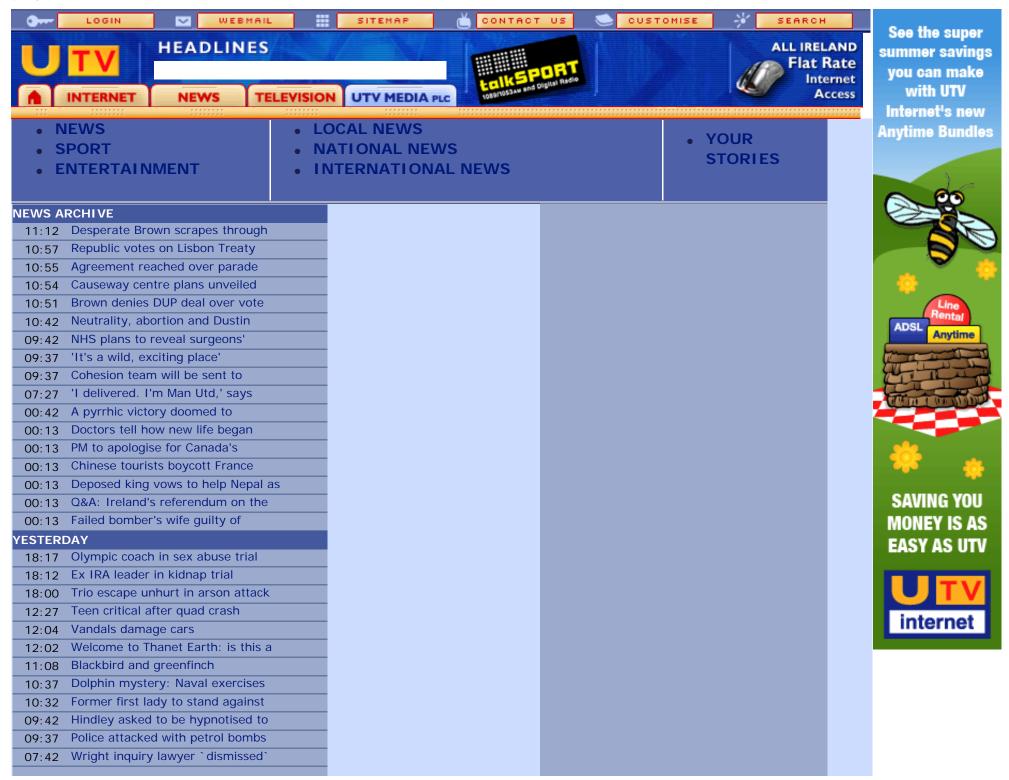
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The former senior Counsel to the Billy Wright Inquiry has claimed that he was dismissed from the Inquiry and did not resign.

That is contrary to a statement from the Inquiry last week.

Derek Batchelor QC is now considering legal action.

He said he was called to a meeting last week and advised by the inquiry panel that complaints had been made over his handling "of some staff matters".

"Contrary to subsequent reports, I have not resigned and I had no intention of leaving my post as the inquiry reaches critical stages".

He said he has since offered to return to the inquiry but "this has not been progressed".

"I do not wish to disrupt the work of the inquiry," Mr Batchelor said.

"It is essential that the inquiry continues and reaches a satisfactory conclusion.

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