
‘BBC plan to axe Bashir critics’

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Executives at the BBC planned to “pick off” *Panorama* staff who criticised Martin Bashir over the tactics he used to secure his 1995 interview with Princess Diana, it has been reported.

A memo suggests bosses discussed how to remove “troublemakers” who raised concerns over Bashir’s behaviour.

Reporters on the programme had come forward to blow the whistle on

Bashir’s use of forged documents to secure the interview, but were allegedly told by *Panorama*’s editor that it was “not any of their f***ing business”.

A source familiar with the document told the *Daily Mail* that executives had discussed a “disciplinary” route to dealing with whistleblowers on the programme.

It comes as Lord Dyson, the retired judge, prepares a report focusing on how Bashir obtained the interview.