

Prince Harry accuses the press of hounding Meghan as it did Diana

True to form, Britain's **tabloid** newspapers have been revelling in the **Duke** and Duchess of Sussex's ten-day tour of southern Africa, which came to an end on October 2nd. The **flattering** headlines came **thick and fast**, alongside pictures of Meghan meeting young fans. "She **stunned** in a cream midi shirt dress and statement heels," **gushed** a typical account.

true to form 一如既往

tabloid 八卦小报

Duke 公爵

flattering 奉承的; 谄媚的

thick and fast 大量急速地

stun 使震惊; 给深刻印象的

gush 涌出; 迸发

But the real **stunner** came from Prince Harry. The day before the tour's end he launched an attack on the very same tabloids, accusing them of waging a "ruthless campaign" against Meghan that threatened to repeat the tragedy of his mother's death. Princess Diana died in a car crash in 1997, aged 36, after being pursued by **paparazzi**. As for Meghan, "I have been a silent witness to her private suffering for too long," Harry wrote.

stunner 绝妙的东西; 万人迷

paparazzi 狗仔队

First among the accused newspapers is the Mail on Sunday, which Meghan is **suing** for copyright **infringement, misuse** of private information and violating data-protection law. In February the 1.2m-circulation tabloid published **excerpts** from a handwritten letter to her **estranged** father, Thomas Markle. English law **decrees** that the author of a letter retains ownership of its content, regardless of who possesses the piece of paper.

sue 控告

misuse 滥用; 误用

excerpt 摘录

estrangle 离间; 使疏远; 形同陌路

decree 法令; 判决

Editors say the Sussexes are operating outside the royal tradition of “never complain, never explain”, and could be reined in. The case may end up being settled out of court. Meghan once played a *paralegal* in the *courtroom drama* “Suits”, *quips* one newspaper executive, “but does she want to appear on the stand in real life?”

paralegal 律师助理

courtroom drama 法庭戏

quip 嘲弄