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The Easter Rising (Irish: Éirí Amach na Cásca), also known as the Easter Rebellion, was an armed insurrection in Ireland during Easter Week, April 1916. The Rising was launched by Irish republicans to end British rule in Ireland and establish an independent Irish Republic while the United Kingdom was fighting the First World War. A suspected member of the Irish nationalist party Sinn Féin is searched at gunpoint by temporary constables of the British Black and Tans, during the Irish War of Independence, Ireland, November 1920. The Easter Rising was an Irish rebellion against British rule staged in Dublin in April 1916, which accelerated moves toward securing Ireland's freedom from the British Empire. The rebellion was quickly crushed by British forces and was considered a failure at first. Yet it soon became a powerful symbol and helped focus efforts of Irish ... - Ireland Easter Rising Irish Independence