

# Prince's home in 'laundered cash' inquiry

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## NEWS

**Oil tycoon allegedly bought Prince Andrew's house with "laundered money" and attempted to hide ownership through a network of offshore companies**



Kulibayev, with the mother of his child Goga Ashkenazi, tried to keep his purchase secret

The Swiss authorities have launched a criminal investigation into allegations of money laundering by the Kazakh billionaire who bought Prince Andrew's house for £3m over the asking price.

The inquiry is being conducted into the activities of Timur Kulibayev, who is a son-in-law of the Kazakh president. It follows evidence in London's High Court which claims that "laundered money" was used to buy Sunninghill Park, Andrew's former marital home, for £15m.

The Swiss investigation was launched last September. It is understood that the inquiry mirrors the claims made in the High Court, raising the possibility of the Duke of York being embroiled in a criminal investigation. There is no suggestion that Andrew knew the origin of the funds Kulibayev used to buy Sunninghill.

The Kazakh endeavoured to keep his purchase of the property secret, by hiding his ownership through a network of offshore companies. He denied he was involved until

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