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**iSTORAGE
DISKASHUR 2**
From around €199
(500GB)

BRITISH firm iStorage are well known in military and business for their encrypted drives.

Devices that carry a keypad with which to set and enter a 7-15 digit code before access is granted.

Now Joe and Joanne Public are becoming clued in when it comes to offline data theft and fraud, devices like 'diskAshur 2' might be a little more mainstream.

A nod to this goal of normalising security is the look of the diskAshur 2 — our red review model stands out. The build quality is excellent.

The rubberised outer is a nice premium detail and a little bit of protection for the disks within.

The other three colours are safe choices — black, green and blue — but still looks funkier than a 256-bit encrypted portable hard-disk with a data-destruct mechanism built in should anyone decide to steal yours.

The read-write rate (148MBps/140MBps) is as high as you would expect from a premium disk using USB 3.1.

The aforementioned destruct feature is interesting — using an assigned PIN, you can wipe the disk in one fell swoop.

It can also be set to destroy the data after a set number of tries. Couple this with a 256-bit encryption and diskAshur 2 is as secure as you need unless you are Jason Bourne.

As an external drive, diskAshur 2 performs well. It's not much bigger than a regular drive and it's competitive specs-wise.

The security of keeping your data to yourself is a huge extra over regular drives.

With fraudsters getting better at extracting useful data from unencrypted and incorrectly wiped or destroyed drives, iStorage diskAshur 2 offers a simplified data-encryption solution. The diskAshur 2 is available in six storage sizes, from 500GB to 5TB.

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HALLE IS TO DIE FOR

By JACK LING

ACTRESS Halle Berry looks in Wick-ed nick after training for her role as an assassin.

The US star, 52, was put through her paces for John Wick: Chapter 3 Parabellum, directed by Chad Stahelski. Unveiling the trailer at Vegas CinemaCon she said: "I never worked so hard in my life for this little character."



Wick flick . . . Halle & Chad

AIRPORT CASE

YOU'RE PULLING MY LEG

One-legged man faces rap.. for being legless

By TOM TUITE

A ONE-LEGGED war veteran was arrested at Dublin Airport after staff thought he was "legless drunk", a court has heard.

Mouftah Nezar Ellihidy with an address at Annally Terrace, Ongar, Clonsilla, Dublin, was maimed during conflict in his homeland, Libya.

The 28-year-old pleaded guilty to breach of the peace, being intoxicated in public and obstruction and assault of an authorised officer at Terminal One, on January 29 last.

The Libyan business student also admitted criminal damage inside a Garda car and to a mattress in a cell at Ballymun Garda station.

However, a judge has given him a chance to avoid a criminal record and a sentence after noting the "unusual circumstances" of his arrest.

Dublin District Court heard evidence the student began spitting when gardai were called and arrested him. However, things escalated after his arrest and he wrecked a mattress in a station cell.

Defence solicitor Colleen Gildernew said her client was very apologetic but

there were unusual circumstances to the incident. He had lost a leg during the war to topple Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi. Later he lost some fingers as a result of an ISIS bomb blast, she said.

On the day of his arrest he had packed his crutches in his baggage.

He drank one glass of wine that reacted badly with his medication, the solicitor said, and the airport staff thought he was intoxicated and offered him a wheelchair which he declined.

The situation escalated and gardai were called. He now has a scholarship from the Libyan government to study in Ireland.

His family were doctors and lived in Turkey.

The solicitor said the airport staff assumed Ellihidy "was legless drunk as opposed to being actually legless".

The student was sorry for his actions, Judge John Brennan noted.

He remanded him on bail to appear again in June to bring €260 to court to pay for the damage caused in the Garda station cell and for a further €400 to be donated to charity.

Judge Brennan said he would strike out the case if Ellihidy complied.



Guilty plea . . . Ellihidy

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