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It is the sort of image that was meant to have been banished by the fall of Hosni Mubarak. An Egyptian woman is seen being kicked and clubbed by military police after the army stormed a protest in Cairo's Tahrir Square on Saturday afternoon. The fact that her flesh was exposed as a result of the severity of the attack has provoked particular outrage in the Muslim world. The woman was among thousands of demonstrators protesting against the Egyptian military's continuing rule in a country that was meant to have been liberated when Mubarak was deposed in February.

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## Protesters call end to occupation of St Paul's

Demonstrators decide to leave on their own terms before forced eviction begins

By PAUL CAHALAN

Occupy London protesters are ready to leave St Paul's early next year in exchange for a scaled-down presence outside the cathedral and a "symbolic tent" within. The end of a saga that polarised the Church of England, and saw the hundreds campaigning

against corporate greed championed and vilified in equal measure, began last night when protesters started debating the issue.

While the shape and timing of any withdrawal still needs to be ironed out in a meeting with the cathedral this week, there was "widespread consensus" on the move, a source within the

site in the City of London said.

It comes as a High Court challenge to evict the 150 or so camped demonstrators begins today, with protesters believing that an exit on their own terms will cement goodwill for a movement that has resonated with many. The source said: "There is widespread consensus that resources at the camp are

stretched, and concerns about the long-term viability of the site. We are looking at restructuring and how best to use our other sites."

Any compromise would allow the Church to save face after a crisis which saw the cathedral close for the first time since the Blitz and the resignation of the Dean of St Paul's and its canon chan-

cellor, Giles Fraser. It would allow demonstrators, who have been at the

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### Bluewater is named top UK shopping centre

By LAURA CHESTERS

Westfield has been beaten by Bluewater to the top spot in an industry league table of UK shopping centres. Westfield's latest offering – the 1.9m sq ft Stratford City shopping centre that opened in September – has been placed third in the hierarchy while Gateshead's Metro Centre came second. Westfield London, in Shepherd's Bush, is now fourth.

The index, put together by retail property expert Trevor Wood Associates, looks at the top 500 centres in the UK scoring them on attractiveness to shoppers, retailers and investors analysing everything from tenant turnover to number of shop vacancies.

Of the top 10 schemes, six are out of town shopping centres – highlighting the extent shoppers are lured away from traditional high streets.



Bluewater in Kent has been named as the leading shopping centre in Britain