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1- The government is	to ban payments to witnesses by newspapers seeking to buy up people involved in
prominent cases	the trial of Rosemary West.
2 - In a significant	of legal controls over the press, Lord Irvine, the Lord Chancellor, will
introduce a	bill that will propose making payments to witnesses and will strictly
control the amount of	that can be given to a case a trial begins.
	d Kaufman, chairman of the House of Commons Media Select Committee, Lord Irvine
sufficient control.	h a committee report this year which said that self regulation did not
sufficient control.	
	tter came two days after Lord Irvine caused a of media protest when he said
Parliament.	acy controls contained in European legislation would be left to judges to
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5- The Lord Chancellor said introduction of the	the European	
Convention on Human Rights legally	in Britain, laid down that everybody	was to
privacy and that public figures could go to court	to protect themselves and their fami	llies.
6- "Press freedoms will be in safe hands	our British judges," he said.	
7- Witness payments became an after	West was sentenced to 10 life senter	nces in 1995.
Up to 19 witnesses were to have received	ived payments for telling their stories	s to newspapers.
Concerns were raised witnesses might guilty verdicts.	t be encouraged to exaggerate their s	stories in court to