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CAMERON ASKS EVERYONE TO MAKE BRITAIN STRONG AGAIN

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DAVID CAMERON today issued a rallying cry to the country to unite behind painful action to cure the economy.

In his first speech as Prime Minister to a Conservative party conference, he said it was down to every person to help make Britain stronger.

He added: "The point I want to make is this, the state of the nation is not just determined by government and those who run it. It is determined by millions of individual actions, by what each of us do, and what we choose not to do."

Warning that "it will not be easy", Mr Cameron called for a "Big Society spirit" and,

urging national unity, conceded that the economic mess was not entirely Labour's fault. He made no attempt to disguise the pain ahead in tax rises and spending cuts to bring down the £155 billion deficit – nor to ease the fears of the middle classes that they will be asked to sacrifice the most.

William Hague was more blunt earlier, agreeing that people facing cuts including child benefit losers would just have to "lump it". He replied: "Yes, because this is a situation we have to deal with."

Mr Cameron received an ecstatic ovation from about 3,000 people cramming into the Birmingham conference hall to hear his first keynote address since ending 13 years

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Rallying cry: David Cameron makes his first conference speech as PM

Fire engines off streets in protest

THE London fire brigade was today said to be in "meltdown" as industrial action took more than half its fire engines off the streets. Firefighters are working to rule in protest at plans to sack 5,500 front-line staff and re-employ them on new contracts to force through new shift patterns.

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Liverpool 'sold' to Red Sox owners

THE Liverpool FC board has agreed a £350 million deal to sell the football club to the owners of the Boston Red Sox baseball team. It follows an extraordinary boardroom scrap last night in which current owners, Americans Tom Hicks and George Gillett, tried to block the sale of the struggling Merseyside giants.



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Tube driver's 'holy war' plan

A TUBE driver planned to wage holy war in Afghanistan and wrote a farewell letter to his family, a court heard. Amir Ali, 28, of Ilford, booked a flight to Islamabad to join violent jihad in Pakistan or Afghanistan, the jury was told. He denies preparation for acts of terrorism.

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Saunders chief 'kept in the dark'

THE police chief in charge of the siege that led to Mark Saunders's death in a hail of bullets, Supt Michael Wise, was kept in the dark about 10 crucial events, a coroner said. The jury in the inquest retired to consider its verdict today.

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