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Alamy is readying plans that will see the image library compete against breaking news wire services such as Agence France Presse, Associated Press and Reuters



Anti-Capitalist protesters gathered at the Bank of England on the eve of the G20 Summit, which turned violent with police © Quinn Palmer / Alamy

The 24/7 news feed will go live in May, says Alamy, and features images of breaking news and events sourced from the library's international network of editorial photographers.

"Our news feed represents a ray of hope for photo journalists who are facing a reduction in the number of outlets available to them at this time of continuing industry consolidation," says CEO James West. "Alamy does business with all the major news media organisations and this new service strengthens our commitment to provide everything for the picture buyer."

The news feed will first launch as a beta version, with a proper launch scheduled for later in the year. "The company has been recruiting photo journalists in the build-up for the launch, and interested photographers wishing to join the scheme can apply online."

The move will see Alamy try to compete against established news wire services from the like of Getty Images, Reuters, Associated Press and Agence France Presse. The latter, in unrelated news, has been at the centre of a controversy after it sued a photographer for "antagonistic assertion of rights". [See our report on BJP's blog - 1854.](#)