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Westminster terror attack suspect Salih Khater 'was in London to get a visa'



Joe Roberts

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Westminster terror suspect Salih Khater allegedly told friends in Birmingham that he was travelling to London to get a visa.

He was arrested after crashing a silver Ford Fiesta into cyclists and pedestrians outside the Houses of Parliament yesterday morning.

A man and a woman were taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries while another man was treated at the scene.

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People in Birmingham claim Salih Khater was travelling to London to get a visa



The silver Ford Fiesta crashed into a security barrier outside the Houses of Parliament (Picture: PA)

The former student allegedly drove his own car to London a day before a visa appointment to try and avoid an early morning journey on Tuesday.

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Nassar Mahmood, from Birmingham Central Mosque, said the local Sudanese community believed Khater wanted the visa to travel back to Sudan.

He said he was told Khater did not worship at the mosque and had shown no signs of radicalisation.

Mr Mahmood said: 'We made some inquiries within the Sudanese community around the mosque and the picture we are getting is that he was on his way to the Sudanese embassy.'

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Ali Mohamed, a representative of the local Sudanese community, speaks during a press conference at Birmingham Central Mosque (Picture: PA)

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Nassar Mahmood, from Birmingham Central Mosque, said Khater did not worship there (Picture: PA)

'Some of them know him personally. He wasn't known to be a fervent worshipper and as far as we know he never attended the mosque here.'

'Nobody knows the true picture yet. The police have not charged so I would caution against rushing to apportion guilt.'

Sudanese community leader Ali Mohamed said: 'From what we know, he was a social person, he was a sportsman.'

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'He was trying to apply for a visa. We really don't know why he got into that incident.'



Khater's home in Birmingham has been pictured (Picture: Caters)

Khater's friends have defended him as a 'good person' who merely 'lost control' of his car in a freak accident.

Neighbour Abrha Thomas insisted: 'It was an accident, just like anyone would have. He was a good person – he just lost control.'

'He was a very nice man. Everybody knew him in this area. We see him around and we all pull together.'

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It has now emerged that counter-terrorism officers have been granted a warrant to detain Khater until Monday.

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A Scotland Yard statement said: 'Officers investigating the incident in Westminster yesterday, Tuesday 14 August, have obtained a warrant of further detention in relation to the 29-year-old man who was arrested at the scene.'

'The man, who is a UK national originally from Sudan, was arrested by armed officers on suspicion of the commission, preparation and instigation of acts of terrorism, under section 41 of the Terrorism Act (TACT) 2000, and detained under TACT.'

'A warrant of further detention was granted this afternoon (15 August) by Westminster Magistrates' Court until Monday, 20 August and the 29-year-old man remains in custody at a south London police station.'

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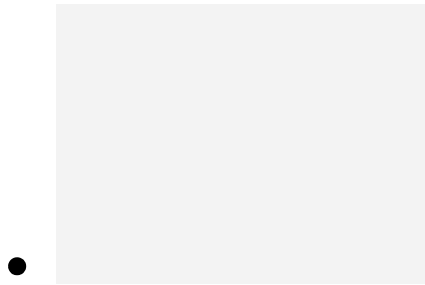


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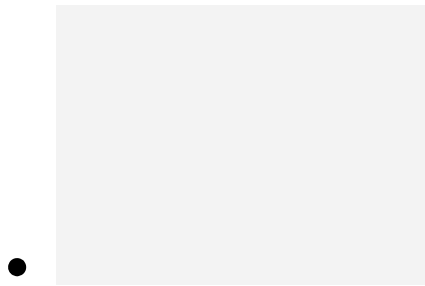
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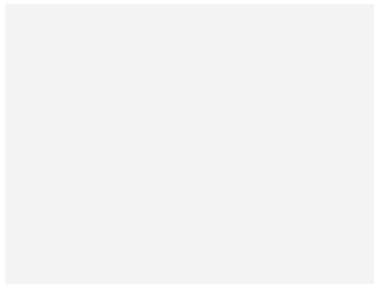


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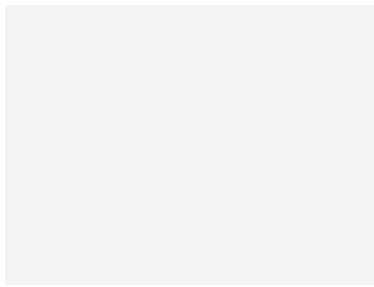


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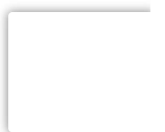
'I sort of went ballistic, as one does.'

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Hurricane Beryl has upended the weather.

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The home has caused quite the stir among locals.

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'It would be a blow for the big summer getaway.'

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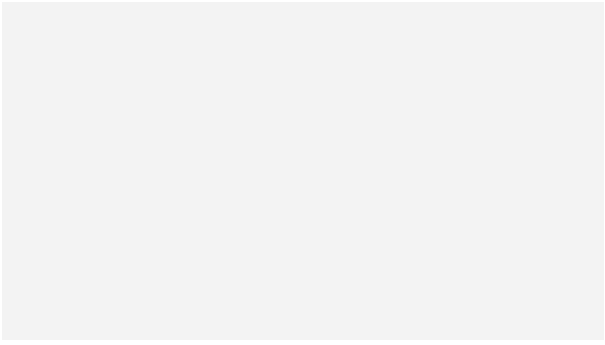
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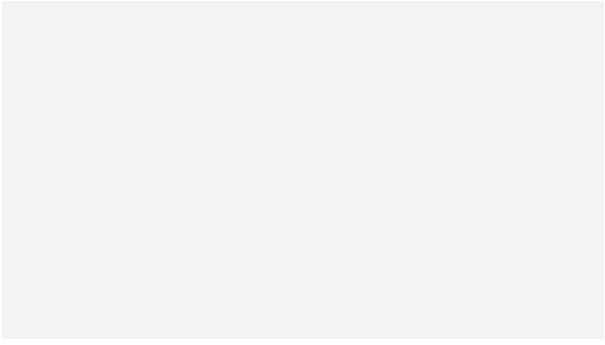


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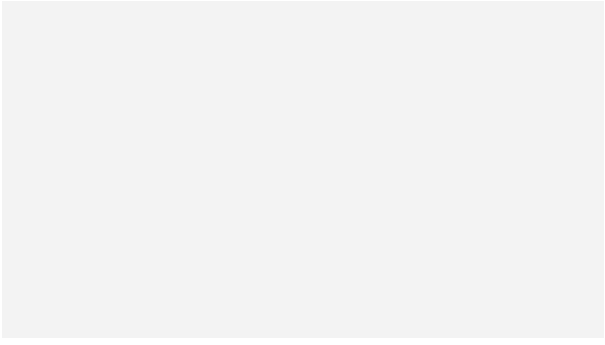
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GB News host reveals 'worst nightmare' after missing sons found after 40 hours

The pair missed their flight back to the UK after backpacking for nine weeks.

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Seaside villagers say there's only 14 of them left due to 'selfish second home owners'

'It's changed so much.'

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Major motorway closed due to huge fire causing travel chaos for drivers

Drivers have been told to avoid the area.

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Couple find empty bottles of rum pouring out the walls of their home

'You bought a house from Captain Morgan himself,' a social media user remarked.

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Mother of girl, 14, stabbed to death is released on bail after murder charge

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The teenager suffered a single stab wound to her chest.

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Man stabbed to death 'inside barber shop' was dad-of-two

In a statement released via police, Josh McKay's relatives said: 'The heart of our family has stopped beating. The World is less bright without his beautiful smile.'

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The Met Office has issued a yellow weather warning.

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European Monsoon is on its way to make our summer even more miserable

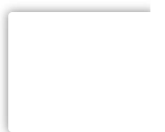
This summer is fast becoming the coldest in 24 years with Europe set to endure a 'wash out'.

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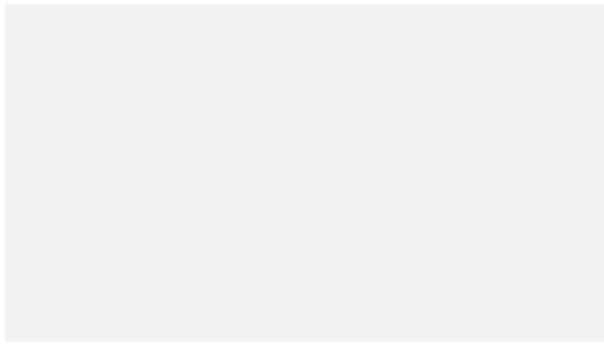
Frozen body of climber who went missing 22 years ago found on mountain

His body has been preserved by the Peruvian ice after all this time.

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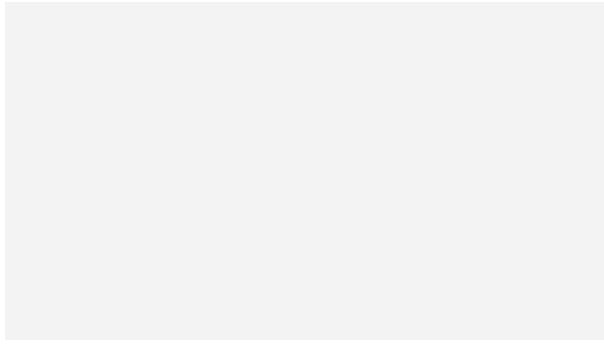
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Red alert issued after Mount Etna volcano eruption

Multiple flights have been cancelled and delayed.

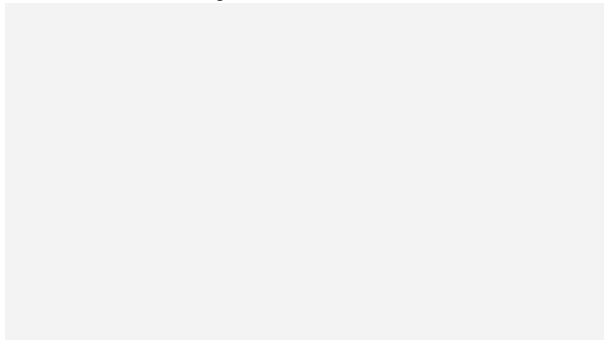
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First picture of teenagers 13, and 18, killed in motorbike crash

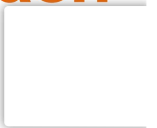
'It's terribly sad.'

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First picture of Ryanair pilot killed in crash with colleague on the way to work



Both men, aged 24 and 28, died at the scene.

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Here's the exact date the UK will start to sizzle under an incoming 'heat dome'

The country's been battered by some truly hideous weather lately. That's about to change.

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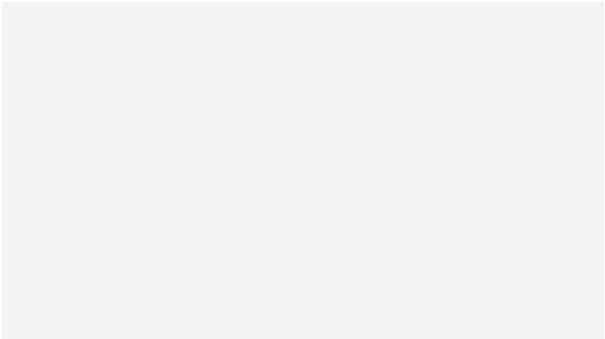
Two supermarkets make major decision on opening hours for England's Euro 2024 final

The two major brands have made a big announcement.

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Man arrested after bodies found in suitcases dumped at Clifton Suspension Bridge

The Met Police have arrested a 36-year-old in connection with the case.

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Man and woman charged with murder after girl, 14, found dead in house

The shocking incident happened on Friday night.

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33. **Otter caught on CCTV breaking into garden centre and eating £10,000 of koi carp**

The peckish otter was caught leaving the garden centre carrying fish in its mouth.

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34. **Whole pod of 77 whales die after washing up on UK beach - and no one knows why**

Post-mortem investigations have begun on the whales.

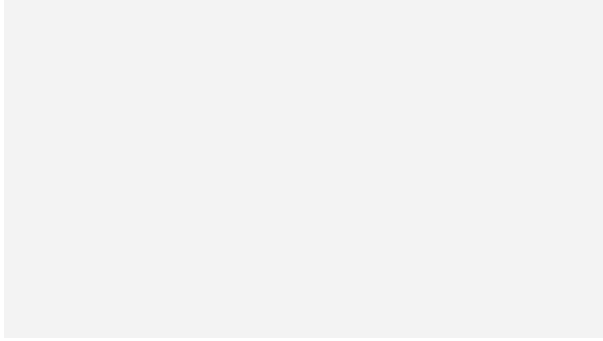
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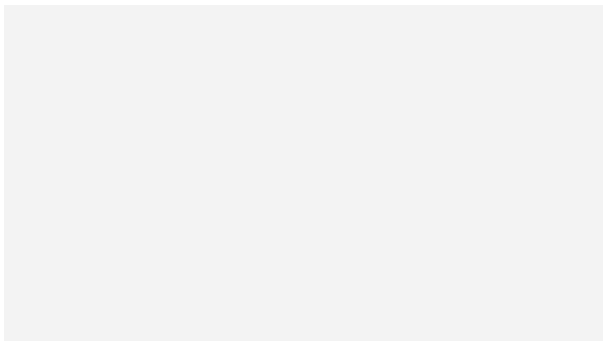
He said he poke to one of the men, who police have dismissed as a person of interest in the case.



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First picture of man wanted over body in suitcases at Clifton Suspension Bridge

Detectives are trying to identify the remains and are searching for the man.



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Final words of dad who died after putting lit firework on his head

'We're traumatized,' her son said

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European Monsoon tracker shows how it's blasting from Canada to UK

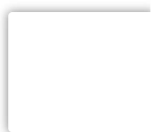
People should prepare for the remnants of Beryl to hit the UK from next week.

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Why are protesters squirting water at tourists in Barcelona?

Spanish civilians have become fed up with the lack of affordable housing in their cities.

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A drive with a flag on your car could be costly.

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This is why the UK weather has been so disappointing this summer

'Unfortunately for those who like the warmth, we have only had brief periods where this pattern has been present in summer so far.'

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Kyle Clifford arrested in his hospital bed for murders of BBC presenter's family

He is accused of killing Carol Hunt, 61, and sisters Hannah, 28, and Louise, 25, in what police called a targeted attack.

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BA flight forced to divert after being struck by lightning on its way to Heathrow

'It was shocking.'

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British tourist, 23, dies after falling 'head-first' from hotel balcony in Zante

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Another Brit was also 'seriously injured' after falling from a balcony a few hours earlier.

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Bookseller 'sacked from Waterstones' after row with author over trans rights

TillyLovesBooks is best known for sharing book reviews with her 90,000 followers.

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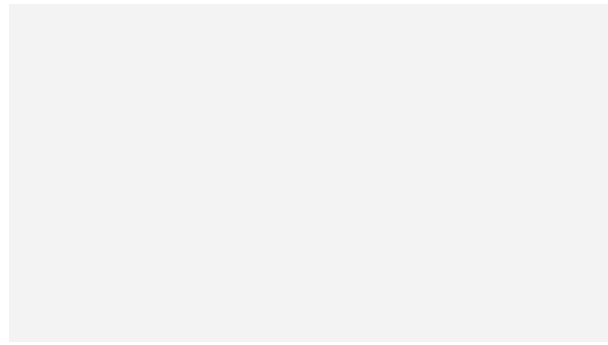
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Doctors have issued a warning.

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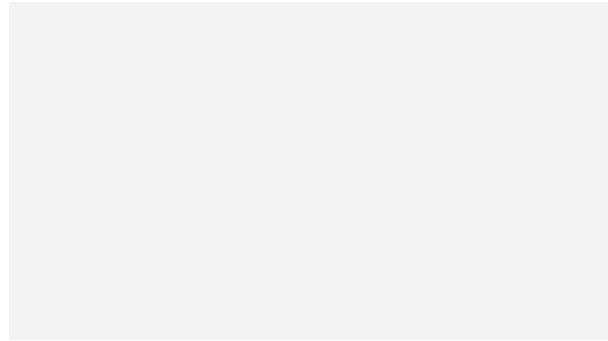


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Another French landmark up in flames exactly a month after the last

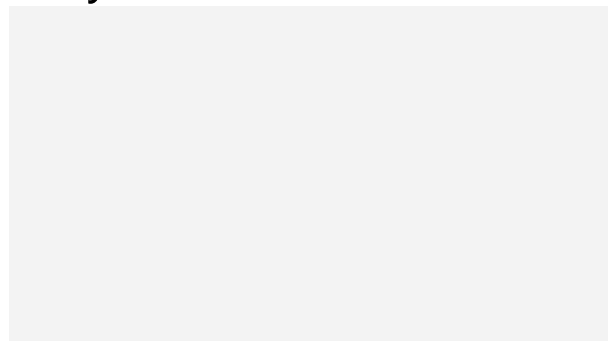
The iconic cathedral has caught fire for the second time.



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Suicide pod dubbed 'Tesla of euthanasia' to be banned in Switzerland

The Sarco was set to be used in the country for the first time as early as next week.



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Flight attendant charged for trying to kill herself freed after arrest

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'Tori wants to come home, simple as that.'

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British mum fighting for life in Spanish hospital with family facing £30,000 bill

'She's the strongest, bravest and kind-hearted mam. If anyone can please help us we'll be eternally grateful.'

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Google is finally helping iPhone owners avoid speeding tickets

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Android owners have been much luckier.

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England fan flies to German Euros fan zone for same price as going to UK one

Callum booked a two-hour flight with Ryanair from East Midlands airport to Berlin Brandenburg International airport for £32.95.

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Mum dies days after making utterly heartbreaking deathbed confession

'She was peaceful, pain free, at home and surrounded by her loving family.'

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Body found in search for boy, 14, who was swept away playing in river

Daniel halliday went missing while playing in the River Mersey with friends.

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Five mysteries surrounding Jay Slater's disappearance as family claim 'everything stinks'

Spanish Police have now halted their search for the 19-year-old, who was visiting Tenerife with two friends.

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Plane with mystery message to Prince Harry flies above venue just before he collects award

'The bond between a mother and son is eternal and transcends even the greatest losses.'

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Live Jay Slater's uncle compares 'torturous' search to one for Maddie McCann

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Shopper accused of greed after buying nine legs of yellow-sticker lamb for £36

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'Ever heard of courtesy to others?!'

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Two children, 5 and 6, dead at school dealing with intestine infection outbreak

The youngsters 'filled their classes with joy'.

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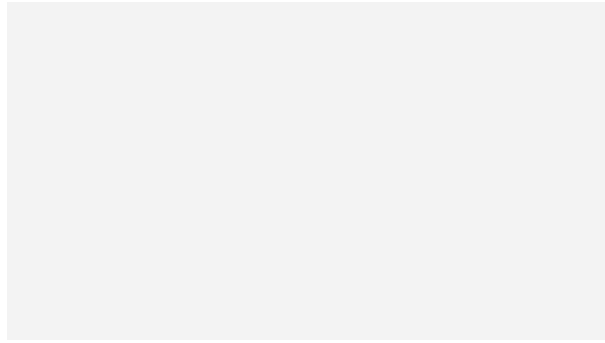
Teenager 'goes on knife rampage trying to kill worshippers' at Sikh temple in Kent

Dramatic footage showed the suspect being pinned to the floor by police and arrested.

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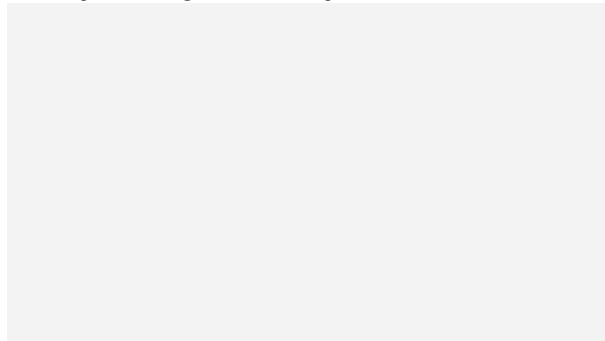


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Map shows M25 closures and diversion in place from tonight

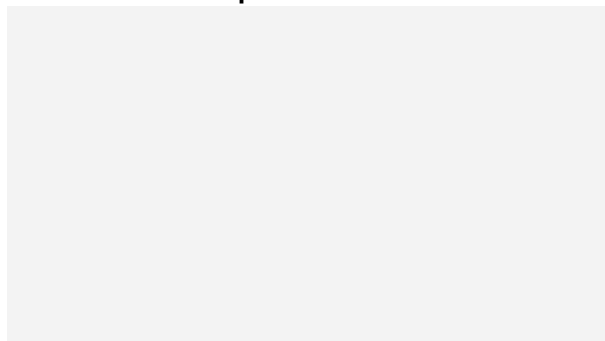
'If you do travel, expect delays and please leave a lot of extra time for your journey.'



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Top school bans smartphones and hands out Nokia 'bricks' instead

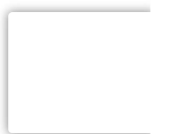
The 'brick' phone is back.



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Map shows route of England's trophy parade if they win Euro 2024

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England will take part in a parade through the capital before meeting King Charles at Buckingham Palace if they manage to win the tournament.

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'World's loneliest man' lives in -70°C temperatures five hours away from society

This place isn't for the faint-hearted

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AirBnb Jay Slater visited before vanishing is listed for rent again

The missing teen went back to the property just before disappearing.

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Drink-driver who killed baby and aunt in 140mph horror crash on A1 jailed

'I knew instantly. I had to pick my dead baby up from the side of the road. I hugged him so tight, a hug I will never forget.'

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England supporters 'left injured as Dutch fans attack' ahead of Euros semi

Dutch fans are accused of trying to steal flags.

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Man and woman arrested after newborn baby's body was found in a bin in Camden

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Both have since been released on bail.

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Eye-watering profit from Captain Tom's book that staff thought was going to charity

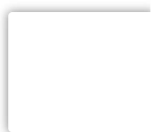
Captain Tom implied in his autobiography that he wanted some money to go to the charity.

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Man arrested for 'murder' as car mounts pavement and runs over four people

Police have found a vehicle they suspect was involved.

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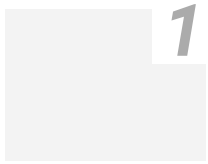


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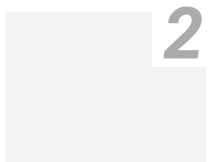
Police hunt for man who set three people on fire in the street

The man's alleged victims are reported to have suffered second degree burns.

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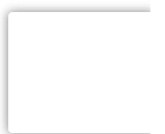


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