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# The Guardian

Terrorists plan to blast Ulster on to election agenda

## IRA threat to step up bombings

David Sharrock and Owen Bowcott in Belfast

THE IRA accompanied its third bomb in London within 48 hours yesterday with a warning that it will step up its mainland campaign and blast Northern Ireland on to the political agenda in the run-up to a general election.

er George Churchill-Coleman, praised public vigilance in thwarting the attack. "With help from London citizens like this, half the battle is won."

television station, had been too vague and too late to do anything but cause confusion.

Survivors tell of killings by Armenians in Azerbaijan enclave



New wounds... An Azeri refugee from the town of Khojali in Nagorno-Karabakh tears her face in grief. Her family was killed in a slaughter which the survivors say was carried out by Armenians. Reports, page 6. PHOTOGRAPH: FREDERIQUE LENGAINNE

News in brief

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Labour and Liberal Democrats have begun warily circling one another over the ways they might co-operate in the event of a hung parliament. Page 24

Edging towards judgment Unemployment, up by 1 million in a year, will be harder for Tories to defend in this general election than in 1983 or 1987. What does this mean in Conservative marginals? Page 4

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Mansell dominates Nigel Mansell led from start to finish in the South African Grand Prix, the first race of the 1992 Formula One campaign. Alan Henry, Page 18

Money in the slot British Rail is preparing to offer its rail system to private train operators to increase use and income by allocating business 'slots'. Page 11

Schools radio 'at risk' The BBC is considering internal recommendations that Radio 5 be scrapped in its present form and live schools radio be ended. Page 2

Campaigners' outrage Environmentalists are outraged after a court quashed a jail sentence on the cattle rancher accused of planning the murder of Chico Mendes. Page 24

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## Car sales boost and lottery on Budget agenda

Alex Brummer and Simon Beavis

AN easing of taxes on new cars and a lottery designed to raise funds for the arts and environmental projects are high on the agenda of the Chancellor, Norman Lamont, as he puts the finishing touches to next week's pre-election Budget.

Under the scheme — which could raise £1 billion for spending on the arts, sport, environmental projects and charities — each lottery ticket might include a small surcharge which would make up for any drop in football pools tax revenue.



orders with its dealers are on hold because of the Budget and estimates that up to 22,000 orders across the industry may have been put in abeyance.

## Cash lost in ivory sting

Paul Brown Environment Correspondent

ARHINO HORN and ivory trading "sting" run from London by ex-SAS men to trap smugglers has collapsed amid allegations of fraud.

no knowledge of the financial aspects of the operation. The SAS mercenaries working for KAS Enterprises, whose managing director, Colonel Ian Crooke, won a DSO in the Falklands campaign, spent four years from 1987 in undercover operations in southern Africa.

uncover their own government's involvement in the illegal trade to finance guerrilla movements destabilising neighbouring states.

## A wink from gays to warders

John Carvel Home Affairs Editor

IN what promises to be one of the more memorable clashes of cultures in Britain's rich tradition of political dissent, gay rights activists and the Prison Officers' Association have organised rallies outside the House of Commons for the same time on Thursday.

singers Tom Robinson, Jimmy Somerville and Andy Bell, will head down Whitehall wearing winking masks and confessing to "crimes" which could render them liable to imprisonment under laws against some forms of consenting homosexual behaviour.

consciousness. Union leaders were worried about the reaction of women probation officers if the rather more unconstructed male POA members being based in from around the country used familiar terms like "love" or "pet".



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