

Summary of Today's News

Londonderry riots: Journalist Lyra McKee shot dead in 'terrorist incident'

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"Earlier this week, they said police would be to blame for any disorder this year and warned what they called 'British crown forces' not to saturate the area. Sinn Fein's deputy leader Michelle O'Neill condemned the "senseless loss of life", saying it was not only a tragedy for the family, but also "an attack on all the people of this community, an attack on our peace process and an attack on the Good Friday Agreement".

"We remain united in our determination to building a better and peaceful future for all." Ms O'Neill called on those responsible to "disband immediately and end their pointless actions against the community".

Heathrow airport protest: Police stop Extinction Rebellion activists blocking road

Young climate change protesters have launched a small protest outside Heathrow airport, amid a plan to "shut down" the transport hub.

In a statement, the group said: "There is a deep remorse for those whose holiday and family plans will be disrupted. A spokesperson said: "While we respect the right to peaceful protest and agree with the need to act on climate change, we don't agree that passengers should have their well-earned Easter break holiday plans with family and friends disrupted." About 247,000 people are estimated to be flying in or out of Heathrow on Good Friday and the airport advised passengers to contact their airlines for information. "I'm so proud and thrilled to be part of Extinction Rebellion." Mayor of London Sadiq Khan said he was "extremely concerned" about the disruption, adding: "This is extremely dangerous, illegal and is putting an unacceptable toll on our police force and our city." Scotland Yard warned protesters the force has "strong plans" in place with a significant number of officers ready to respond.

Two women die after being pulled from sea off Aberdeen beach

Two women have died after being pulled from the sea off Aberdeen beach in the early hours of Friday morning.

They were rescued by the RNLI inshore lifeboat but later died in hospital.

Father saves baby son after wild dogs drag him out of caravan

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Driver flees after crashing £130,000 supercar in Greater Manchester

The driver of a £130,000 car fled after losing control and crashing into several objects, according to police.

On Twitter, Greater Manchester Police wrote: "Single vehicle road traffic collision in @GMPStretford, this Audi R8 Spyder collided with several items of street furniture after losing control and veering off the road.

Ancestry advert taken down amid accusations of 'romanticising slavery'

Genealogical website Ancestry has taken down an advert accused of "romanticising" slavery.

The advert, which was aired on TV in Canada and posted on the company's YouTube channel, depicted a white man in the 1800s encouraging a black woman to "escape to the north" with him.

Mueller report: Donald Trump 'tried to get ex-FBI chief fired' during Russia investigation

Donald Trump has declared "Game Over" for his "haters" - but a long-awaited report revealed how the US president sought the firing of the man investigating his team's alleged links to Russia.

Mr Mueller's 22 month-long work focused on Russian hacking and social media campaigns, possible Russian government links to - and contacts with - the Trump campaign, and potential obstruction of his investigatory efforts. He found no evidence of collusion between Mr Trump's campaign team and Russia - despite "numerous links" - but said the president's campaign "expected it would benefit electorally from information stolen and released through Russian efforts", referring to hacked Democrat emails.

Other explosive findings in Mr Mueller's highly-anticipated report included: :: Mr Trump's belief that Mr Mueller's appointment as a special counsel to investigate possible Russia links would "end" his spell in the White House. His tweet added: "For the haters and the radical left Democrats - Game Over." The president's legal team also hailed a "total victory" and claimed there had been "unprecedented cooperation" by Mr Trump with the special counsel's work. Democrat Senate leader Chuck Schumer and House of Representatives speaker Nancy Pelosi said in a joint statement: "The differences are stark between what Attorney General Barr said on obstruction and what Special Counsel Mueller said on obstruction.

Fellow Democrat Steny Hoyer, the House majority leader, claimed it was not worth trying to force Mr Trump from office over Mr Mueller's report, with a presidential election next year "Based on what we have seen to date, going forward on impeachment is not worthwhile at this point.

Justin Bieber calls for sacking of 'disrespectful' Fox News host

Justin Bieber has called for the sacking of a Fox News host over remarks about late rapper Nipsey Hussle.

Ingraham called the line about Mr Trump a "very creative refrain", adding that "the chorus that goes on and on, is that related to lowest unemployment ever, basically, for African-Americans?" Bieber posted on Instagram on Thursday demanded her sacking, describing her behaviour as "absolutely disgusting". Bieber was not the only celebrity to criticise Ingraham for the Hussle segment.

Semenya ruling may bring death of women's sport, warns Paula Radcliffe

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Extreme and malicious: How racist trolls are openly abusing Meghan

The abuse is awful. It's personal and vicious.

I'd obviously been aware that Meghan had her critics especially on the virtual soapbox that social media sites have become, but I wanted to drill down into where it was coming from, the things people were saying and how widespread it was.

Yet from the privacy of their social media accounts people think it's absolutely fine to sling racist abuse about Meghan and even her unborn child. By posting them it drives traffic to their social media accounts, increases their number of likes and followers.

What's also interesting to observe is how they use articles or videos from mainstream media sites to push their agenda. But as a former actress, who previously ran her own social media accounts and her blog "The Tig", she knows how powerful these platforms can be.

Words and phrases in some of the posts, like diapers instead of nappies, certainly give signals of an American influence on their new platform and may hint that Meghan is more hands-on than would outwardly appear.

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