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WORLD NEWS

Police beat protestors

SAINT PETERSBURG, Russia - Russian police clubbed and detained opposition protestors on Sunday after a peaceful demonstration against President Vladimir Putin, the second in two days resulting in mass arrests.

About 120 people were detained, city police told ITAR-TASS news agency, following the protest by The Other Russia, an opposition coalition that accuses Putin of dismantling democracy.

Some 2,000 demonstrators calling for free elections when Putin steps down next year chanted "revolution!" and "freedom!" as they were encircled by at least 1,500 members of the security forces, including hundreds of black-helmeted paramilitary police.

Israel ready for talks

JERUSALEM - Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said on Sunday that Israel was ready to talk with Arab states over their peace plan as he held the first round of planned regular meetings with Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas.

"We are ready to hold talks with any combination of Arab states on their ideas and I would be glad to hear their ideas on the Saudi initiative," Olmert said at the weekly cabinet meeting.

"I'll be glad to hear their ideas and for them to listen to ours," he said. "I hope there will be a chance for such meetings."

Nigeria violence kills 21

LAGOS - More than 20 people were killed during state polls across Nigeria over the weekend, as tensions soared ahead of key presidential and general elections on April 21.

Soldiers were deployed in large cities across the oil-rich country for the second day to deter election-related unrest after serious irregularities and violence marred Saturday's regional vote.

"We have about 21 persons killed including some police officers while trying to protect INEC (Independent National Electoral Commission) officers," police Inspector General Sunday Ehindero said after Saturday's vote.

"Of course we have some wounded too - about 14. We have some arms recovered. We have about 218 suspects arrested."

The regional vote is being intensely scrutinised as a test run for next Saturday's elections, expected to usher in Nigeria's first civilian-to-civilian transition since the former British colony gained independence in 1960.

Police banned any form of gathering in support or against the results of Saturday's polls amid fears of serious unrest in key states such as Lagos, where the governorship is a position of considerable clout.

Two die in Iraq helicopter crash

Tony Blair expressed sympathy on Sunday for the families of two UK service personnel killed when two helicopters crashed in Iraq but insisted Britain's foreign policy was "justified and right".

Initial reports suggested that the crash, which happened north of Baghdad on Sunday morning and involved two British Puma helicopters, was an accident and not caused by an insurgent attack.

The Prime Minister told the BBC's Politics Show: "It's true that in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo, Sierra Leone, we've had a hugely interventionist foreign policy - a different type of foreign policy from the one that has gone before, that's true.

"But I believe it's justified and right. I reflect again as we've lost forces in Iraq today - for the families this is always a terrible time, a time of great grief and anguish.

"But what our forces are doing there, what British forces are doing in Iraq and Afghanistan, is they are fighting the same forces of terrorism and extremism that are operating around the world today.

"And I believe in time people will realise why it is important that we fight these people wherever they are."

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has not confirmed which service or regiment the dead personnel belonged to.

It is also not known how many people were on board the two helicopters, which

are normally flown by the RAF and can carry up to 16 fully-equipped troops.

One other person was very seriously injured in the crash, but the rest of those aboard the aircraft escaped with minor cuts and bruises.

British forces are based in southern Iraq but UK units - including special forces troops - carry out missions all over the country.

An MoD spokesman said: "I can't talk about the particular mission they were involved in, but we do have units operating as part of the Coalition across Iraq."

It is believed some - but not all - of those on board the crashed Pumas were special forces.

Defence Secretary Des Browne said: "Sadly, two personnel have died and one is very seriously injured. All of these were UK personnel. My thoughts and sympathy are with them and their families.

"Initial reports indicate that the crash was an accident and was not a result of an attack by insurgents.

"An investigation is under way and I will not comment further on the details of the incident at this stage."

The downed helicopters were initially reported to be American. The US military earlier said the aircraft came down south-west of Taji, 12 miles north of Baghdad, killing two people and wounding five others.

Blair insists legacy will last

Tony Blair insisted on Sunday that his legacy as Prime Minister would "stand the test of time".

Mr Blair said he would be spending the last days of his premiership putting in place the "final building blocks" of long-term public service reforms.

He listed reductions in NHS waiting times, building more schools and tackling anti-social behaviour as some of his main achievements.

Interviewed in Downing Street for BBC1's Politics Show, Mr Blair said: "When you ask the question 'Will our changes stand the test of time?', the answer is they will."

Mr Blair defended his record on health. He said: "When we came to power, people used to die on waiting lists waiting for their heart operations. People don't do that any more."

On education, he said only 80 schools in the country had 70% of their pupils getting five good GCSEs when the Government came to power but "the figure today is over 600".

"The number of failing schools - cut dramatically, the number of 11-year-olds getting their requisite passes - up dramatically," he added.

Mr Blair said decisions which will be taken over the next few weeks will "secure the long-term changes for the future".

Mr Blair - who famously pledged to be "tough on crime, tough on the causes of crime" - conceded that law and order was an area of "huge challenge".

But, he said: "There is only one Government since World War Two which will end its time with crime down, not up, and that's ours. Crime under the last Conservative government doubled, it's fallen under this Government."

The Prime Minister described the recent spate of knife and gun crime, which has led to the murder of several youngsters, as "horrific".

He said: "If we look at these knife and gun crimes, yes, they are horrific, but it's their very exceptional nature which makes them horrific."

Mr Blair said legislation to tackle anti-social behaviour, which was "ridiculed" when it was introduced, had changed communities "dramatically".

He said areas where there were problems were not the result of "a general social breakdown" but were due to "very specific" circumstances.

Mr Blair said: "(It's) Often to do with highly dysfunctional families that are actually beyond the normal bounds of the Government policies."

NHS job loss claims 'greatly exaggerated'

Tony Blair said on Sunday that a Royal College of Nursing (RCN) claim that more than 22,300 NHS jobs have been lost in the last 18 months was "greatly exaggerated".

On the eve of its annual conference, the RCN said it was laying bare "the myth" that the debt crisis in the NHS had been solved.

In a report called *Our NHS - Today And Tomorrow*, the union described the deficits crisis as "real and entrenched".

But the Prime Minister told BBC1's *The Politics Show*: "Actually, there have been only about 300 clinical jobs lost. The fact is, today we have a workforce which is 300,000 more than it was in 1997."

As a result, he said, by the end of 2008 the issue of waiting lists will be "effectively dealt with".

Browne 'must explain actions, or quit'

Defence Secretary Des Browne will "have to go" if he fails to justify his handling of the cash-for-stories debacle, David Cameron insisted on Sunday.

PEOPLE Rod Stewart's daughter joins size zero debate

The daughter of rocker Rod Stewart has spoken out about the size zero debate and declared that no-one should feel pressured into becoming unnaturally thin.

Kimberly Stewart, recently voted FHM's sexiest woman in the world, said people often have unrealistic role models and should not expect to force themselves down to the small size.

Stewart said on Sunday: "I am not an advocate of size zero (a British size four)... All too often we have unrealistic role models. No-one should be a size zero unless they are naturally that size."

The Tory leader said Mr Browne must "explain the actions his department and Number 10 took" when he makes a statement to MPs on Monday.

He also hit out at the Government for "unacceptably" risking the reputation of Britain's Armed Forces in search of a "good headline".

The Conservatives sought to ratchet up the pressure on Mr Browne ahead of what is expected to be stormy ride in the Commons.

Taxpayer 'lost £2bn' in Brown gold sell-off

Gordon Brown was facing fresh questions over his leadership style after it was claimed he disregarded Bank of England advice when selling half the country's gold stocks.

Senior figures at Threadneedle Street expressed misgivings about the decision to auction 400 tonnes of bullion between 1999 and 2002, according to the *Sunday Times*.

Officials reportedly warned the Treasury in correspondence that there was a risk of losing money because the price of gold was at a low level. However, there was no formal consultation and the Chancellor went ahead with the move.

Since the auctions the value of gold has trebled, allegedly leaving the public purse £2 billion worse off.

Woolmer test results known

Jamaican police investigating the killing of Pakistan coach Bob Woolmer at the World Cup have received results of toxicology tests.

The 58-year-old was found unconscious in his Kingston hotel room and pronounced dead at a hospital, the morning after his squad's defeat by Ireland last month.

"We have received the toxicology report but we're not going to go public with it right now," Deputy Police Commissioner Mark Shields told reporters at the Kingston hotel where Woolmer's body was found.

Shields, the chief investigator in the murder probe, said the toxicology tests would "require further analysis and investigation" in coming days.

Brown and Bush 'got on very well'

Gordon Brown has said he "got on very well" with US President George Bush at their first face-to-face meeting.

The Chancellor - hot favourite to succeed Tony Blair as Prime Minister this summer - said they discussed issues such as global trade during half an hour of informal talks.

Mr Brown said the "friendly" encounter not been planned, and Mr Bush just "happened to be available to come and see me" while he was visiting the White House.

"We had a general discussion, mainly about trade issues, and I don't think there's anything more to add than that," he told the BBC.

Blair: Leave William and Kate alone

Tony Blair claimed on Sunday that most of the coverage about Prince William and Kate Middleton's break-up would be "nonsense" and urged people to let them get on with their lives.

The Prime Minister, speaking on BBC's *The Politics Show*, called for people to leave the couple alone now that the shock news of their split had been revealed.

Mr Blair declared that, from his own experience of royal stories, most of what is written about the reasons behind their break-up would be "complete nonsense".

He said: "I think, in respect of Prince William, they are a young couple. We have had the announcement, fine.

"They should be left alone now without reams of stuff being written that I can assure you, from my experience of royal stories, most of which will be complete nonsense."

'75% of Muslims' feel loyal to UK

UK Muslims are more likely to identify strongly with Britain and have confidence in institutions like the police than the public at large, according to a new poll.

Nearly three-quarters of British Muslims feel loyal to the UK and 82% say they respect other religions, the Gallup survey found.

But despite these signs of integration, there remain points of difference - notably over issues like sex outside marriage, homosexuality and whether women should wear the veil.

Only 13% of British Muslims believe removing the veil is necessary for integration, compared with 55% of the general public.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

FA CUP
Semi-Final
 Blackburn 1-2 Chelsea (AET)

BARCLAYS PREMIERSHIP
 Wigan Athletic 3-3 Tottenham
 Everton 2-1 Charlton

COCA-COLA LEAGUE TWO
 Chester 0-0 Shrewsbury

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP
Semi-Final
 Hibernian 0-0 Dunfermline

RUGBY UNION

EDF ENERGY CUP FINAL
 Leicester 41-35 Ospreys

GUINNESS PREMIERSHIP
 London Irish 26-16 Worcester
 Saracens 33-19 Harlequins
 Wasps 35-29 Northampton

RUGBY LEAGUE

ENGAGE SUPER LEAGUE
 Bradford 52-22 Hull KR
 Huddersfield 41-16 Wigan
 Warrington 10-52 Leeds

CRICKET

WORLD CUP 2007

SUPER EIGHTS

Ireland: 243-7 (50 overs)
 Bangladesh: 169 all out (41.2 overs)

Ireland won by 74 runs

	P	W	L	NR	RR	PTS
Australia*	5	5	0	0	+2.31	10.0
New Zealand*	6	5	1	0	+1.07	10.0
Sri Lanka*	5	4	1	0	+1.35	8.0
South Africa	6	3	3	0	-0.21	6.0

	P	W	L	NR	RR	PTS
ENGLAND	5	2	3	0	+0.08	4.0
West Indies	5	1	4	0	-1.21	2.0
IRELAND	6	1	5	0	-1.28	2.0
Bangladesh	6	1	5	0	-1.44	2.0

* - qualified for semi-finals

BANGLADESH V IRELAND

IRELAND

Porterfield c Rafique b Mortaza 85
 Bray run out 31
 Morgan run out 5
 N. O'Brien c Iqbal b Hasan 10
 K. O'Brien run out 48
 Johnston c Nafees b Mortaza 30
 White run out 4
 Lang.-Smith not out 6
 Botha not out 1
 Extras (bl, lb11, nb5, w6) 23
 Total (for seven wkts) 243

Fall: 1-92 (Bray); 2-101 (Morgan);
 3-128 (N. O'Brien); 4-176
 (Porterfield); 5-215 (Kevin O'Brien);
 6-233 (White); 7-237 (Johnston).

Bangladesh bowling

	O	M	R	w
Mortaza	10	1	38	2 (3nb)
Hossain	9	1	51	0 (2nb,1w)
Abdur Razzak	9	0	48	0 (2w)
Rafique	10	0	42	0 (2w)
Hasan	10	0	44	1
Ahmed	2	0	8	0 (1w)

BANGLADESH

Iqbal b Johnston 29
 Nafees c N.O'Brien b Rankin 7
 Ahmed c N.O'Brien b Botha 12
 Hasan run out 3
 Ashraful c Lang.-Smith b Rankin 35
 Bashar b Johnston 32
 Rahim b McCallan 16
 Mortaza c and b Lang.-Smith 0
 Rafique c Johnston b L.-Smith 2
 Razzak b McCallan 11
 Hossain not out 0
 Extras (lb4, w18) 22
 Total 169

Fall: 1-18 (Nafees); 2-45 (Ahmed);
 3-48 (Hasan); 4-93 (Iqbal); 5-102
 (Ashraful) 6-131 (Rahim); 7-134
 (Bashar); 8-138 (Rafique); 9-169
 (Razzak); 10-169 (Bashar).

Ireland bowling

	O	M	R	w
Rankin	8	0	42	2 (9w)
Langford-Smith	10	1	27	2 (3w)
Botha	8	0	31	1
Johnston	7.2	0	40	2 (2w)
McCallan	8	1	25	2

BARCLAYS PREMIERSHIP

Apr 15	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1 Man Utd	32	25	3	4	75	23	78
2 Chelsea	32	23	6	3	56	19	75
3 Liverpool	33	18	7	8	50	22	61
4 Arsenal	33	17	8	8	54	30	59
5 Everton	34	14	12	8	46	30	54
6 Bolton	34	16	6	12	41	42	54
7 Portsmouth	34	13	10	11	43	38	49
8 Tottenham	33	14	7	12	47	48	49
9 Reading	34	14	6	14	45	41	48
10 Aston Villa	34	9	15	10	36	39	42
11 Newcastle	34	11	8	15	37	43	41
12 Man City	33	11	8	14	26	35	41
13 Blackburn	32	12	4	16	38	47	40
14 Middlesbro'	33	10	9	14	37	42	39
15 Wigan	34	9	8	17	35	52	35
16 Fulham	34	7	14	13	34	53	35
17 Sheff Utd	33	9	7	17	29	47	34
18 Charlton	34	8	8	18	30	51	32
19 West Ham	33	8	5	20	26	54	29
20 Watford	33	4	11	18	24	53	23

COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP

1 Sunderland	43	25	7	11	67	42	82
2 Derby	43	23	9	11	59	44	78
3 Birmingham	42	23	8	11	60	38	77
4 Preston	43	21	8	14	63	50	71
5 West Brom	43	20	10	13	71	52	70
6 Wolves	43	20	10	13	51	52	70
7 Stoke	43	18	14	11	57	38	68
8 Southamp'n	43	18	12	13	71	52	66
9 Colchester	43	19	9	15	66	50	66
10 Sheff Wed	43	18	11	14	65	61	65
11 Cardiff	43	17	13	13	56	48	64
12 C. Palace	43	16	11	16	55	49	59
13 Plymouth	43	14	16	13	57	60	58
14 Ipswich	43	17	6	20	59	56	57
15 Norwich	42	16	8	18	53	63	56
16 Coventry	43	15	8	20	44	58	53
17 Burnley	42	13	12	17	43	42	51
18 QPR	43	13	10	20	52	65	49
19 Leicester	42	11	14	17	45	58	47
20 Barnsley	43	14	5	24	51	77	47
21 Hull	43	12	9	22	48	64	45
22 Leeds	43	13	6	24	45	68	45
23 Southend	43	10	12	21	44	71	42

COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE

1 Scunthorpe	43	24	13	6	67	32	85
2 Bristol C	43	23	10	10	57	36	79
3 Nott'm For	43	21	12	10	59	40	75
4 Blackpool	43	21	11	11	65	44	74
5 Yeovil	43	20	10	13	51	39	70
6 Oldham	43	19	12	12	65	44	69
7 Carlisle	43	19	11	13	52	47	68
8 Swansea	43	18	12	13	62	45	66
9 Tranmere	43	17	12	14	54	49	63
10 Millwall	43	18	8	17	54	56	62
11 Doncaster	43	15	14	14	47	44	59
12 Port Vale	43	17	6	20	57	57	57
13 Crewe	43	16	7	20	63	70	55
14 Gillingham	43	16	7	20	52	72	55
15 Northamp'n	43	14	12	17	44	48	54
16 Brighton	43	14	10	19	46	53	52
17 Hudd'field	43	12	16	15	52	65	52
18 Bournem'th	43	13	12	18	48	58	51
19 Cheltenham	43	14	8	21	43	56	50
20 Leyton O	43	11	15	17	57	71	48
21 Bradford	43	11	13	19	45	58	46
22 Chesterf'd	43	11	11	21	42	51	44
23 Rotherham	43	13	9	21	55	67	38
24 Brentford	43	7	13	23	35	70	34

BoS SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

1 Celtic	33	24	6	3	59	25	78
2 Rangers	33	19	8	6	54	25	65
3 Aberdeen	33	17	6	10	46	33	57
4 Hearts	33	15	9	9	40	30	54
5 Kilmarnock	33	13	7	13	43	49	46
6 Hibernian	33	12	8	13	49	37	44
7 Falkirk	33	12	4	17	40	42	40
8 Dundee Utd	33	10	10	13	39	53	40
9 Inv'ess CT	33	8	12	13	36	45	36
10 Motherwell	33	10	6	17	35	49	36
11 St Mirren	33	5	12	16	24	47	27

GUINNESS PREMIERSHIP

	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	Pts
Gloucester	21	14	2	5	496	391	66
Leicester*	20	13	1	6	516	400	66
Saracens	21	12	2	7	532	377	63
Wasps	21	12	1	8	478	391	61
Bristol	20	13	1	6	355	346	60
London Irish	21	12	0	9	376	380	52
Harlequins	21	9	0	12	454	438	46
Newcastle	21	9	0	12	423	508	44
Sale	21	8	1	12	414	451	42
Bath	21	7	2	12	408	480	41
Worcester	21	5	1	15	324	452	30
Northampton	21	5	1	15	315	477	29

* - Deducted 1 points for fielding an ineligible player

ENGAGE SUPER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	Pts
St Helens	10	7	0	3	315	153	14
Bradford	10	7	0	3	324	229	14
Leeds	10	7	0	3	254	180	14
Wakefield	10	5	1	4	247	256	11
Harlequins RL	10	4	2	4	210	199	10
Wigan	10	5	0	5	193	219	10
Warrington	10	5	0	5	208	282	10
Hull	10	4	1	5	189	188	9
Catalans	10	4	1	5	188	255	9
Hull KR	10	4	0	6	171	261	8
Huddersfield	10	3	0	7	219	172	6
Salford	10	2	1	7	174	298	5

**WEATHER
INTERNATIONAL WEATHER**

	Min		Max		Condition
	C	F	C	F	
Amsterdam	14	57	20	68	clear
Athens	9	48	19	66	cloudy
Auckland	14	57	20	68	rain
Beijing	5	41	19	66	ptcloudy
Beirut	15	59	21	70	ptcloudy
Cairo	13	55	27	81	ptcloudy
Dublin	11	52	15	59	ptcloudy
Hong Kong	24	75	30	86	ptcloudy
Istanbul	8	46	14	57	ptcloudy
Johannesburg	9	48	21	70	ptcloudy
Madrid	7	45	20	68	rain
Manila	26	79	37	99	rain
Mexico City	12	54	24	75	ptcloudy
New Delhi	27	81	42	108	clear
New York	5	41	7	45	rain
Oslo	5	41	19	66	ptcloudy
Paris	13	55	27	81	clear
Rome	9	48	19	66	cloudy
Sao Paulo	19	66	25	77	ptcloudy
Singapore	26	79	31	88	ptcloudy
Stockholm	7	45	19	66	clear
Sydney	16	61	23	73	rain
Tokyo	10	50	17	63	cloudy
Toronto	1	34	2	36	snow
Zurich	9	48	24	75	clear

UK WEATHER

14:02GMT Sunday 15th April

	C		F	Cast
Aberdeen	17	63		Shower
Belfast	16	61		Partly cloudy
Birmingham	21	70		Partly sunny
Bournemouth	21	70		Partly sunny
Cardiff	18	64		Partly cloudy
Edinburgh	17	63		Shower
London	24	75		Mostly sunny
Manchester	20	68		Partly sunny
Newcastle	18	64		Mostly sunny
Norwich	22	72		Sunny
Nottingham	21	70		Mostly sunny
Plymouth	16	61		Partly cloudy
St Helier	18	64		Partly sunny
Stornoway	13	55		Windy

TV star Humble joins turtles campaign

TV wildlife broadcaster Kate Humble has joined a campaign to urge holiday companies to help endangered turtles.

She has helped make a short film showing how UK tour operators can take steps to conserve loggerhead and green turtles at resorts in Greece, Crete and Turkey.

Humble said: "I hope this spellbinding animation will leave the lasting impression that by doing our bit on holiday we can make a difference to the lives of these beautiful but endangered marine turtles."

The film has been made by the Marine Conservation Society (MCS) and the Travel Foundation which encourages environmentally-friendly tourism.

Wobbly bridge becomes bouncy bridge

Six hundred people mounted on gold Spacehoppers tested whether London's Millennium Bridge still deserves its "Wobbly Bridge" nickname on Sunday.

Hibs held by Dunfermline

The Tennent's Scottish Cup semi-final between Hibernian and Dunfermline ended in stalemate, meaning Celtic will have to wait a while longer to find out who they will face at Hampden next month.

There were plenty of chances at both ends but goals were in short supply.

Neither side could find the back of the net on a sun-drenched day in Glasgow and the tie will be decided by a replay on Tuesday, April 24.

A spokeswoman for the event's organisers said they successfully broke the world record - previously 551 - for the largest number of simultaneously bouncing Spacehoppers.

The record attempt was organised by UK TV Gold to mark the channel's new promotional clips, known as "idents", which feature Spacehoppers.

Man proposes after four minutes

A man proposed to an American he befriended online within four minutes of meeting her face to face.

Carl Dockings, 36, of Newport, South Wales, popped the question to Danielle at Chicago's O'Hare Airport after arranging to meet up following 10 months of chatting and playing cards together over the internet.

The 26-year-old, from Wisconsin, said "Yes" and the couple married four days later. Almost two years on, they have set up home in South Wales and have had a daughter together called Isabel who was born on New Year's Day.

SPORTS NEWS**Chelsea book final spot**

Chelsea's relentless pursuit of an unprecedented quadruple shows no signs of abating after they booked a place in the first FA Cup final at the new Wembley with an extra-time victory over Blackburn at Old Trafford.

Jose Mourinho's side set up the first match in a potential triple-header against Manchester United thanks to a winning goal from Germany international Michael Ballack.

Frank Lampard gave Chelsea a first-half lead but an equaliser from Jason Roberts sent the game into extra-time where Ballack pounced to settle an thrilling semi-final in the 108th minute.

Chelsea, who won the Carling Cup back in February, now remain on course for a possible meeting with Sir Alex Ferguson's side in the final of the Champions League and their showdown at Stamford Bridge next month could well decide the outcome of the Barclays Premiership title.

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McFadden sinks Charlton

James McFadden boosted Everton's bid for a UEFA Cup place as his last-gasp goal clinched a 2-1 win that left Charlton deep in trouble.

McFadden scored deep into injury time to cap a dramatic finish at Goodison Park that saw Joleon Lescott put Everton ahead with just nine minutes to play before Darren Bent equalised in the 89th minute.

David Moyes's side moved into fifth place and remain firmly on course for the top six finish that guarantees European football.

While Everton were elated, Charlton, who would have gone above fourth bottom Sheffield United with a victory, were despondent at a defeat that leaves them in the relegation zone.

Wigan allow Spurs fightback

Wigan squandered a golden opportunity to ease their relegation fears as they allowed Tottenham to fight back three times to earn a 3-3 draw on Sunday.

Paul Jewell's side went ahead through Emile Heskey but Dimitar Berbatov levelled for Spurs, then Leighton Baines restored the hosts' lead, only for Robbie Keane to equalise in a thrilling first half at the JJB Stadium.

Kevin Kilbane put Wigan back in front after the break, but once again they were unable to hold on as poor defending let Keane in to earn Spurs a point.

Wigan are just three points above the relegation zone after their winless run extended to five matches and if they do go down this is a game they will look back on with regret.

Historic podium for Hamilton

Felipe Massa bounced back from the disappointment of the Malaysian Grand Prix in style as he captured his first victory of 2007 in Bahrain but Lewis Hamilton's superb season continued as he entered the history books with his second-place finish.