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BOMB SCARE AT McENTEE HOME

Justice Minister's husband and children had to be evacuated as the gardaí regarded threats with 'the utmost seriousness'

EXCLUSIVE

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JUSTICE Minister Helen McEntee's young family had to be evacuated from their home this week after a late-night bomb threat, the Irish Daily Mail can reveal.

Ms McEntee herself was not at home when the two phoned threats were made, but her husband and two young children were.

There were two separate phone calls, and after the second warning was made to the Samaritans charity shortly before midnight, gardaí decided to remove Minister McEntee's husband and children from the property.

The couple's two boys are both under the age of three.

Gardaí and Ms McEntee's protection team regarded the threats with 'the utmost seriousness', a security source told the Mail last night.

It is understood that Ms McEntee had

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Taoiseach: You do not protest with an axe

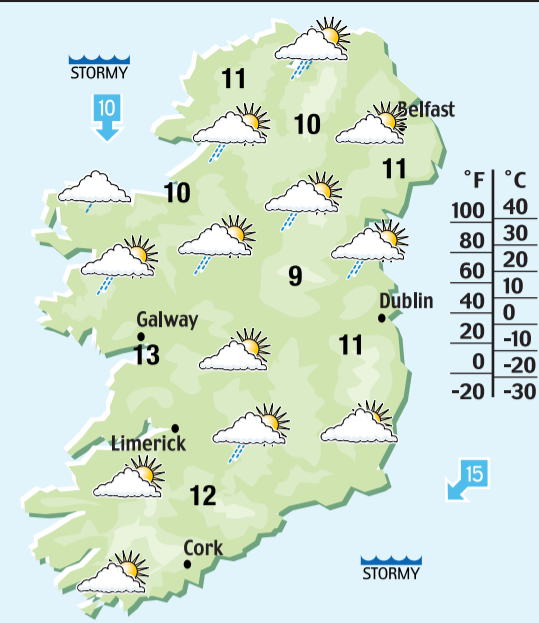
TAOISEACH Simon Harris has rejected the legitimacy of an anti-asylum demonstration that turned violent and saw the riot squad called in, saying: 'You don't protest with an axe.'

The demonstrators who gathered near the scene in Co. Wicklow yesterday morning were adamant that an axe recovered from the scene was not used as a weapon.

However, Garda Commissioner Drew Harris said a patrol vehicle at the scene in Newtownmountkennedy had been damaged with such an implement.

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Weather forecast



Summary: Showers

IRELAND TODAY: Bright with spells of sunshine however patchy cloud cover will build and a scattering of showers will develop. Showers will clear to reveal a dry evening with late sunny spells. There will be light to gentle northerly winds. Max 12c.

Today's weather

	9am	12noon	3pm	6pm	9pm
Belfast	4c	9c	10c	10c	6c
Cork	6c	10c	11c	10c	7c
Dublin	7c	9c	10c	9c	7c
Galway	8c	10c	11c	10c	8c
Limerick	6c	11c	12c	12c	9c
Derry	5c	10c	10c	9c	7c
Valentia	8c	10c	11c	11c	9c
Wexford	8c	10c	10c	10c	7c
Mullingar	6c	9c	10c	10c	7c
Belmullet	8c	10c	11c	10c	8c

5 day forecast

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
Belfast	12c	12c	13c	15c	16c
Cork	12c	11c	11c	13c	16c
Dublin	12c	12c	12c	14c	15c
Galway	10c	10c	11c	13c	15c
Limerick	13c	12c	13c	15c	16c

Around the world yesterday

Location	Weather	C	F	Location	Weather	C	F	Location	Weather	C	F
Algiers	Sunny	22	72	Gibraltar	Sunny	19	66	New Delhi	Sunny	37	99
Amsterdam	Cloudy	10	50	Guernsey	Showers	12	54	New York	Sunny	10	50
Athens	Sunny	22	72	Helsinki	Showers	5	41	Nice	Rain	11	52
Barcelona	Sunny	16	61	Hong Kong	Thunder	25	77	Oslo	Cloudy	8	46
Beijing	Fair	25	77	Innsbruck	Fair	14	57	Palma	Fair	20	68
Beirut	Fair	24	75	Istanbul	Sunny	19	66	Paris	Cloudy	15	59
Belfast	Showers	8	46	Jersey	Drizzle	13	55	Perth	Sunny	27	81
Belgrade	Fair	16	61	Larnaca	Sunny	29	84	Prague	Fair	12	54
Berlin	Cloudy	12	54	Las Palmas	Sunny	23	73	Rhodes	Sunny	21	70
Biarritz	Drizzle	15	59	Lisbon	Showers	16	61	Rome	Fair	18	64
Brussels	Showers	9	48	London	Cloudy	12	54	Singapore	Showers	33	91
Budapest	Cloudy	16	61	Los Angeles	Fair	17	63	Stockholm	Rain	4	39
Cairo	Sunny	26	79	Luxor	Sunny	39	102	Sydney	Sunny	19	66
Cape Town	Sunny	26	79	Madrid	Cloudy	16	61	Tangier	Fair	19	66
Cardiff	Cloudy	10	50	Malaga	Sunny	22	72	Tel Aviv	Fair	26	79
Casablanca	Fair	20	68	Malta	Sunny	18	64	Tenerife	Sunny	24	75
Copenhagen	Rain	8	46	Melbourne	Cloudy	15	59	Tokyo	Sunny	24	75
Corfu	Fair	18	64	Mexico City	Sunny	26	79	Toronto	Sunny	5	41
Dublin	Fair	10	50	Miami	Sunny	27	81	Tunis	Fair	18	64
Dubrovnik	Showers	14	57	Montreal	Cloudy	14	57	Vancouver	Rain	10	50
Edinburgh	Cloudy	9	48	Moscow	Sunny	4	39	Venice	Fair	13	55
Faro	Showers	16	61	Mumbai	Fair	19	66	Vienna	Sunny	14	57
Florence	Showers	16	61	Nairobi	Rain	23	73	Wellington	Sunny	17	63
Geneva	Drizzle	11	52								

Ireland yesterday

24 hours	Sun	Rain	Temp	24 hours	Sun	Rain	Temp
(hrs)	(hrs)	(ins)	(min) (max)	(hrs)	(hrs)	(ins)	(min) (max)
Belfast	4.0	0.00	4 10	Glenanne	3.1	0.00	3 10
Birr	4.1	0.08	4 10	Ballykelly	6.7	0.04	4 10
Castlederg	4.0	0.01	0 11	Lough Fea	2.9	0.11	3 8
Claremorris	4.7	0.06	2 11	Malin Head	8.8	0.02	7 9
Clones	3.0	0.10	1 9	Valentia	4.6	0.20	8 11
Mullingar	3.8	0.06	2 9	Cork	0.4	0.14	6 9
Rosslare	2.0	0.30	8 9	Kilkenny	4.0	0.15	5 11
Knock	4.5	0.07	2 10	Shannon	4.4	0.07	6 11
				Dublin	7.8	0.02	0 10
				Belmullet	8.1	0.04	5 12

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been at the Dáil on the night in question. A security source told the Mail last night: 'Last week tensions were heightened with anti-immigration protests that eventually led to disturbances in another part of the country, so we didn't know at first if this was connected.'

They added: 'With threats against politicians and attacks on politicians on the increase, of course, Garda vigilance is heightened.'

'But there are protocols around bomb threats or any serious threat to ministers, and it was decided it was necessary to exercise the caution of evacuating the family home.'

Gardai are currently investigating the incident at the family's home in Co. Meath.

A thorough search was conducted at Ms McEntee's home and it is not believed that any explosive device was found.

'Any person found to have been connected to such serious threats will face a long custodial sentence,' said a security source.

They also said putting anyone 'in fear of their life' is a

'A very grave matter'

'very grave matter'.

'There does not appear to have been any dangerous devices, but as anyone can imagine, evacuating two children of such a young age and their father and putting such terror on a family is appalling,' the source added.

This is not the first time there have been threats made to Ms McEntee's home.

A convicted rapist made a hoax bomb threat to the minister's house from the Midlands Prison two years ago, and was only last month told he would spend an additional two years in prison for the offence.

Following a trial, Michael Murray, 54, formerly of Seafield Road, Killiney, Dublin, was found guilty of one count of knowingly making a false report giving rise to an apprehension for the safety of someone else while he was imprisoned in the Midlands Prison, Portlaoise, on March 7, 2021.

Murray has 40 previous convictions for offences including rape, sexual assault, harassment, abduction of a child, false imprisonment, threats to kill, burglary and theft.

In 2013, he was convicted of abducting a mother and her

Minister's young family put 'in fear of their life' sparking Garda investigation



Alert: Helen McEntee and her husband Paul Hickey

four-year-old son and repeatedly raping the woman for hours. Murray received a sentence of 19 years' imprisonment over this incident.

He was then sentenced to 16 further years in prison for a campaign of harassment and death threats directed at his victim and the prosecuting lawyers in the trial - with the judge calling his actions an 'unprecedented and deliberate' abuse of process.

In sentencing the accused

at Dublin Circuit Criminal Court, Judge Patricia Ryan handed Murray a two-year prison sentence to run consecutively to one he is currently serving.

The Mail understands there have been discussions at the highest levels of Government in recent days about the security of politicians.

Just over a week ago, Children's Minister Roderic O'Gorman's home was set upon by protesters, who hung

erected on his property that read, 'Close the borders' and, 'Minister O'Gorman hates children'. Several people have been before the courts for threats or harassment of politicians in recent years.

A bench warrant was issued for a 57-year-old man for making threatening calls to former minister Ciarán Cannon late last year.

Another man is facing charges for allegedly throwing faeces at Mr Cannon and Minister Anne Rabbitte at an event in Galway.

Also, a woman was jailed in

Taoiseach spoke of terror

2022 after mounting a campaign of harassment against former Sinn Féin TD Jonathan O'Brien.

Full armed security was returned to all Cabinet ministers after a review conducted by Garda Commissioner Drew Harris. It is understood the new Taoiseach, Simon Harris, who spoke last week about the terror his family has suffered over protests at his own home, is becoming increasingly concerned about politicians' safety.

He has spoken to Commissioner Harris about public order and law and order, and it is also understood he discussed his concern about the safety of politicians.

Last week, our sister paper The Irish Mail on Sunday revealed that the Government will back legislation brought forward by Senator Malcolm Byrne to ban protests outside the private homes of individuals, including politicians.

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