

Summary of Today's News

Joseph McCann: Man suspected of abducting and raping two women identified

Police hunting a man accused of abducting and raping two women in north London have identified the suspect as Joseph McCann, 33.

Police say the man has a slight Irish accent and is also known to use false names, including Joel.

40 school children excluded daily in England as teen drink and drugs offences rise

More children are being kicked out of school for taking and selling illegal drugs than ever before, according to figures seen exclusively by Sky News.

Sky News has been given rare and exclusive access to two pupil referral units (PRUs), which are set up to educate children who've been excluded from mainstream schools. They more or less just chuck you out straight away as soon as they find out that you're taking drugs and there's not really much support there in the mainstream schools." John Warren, headteacher at Grove Academy, said: "I think part of the problem is that schools in many ways are expected to be gatekeepers of social values and social behavioural norms, and society is yet to catch up with the reality of the everyday experience of young people in that drugs being an endemic part of their adolescent experience." The report warns the increasing rate of exclusions has put PRUs under "significant strain", but also acknowledged the units are better at addressing the issues faced by young people who used drugs.

Many of the children Sky News spoke to said mainstream school were yet to recognise the scale of the problem. "For a young person to witness some of the levels of domestic violence that they may have witnessed, or for a young person to be out on the street and witness one of their close friends dying, is not something that most adults will ever experience." But many headteachers in mainstream education warn that not excluding children for involvement in drugs would send out the wrong message.

Mark Lehain, former mainstream school headteacher, says: "What I used to ask myself in the cases where I considered expulsion is that if I don't expel a child for this, what would I expel them for?"

Contaminated blood scandal: Inquiry begins into 'worst tragedy in the history of the NHS'

Victims of the contaminated blood scandal have criticised extra money pledged to them by the government, on the day a public inquiry begins to hear evidence.

Des Collins, a senior partner at Collins Solicitors, said: "These payments provide a minimal level of support and I fear that the increase announced today will do little to help offset the challenges that many people are facing. Mrs May said: "The contaminated blood scandal was a tragedy that should never have happened and has caused unimaginable pain and hurt for victims and their families for decades.

British fugitive added to Europe's most wanted list over brutal killing

A fugitive alleged to have been involved in the brutal killing of a father at a Cheshire farm is now on Europe's most wanted list.

On Tuesday, Cheshire Police said he had been added to Europe's most wanted list.

Detective Superintendent Sarah Pengelly said: "Today, Christopher Guest More Jr has been added to Europe's most wanted list. "This is a significant step forward in our bid to locate him and I hope that this latest development will help to generate a renewed interest in this case and, most importantly, valuable information as to his whereabouts." More, who is white and 6ft tall, is wanted for questioning in connection with Mr Waters' death along with the attempted murder of a second man and the false imprisonment and assault of other victims at the scene.

Why is Japan getting a new emperor?

Question: What was Donald Trump told was "100 times bigger" than the Super Bowl?

His father was never prosecuted for war crimes, as leaders of other axis countries were if they survived, and Akihito eventually inherited a Japan that had rebuilt itself to the point it was the world's second largest economy. Akihito broke with centuries of tradition by marrying a commoner in 1959 and, after his accession, continued with a more informal, modern style, making efforts to meet his people and travelling around a country where the older generation still hold deep-seated, and in Western eyes almost fawning, respect. Their 17-year-old daughter, Princess Aiko, has spent some time at Eton and is said to be a fan of sumo wrestling.

During Golden Week, many Japanese companies close down completely, and this year, with the addition of three more days of holidays adding to the incentive for many to get away, it is expected many may give their workers the whole holiday period off. A ceremony will take place on 30 April in the Imperial Palace's Hall of Pine, broadcast on national TV, in which officials carry in various seals and two of Japan's Three Sacred Treasures before Mr Abe announces the abdication and Akihito makes his final remarks.

On 1 May, the seals and two 'treasures' will be placed in front of the new emperor as proof of his rightful succession in a ceremony attended by a small group of adult male royalty and senior government ministers. One of his first international roles will be to attend major sporting events Japan is hosting, including the Olympic Games, of which he is a national patron, and possibly the Rugby World Cup. He may also have to host Mr Trump who promised to visit after the investiture on 24 and 25 May. What is not so clear is whether Naruhito will be able to continue his UN-level interest in ensuring countries around the world have supplies of drinking water.

Abu Bakr al Baghdadi: Video emerges of 'Islamic State leader alive'

Footage has emerged appearing to show Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al Baghdadi alive and talking about this month's Sri Lanka bombings.

Despite this, he is the world's most wanted man, with a ransom of \$25m (£19m) on offer. He says he will seek revenge for those who had been killed or imprisoned in the fight against his group.

IS leader Baghdadi still capable of inspiring obscene acts of terror

The last time we saw Abu Bakr al Baghdadi he was ascending the pulpit of the Nouri mosque in Mosul.

In the summer of 2014, his address to those gathered below ushered in a new era of terror and despair for millions of people in Iraq, Syria, the Middle East and far beyond.

Baghdadi, who has been heard from in audio messages in recent years, even acknowledges his group's military defeat in Baghouz. The true cost of IS's brief but devastating reign in parts of Iraq and Syria is laid bare for all to see.

For years he's been rumoured to be hiding in the desert area on the Syria/Iraq border, where he's reportedly become increasingly isolated and is said to be surrounded by just a small group of loyalists.

Exclusive: Footage shows final hours of Sri Lanka suicide bomber

Footage obtained by Sky News tracks the final hours of one of the Easter Sunday bombers as he prepares to commit mass murder.

Mohammed Nasar Mohammed Azar, 34, is pictured messaging and speaking on a mobile phone, praying at a mosque and scoping out his target.

He switches to a rickshaw, travelling for another hour until he pulls up outside the Jami Us-Salam mosque in Batticaloa. He can be seen walking inside the compound with his bags, presumably containing a suicide bomb, before finding a place to leave them, re-emerging with what looks like a washbag.

At around that time, Nasar Mohammed Azar is pictured back at the mosque, having switched back into his blue shirt. A week on, the faces of Nasar Mohammed Azar's victims - including 13 children - stare out from banners pinned up in

mourning outside the Zion church.

They had both been living away, but Nasar Mohammed Azar reappeared three days before Easter.

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