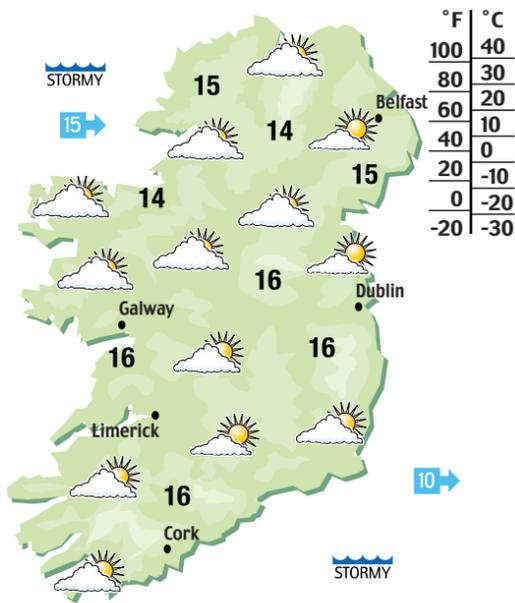


Weather forecast



Summary: Sunny spells

IRELAND TODAY: A dry day with spells of sunshine, these lengthiest across the south and east. Cloud will partly build over northwestern parts through the middle part of the day. Breezy across northern areas, with winds turning light elsewhere. Max 18c.

Today's weather

	9am	12noon	3pm	6pm	9pm
Belfast	☀ 13c	☀ 14c	☀ 15c	☀ 14c	☁ 12c
Cork	☀ 14c	☀ 15c	☀ 16c	☀ 16c	☁ 13c
Dublin	☀ 13c	☀ 15c	☀ 16c	☀ 14c	☁ 11c
Galway	☀ 14c	☀ 15c	☀ 15c	☀ 14c	☁ 13c
Limerick	☀ 14c	☀ 15c	☀ 16c	☀ 15c	☁ 13c
Derry	☀ 13c	☀ 15c	☀ 16c	☀ 14c	☁ 12c
Valentia	☀ 15c	☀ 16c	☀ 16c	☀ 15c	☁ 13c
Wexford	☀ 15c	☀ 16c	☀ 17c	☀ 15c	☁ 13c
Mullingar	☀ 13c	☀ 15c	☀ 16c	☀ 14c	☁ 10c
Belmullet	☀ 13c	☀ 14c	☀ 15c	☀ 14c	☁ 13c

5 day forecast

	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
Belfast	☀ 16c	☀ 17c	☀ 17c	☀ 17c	☀ 16c
Cork	☀ 17c	☀ 16c	☀ 16c	☀ 17c	☀ 16c
Dublin	☀ 17c				
Galway	☀ 15c	☀ 15c	☀ 16c	☀ 15c	☀ 14c
Limerick	☀ 18c	☀ 18c	☀ 18c	☀ 18c	☀ 17c

Around the world yesterday

City	Weather	C	F	City	Weather	C	F	City	Weather	C	F
Algiers	Fair	28	82	Gibraltar	Sunny	24	75	New Delhi	Fair	32	90
Amsterdam	Sunny	16	61	Guernsey	Sunny	17	63	New York	Fair	20	68
Athens	Fair	26	79	Helsinki	Rain	12	54	Nice	Sunny	23	73
Barcelona	Sunny	23	73	Hong Kong	Sunny	31	88	Oslo	Fair	15	59
Beijing	Mist	20	68	Innsbruck	Sunny	15	59	Palma	Showers	24	75
Beirut	Fair	30	86	Istanbul	Fair	20	68	Paris	Sunny	18	64
Belfast	Sunny	17	63	Jersey	Sunny	18	64	Perth	Sunny	22	72
Belgrade	Sunny	15	59	Larnaca	Sunny	32	90	Prague	Sunny	14	57
Berlin	Fair	16	61	Las Palmas	Sunny	26	79	Rhodes	Sunny	26	79
Biarritz	Sunny	20	68	Lisbon	Sunny	22	72	Rome	Thunder	23	73
Brussels	Sunny	16	61	London	Sunny	19	66	Singapore	Showers	28	82
Budapest	Fair	16	61	Los Angeles	Sunny	24	75	Stockholm	Rain	10	50
Cairo	Sunny	33	91	Luxor	Sunny	40	104	Sydney	Thunder	21	70
Cape Town	Cloudy	17	63	Madrid	Sunny	20	68	Tangier	Sunny	25	77
Cardiff	Cloudy	17	63	Malaga	Sunny	26	79	Tel Aviv	Sunny	30	86
Casablanca	Sunny	25	77	Malta	Thunder	27	81	Tenerife	Sunny	27	81
Copenhagen	Showers	15	59	Melbourne	Sunny	14	57	Tokyo	Showers	25	77
Corfu	Thunder	22	72	Mexico City	Fair	20	68	Toronto	Sunny	20	68
Dublin	Sunny	18	64	Miami	Rain	28	82	Tunis	Sunny	29	84
Dubrovnik	Sunny	22	72	Milan	Sunny	22	72	Vancouver	Showers	19	66
Edinburgh	Cloudy	18	64	Montreal	Sunny	17	63	Venice	Showers	18	64
Faro	Sunny	24	75	Moscow	Cloudy	5	41	Vienna	Sunny	16	61
Florence	Fair	21	70	Mumbai	Showers	31	88	Warsaw	Sunny	16	61
Geneva	Sunny	16	61	Nairobi	Cloudy	20	68	Wellington	Fair	16	61

24 hours	Sun	Rain	Temp	Glenanne	Sun	Rain	Temp
(hrs)	(hrs)	(ins)	(min)	(max)	(hrs)	(ins)	(min)
Belfast	0.3	0.00	10	18	4.2	0.01	8
Birr	5.3	0.01	**	**	4.2	0.06	12
Castlederg	4.3	0.00	12	18	6.3	0.06	15
Claremorris	4.2	0.02	13	19	6.6	0.00	11
Clones	5.3	0.01	**	**	7.0	0.00	**
Mullingar	4.5	0.03	10	18	5.7	0.02	14
Rosslare	6.8	0.00	**	**	5.6	0.00	8
Knock	4.4	0.04	12	16	3.2	0.04	14

Moon and Sun
Moon rises: 9.39am, sets: 8.02pm
Sun rises Dublin: 7.17am, sets: 7.13pm
Cork rises: 7.26am, sets: 7.23pm
High tide: Dublin: 1.28pm
Cork: 6.31pm

Extremes
(24 hrs to 6pm y'day) Warmest: Cork, Co Cork, 19c (66f). Coldest: Dublin, Co Dublin, 8c (46f). Wettest: Valentia, Co Kerry, 0.06 ins. Sunniest: Kilkenny, Co Kilkenny, 7.0hrs.

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Two men still on the run after tiger raid and kidnapping of postmistress

By Eamon Donoghue

AMAN was arrested yesterday and another two are on the run after three women were taken hostage in a tiger kidnapping in Dublin.

The women were kidnapped from a home in Malahide in the early hours of yesterday morning by three armed and masked men.

One of the women taken captive, Susan Lawlor, is the postmistress of Bayside Post Office in Sutton, where she was then driven to at 8.30am.

Ms Lawlor from the Castle Cove estate in Malahide, her daughter and their Italian au pair were 'bound and gagged and held at gun point' after kidnappers invaded their house and held them overnight.

Security sources told the Irish Daily Mail that Gardaí became aware of the incident during the night, and were waiting at the Post Office while the woman was brought in to open the time lock on their safe which was set to 8.30am.

The woman was then released as members of the Emergency Response Unit (ERU)

followed the raiders who were travelling in a dark coloured car with an undisclosed amount of cash.

The ERU assisted by other Garda units intercepted a car on the Malahide Road. One man in his early 20s was arrested at the scene and an amount of cash recovered from the car. A number of shots were discharged by Gardaí at this scene.

Gardaí are currently searching for two other men. One is described as being in his 'late 40s/early 50s, grey white hair, chubby build, 5'10 in height wearing dark leggings and similar top'.

And the second is a similar age and build with 'dark grey hair, wearing blue runners with a green stripe. Both men spoke with Dublin accents.'

The three females were uninjured, but Gardaí added that they 'have been through a traumatic experience.'

Their house and the Post Office were last night also cordoned off for further investi-

gation. Several passengers saw their flights delayed in Dublin Airport yesterday because of the incident with as many as 15 aircraft left waiting to make their approaches as the Garda helicopter was in the airspace.

Justice Minister Frances Fitzgerald condemned the callousness of tiger kidnappings.

In a statement she said: 'So-called tiger kidnappings are a particularly callous and cowardly form of crime. Our thoughts must be with the victims of such a despicable crime earlier today as well as the hope that they can recover from their dreadful ordeal. I commend the actions of the Gardaí.'

Sources told the Mail that the Bayside Post Office has been targeted by criminals in the past and Ms Lawlor had been trained on how to deal with such a situation.

Fianna Fáil Deputy Barry Cowen said yesterday that 'people are worried and afraid to walk our streets. It appears the lack of Garda presence is feeding that frenzy'.

Farmer's wife is trampled to death by 'spooked' cattle

By Brian McDonald

A FARMER'S wife has been trampled to death by cattle and another woman left seriously injured in an accident that has left a community in shock.

The dead woman has been named locally as 60-year-old Lucy Connor from Killooskey, Co. Roscommon.

Mrs Connor was accompanied by her son Patrick's girlfriend Sharon Trimble, who was also



'Wonderful': Lucy Connor

seriously injured in the incident at the Co. Roscommon farm.

The two women had gone to the field late on Wednesday afternoon and were reportedly followed by a couple of cats.

A number of cattle in the field apparently became spooked by the cats and charged in the direction of the women.

Mrs Connor was fatally injured and the younger woman sustained serious injuries.

She passed away from her injuries and the younger woman was rushed to Roscommon Hospital where she is recovering.

The dead woman is survived by her husband Pat and four sons. Another of her sons

will be a huge loss to her family, neighbours and friends.

Gardaí from Roscommon town and the Health and Safety Authority both launched investigations into the tragedy.

A spokesperson for the HSA said that it had received an initial report of the fatality and a full investigation was under way.

The death of Mrs Connor - which happened as the nation's agricultural community gathered for the most successful ever National Ploughing Championships - is the 22nd farm death this year.

Local priest, Fr John McManus said today that people were numbed at the death of Mrs Connor and the serious injury to the younger woman.

Fr McManus described it as a

'A sense of shock and disbelief'

tragic loss and a huge shock to the Connor family and the community of Killooskey.

Mrs Connor had formerly worked at the Sacred Heart Home in Roscommon. Fr McManus said: 'The community and wider parish are very shocked. It's a terrible tragedy. Lucy was a wonderful person and very popular in the area.'

'Our hearts go out to Pat and the boys and her extended family. It's such a sense of shock and

disbelief really.' News of the tragedy comes only a day after Agriculture Minister Simon Coveney had warned about the spiralling numbers of farm fatalities taking place.

Speaking at the ploughing championships in Ratheniska, Co. Laois on Wednesday, Mr Coveney said the number of people who have lost their lives on farms so far this year was more than double that of this time last year.

'An increasing number of families this year are trying to cope with the trauma, heartache and difficulty that comes following the loss of a loved one,' he said.

'My family experienced that as well,' said the minister.

'This time last year there were ten fatalities on Irish farms, this year it's double it.'

He said that with more modern methods of farming being adopted and improvement in output, safety in farms has to be tackled.

'Surely we can make a better impact than we currently are on farm safety issues and awareness around that issue,' said Mr Coveney.

After losing a relative or loved one many people struggle with the day-to-day running of the farm and with dealing with paperwork, grants, schemes and services, he added.

He added that more awareness around what is a 'very dangerous career choice' is needed.

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Clarifications & corrections

■ AN article yesterday about keeping food in the fridge stated that in the past Heinz tomato ketchup contained artificial preservatives. Heinz has asked us to clarify that this was never the case.

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