

Summary of Today's News

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Hashem Abedi: Brother of Manchester Arena bomber in court after extradition from Libya

The brother of Manchester suicide bomber Salman Abedi will appear in court today after being extradited from Libya over his alleged involvement in the terror attack.

Hashem Abedi was arrested in Libya shortly after his brother blew himself up at the arena, killing 22 people. Children were among those killed when Salman Abedi detonated a homemade bomb in the foyer of the Manchester Arena two years ago. The Libyan government had previously said they expected Hashem Abedi - now reportedly aged 22 - to be extradited to the UK before the end of last year, but his extradition was delayed due to fighting in Libya.

His successful extradition from Libya is an important step forward in the investigation into his brother's evil terror attack at Manchester Arena.

Several feared dead in suspected arson attack on Japanese animation studio

At least 10 people are feared to have died and dozens more have been injured in a fire at an animation studio in the Japanese city of Kyoto.

More than 70 people were in the three-storey building at the time, with many fleeing the premises when the alarm was raised. He was also injured and taken to hospital for treatment.

Kyoto Animation, known as KyoAni, was founded in 1981 as an animation and comic book production studio.

'Send her back': Trump fires up crowd with attacks on 'The Squad'

Donald Trump has used an election rally to intensify his attacks on four congresswomen he described as "hate-filled extremists".

Speaking in North Carolina, Mr Trump accused Ilhan Omar, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ayanna Pressley and Rashida Tlaib of "helping to fuel the rise of a dangerous, militant hard left". He also made his usual claims about the US economy being the "strongest in history" and having the "lowest unemployment numbers ever".

Racism row stokes the worst instincts of Trump's power base

The racist signal Donald Trump sent to his base has been received - loud and clear.

Trump told his supporters "Omar laughed that Americans speak of al Qaeda in a menacing tone and remarked that you don't say America with this intensity.

You don't speak that way about America." Ilhan Omar has never praised al Qaeda - but that doesn't matter to the president or this crowd - invigorated by their new targets: four democratic congresswomen - Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ayanna Pressley, Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib who the president has called "the four horsewomen of the apocalypse". In response to tonight's display she tweeted a quote from Maya Angelou, the American poet, singer and civil rights activist: "You may shoot me with your words, you may cut me with your eyes, you may kill me with your hatefulness, but still, like air, I'll rise." This whole racism row has only re-rallied Trump's base once again, stoking their worst instincts to frightening effect.

Twelve Israelis held in Cyprus over alleged gang rape of British tourist

Twelve Israeli tourists have been arrested after a British woman alleged she had been raped in a popular resort town in Cyprus.

The woman, 19, filed a complaint with police in Ayia Napa on Wednesday morning saying she had been gang-raped the previous night.

Young drivers could be banned from driving at night

Young drivers in England could be banned from driving at night under plans for a graduated licence system.

Currently a young driver can lose their licence if they get six penalty points within the first two years of driving but there are no restrictions on driving time or passengers.

Water bills set to fall despite firms facing extra 12bn investment bill

Water firms in England and Wales are facing demands to ramp up investment in infrastructure and cut household bills at the same time.

The regulator said it believed that even when the effects of inflation were included - using the CPIH measure which is currently running at an annual rate of 1.9% - the savings would still result in a significant real terms reduction in customer payments. Companies were yet to give their response to the review but Ofwat's chief executive, Rachel Fletcher, said: "The package we are unveiling today signals a brighter future for customers, with better services, a healthier natural environment and lower bills.

Thursday's national newspaper front pages

The Sun reports on a woman billed 85,000 after an air rage incident which involved RAF jets being scrambled to escort the plane.

Boris Johnson "vowed to deliver Brexit on time and unite the country" during the final Tory leadership hustings event, says the Daily Express. Hashem Abedi was flown to the UK to face justice for the Manchester bombing after a "secret deal" with Libya, says the Daily Mirror.

Ebola treatment centres crammed with new patients every day

International aid agencies and officials from the Democratic Republic of Congo have been battling the Ebola virus for a year in what is the worst outbreak in the country's history.

Until recently, it was rarely compared with the world's worst Ebola epidemic in West Africa between 2013 and 2015. The WFP wants people who have been in direct contact with Ebola victims to stay put and not travel and they were offering 20kg sacks of rice and beans to anyone who fit the criteria. "Most people refuse to come here if they will think we will transfer them to a treatment centre.

'The Squad': Who are the congresswomen in Trump's firing line?

Donald Trump has come under fire after taking aim at a group of Democrat congresswomen, telling them to "go back and help fix" their "broken and crime-infested countries" - despite them being American.

Despite not naming anyone in his tweets, it is widely thought he referred to four congresswomen, known widely as the "The Squad" - Ilhan Omar, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Rashida Tlaib and Ayanna Pressley. She supports progressive policies - particularly on immigration (she is big advocate for abolishing US Immigration and Customs, or ICE), LGBT+ equality, taxation and healthcare. Ms Pressley is a congresswoman for Massachusetts' seventh district, and was elected alongside Ms Omar and Ms Ocasio-Cortez in the 2018 midterm elections. Rashida Tlaib serves Michigan's 13th district, where she was born, and like the rest of The Squad she was elected during the 2018 midterms.

'This photo shows how I was bullied in the army'

Mark Holder, 37, is an Iraq veteran. He was forced to leave the armed forces because of bullying by members of his own unit who pointed loaded guns at his head.

I joined the RLC as a chef and I had no problems, I passed all my training. As soon as you make a complaint your career is over - they close ranks around you. I'm a carer now, working with people who have learning difficulties, but I have lost so much money because I would have been in the army for the rest of my career, it's all I ever wanted to do. I'm 37 now, by this point I would have finished 22 years in the army, but I've been robbed of it all because of these bullies.

We can't save our past comrades, but we can help their veteran descendants

Andrew Webster, retired captain of The Green Howards, is among veterans uncovering key sites from the Battle of Waterloo.

I served with The Green Howards (now The Yorkshire Regiment) in the 1980s and 1990s, undertaking numerous tours of Northern Ireland, including a three-year tour of Londonderry/Derry at a time of intense IRA activity in the city. During my service I was badly injured in rioting in the city and this, along with other trauma events before - during and after my time in the army - led to a severe long-term mental health condition and a diagnosis of complex PTSD. I am currently working in a team excavating the disused cesspit in the courtyard of the Mont Saint Jean farmhouse. We can't reach out into the past and save our historic comrades, but it seems to me that through this remarkable project they can help save their veteran descendants.

My daughter was killed by her uncle - never finding her body is a daily torment that haunts me

Danielle Jones was 15 when she disappeared on her way to school in East Tilbury in Essex 18 years ago.

After it was announced that murderers will be refused parole if they refuse to reveal the location of their victims' remains, Danielle's mother Linda Jones tells Sky News why she hopes Helen's Law will help end the pain of never knowing where her daughter's body is.

When anyone loses someone close to them, there is the period before the funeral when you're in limbo and there is unbelievable pain. A big part of me has accepted that we will probably never know where Danielle is but there is now hope.

Whether, in the next couple of years, he'll think that through seriously and do the right thing, I don't know. If Campbell is prepared to give us that one thing we desperately need then we have to be gracious enough to say: "Okay you've done what was asked of you, you've served your time, you can come out" - not that I particularly want him to do.

I believe Campbell hasn't told us where Danielle's body is because he wants to be in control.

Netflix feels pain as global subscriber growth slows

Netflix shares have tumbled in after-hours trading following revelations it lost customers in its core US market for the first time in eight years.

If the performance is replicated in Thursday's regular trading session, it will be the largest decline in Netflix's price in three years, taking about \$18bn in market value from the company. Clement Thibault, analyst at financial markets platform Investing.com, said: "Even though we expected slowing user growth in the US, a negative paid net additions number is shocking.