

# London Bridge victims died from stab wounds to chests

BY TOM PETTIFOR Crime Editor  
THE London Bridge attack victims each bled to death from a stab wound to the chest, an inquest heard.  
Saskia Jones, 23, and Jack Merritt, 25, were murdered by convicted terrorist Usman Khan, 28, who was later shot dead by police.  
Saskia, who was said to have been "passionate about victim support", was a volunteer at a prisoner rehabilitation event Jack KILLER Terrorist Usman Khan



was helping to run. Khan, 28, was participating as a released offender.  
The Cambridge University graduates were both in the Fishmongers' Hall when they were attacked, the hearing at the Old Bailey was told.  
Khan bled to death from "multiple gunshot wounds to the chest and abdomen", a separate inquest was told.  
City of London senior coroner Alison Hewitt adjourned the hearings into all three deaths.

## Sex drive lull in link to pill

TAKING the pill could shrink a region of the brain connected to sex drive and mood, research suggests.  
The study by Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, found a "dramatic difference" in scans of the hypothalamus in 50 women's brains. Of those 21 used the pill.

## HE'S COINING IT IN

A HAUL of 99 Anglo-Saxon coins found in Suffolk sold for £90,000 at auction, netting Don Crawley, 50, half the cash for finding them.

# MIRROR MAN



ATTRACTION The ice caves at Mer de Glace

## EXCLUSIVE

BY TOM PARRY Special Correspondent in Chamonix, France

AS I place a tentative foot on the largest glacier in France, I can hear the rush of rapidly melting permafrost just a few metres below me.

The loud creaks of separating ice blocks and the unnerving cracks of falling boulders puncture the stillness.  
After losing an unprecedented nine metres in depth this summer, the surface of the Mer de Glace – the Sea of Ice – is no longer the flawless sheet of

## Arctic heats up by 0.75C

The Arctic has warmed as much in the past decade as the rest of the planet has in 137 years.  
With 2019 set to be one of the warmest years on record, scientists found that the Arctic has warmed by 0.75C in the past 10 years alone.  
The Earth as a whole has warmed by 0.8C over the past 137 years, findings in the journal Science Advances reveal.  
Study co-author Prof Michael Mann, of Penn State University, US, added: "What happens in the Arctic doesn't stay in the Arctic."  
He said the impact of the sea level rises resulting from rapid melting of land ice would reach beyond the polar regions.

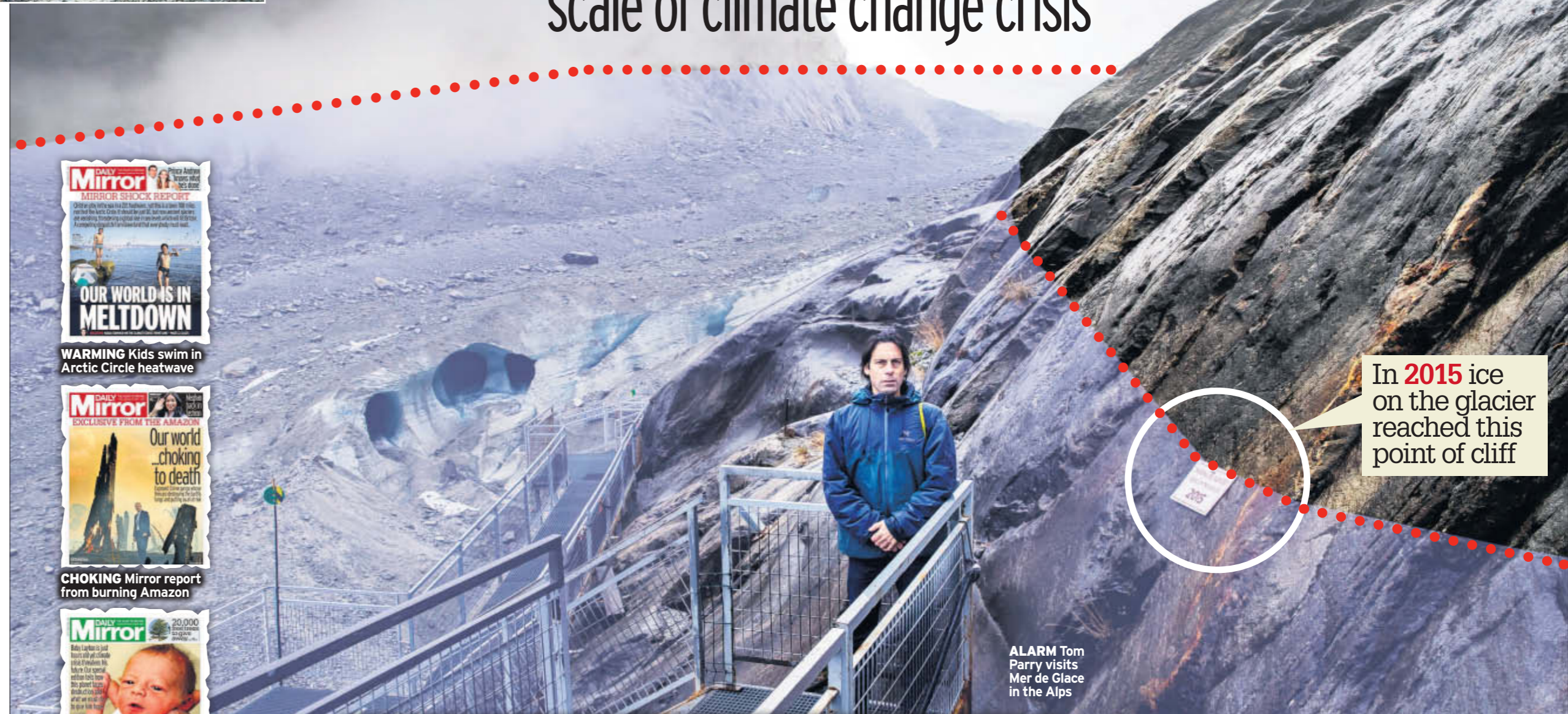
white and blue that attracted hundreds of thousands of tourists every year.  
What was one of the most beautiful locations in Europe a decade ago now resembles a construction site.  
Any politicians doubting climate change need only come here to see the alarming evidence of our rapidly warming planet. The statistics of how the Mer de Glace has melted in the last decades simply cannot be disputed.  
On marker posts all the way down from the Montenvers mountain railway station that brings up visitors from nearby Chamonix, you can see how this mighty glacier – the second longest in the Alps – is disappearing daily.  
It is officially 4.5 miles long and 200 metres deep, but the measurements are shifting with each season.  
The descent begins on a winding path through a forest, where the first marker shows the height of the glacier in 1820.  
As the markers get closer to the present day, they start to appear more

regularly. The speed at which this natural wonder is vanishing is terrifying.  
I reach the plaque indicating the glacier's high point in 2015, and from here a metal staircase that follows the contours of the cliff-face, keeps going.  
The workers who maintain access to the Mer de Glace are struggling to keep up. This year an extra 80 steps have been added to get to an ice cave which was one of the must-sees for holidaymakers in Chamonix, even in the summer.  
Sadly this thankless job will soon be at an end. "We anticipate there will not

# EXPLORES MELTING PERMAFROST

# END OF ICE AGE

## Decline of huge glacier reveals scale of climate change crisis



ALARM Tom Parry visits Mer de Glace in the Alps

In 2015 ice on the glacier reached this point of cliff



WARMING Kids swim in Arctic Circle heatwave



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1997 Ice fills the Mer de Glace



2003 The same spot is barely frozen

be any ice left within the next 10 years. Up until the 1980s it was 80 metres high," says Mathieu Dechavanne, chief executive of the Mont Blanc Company which oversees the ski resorts.  
"I've been working here for 10 years. The loss from year to year is enormous.

This summer we lost nine metres. The worst case scenario predicted by the scientists was six.  
"It's going down and down uncontrollably. It makes me sick to watch it happening. It is heartbreaking."  
Walking up to the edge of the deep

blue ice cave, closed to the public, I am wary of going further. It feels like the whole structure could crash.  
Speaking at his office in Chamonix, Mathieu says the disappearance of the glacier is just one of the negative effects of climate change he is having

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MATHIEU DECHAVANNE MONT BLANC COMPANY CHIEF

look over my shoulder. Not because I fear may I never be able to return, but because I fear the glacier will not be there when I do.

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