

SATURDAY 26 MARCH 2022**SAT 00:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkdlp)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 00:06 The Newsroom (w172xyy0p6ch6cy)

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SAT 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172xzkxhf52yp2)

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SAT 00:32 Pick of the World (w3ct4210)

How do you cover a war on social media?

This special edition of Pick of the World examines a month of the Russia-Ukraine war through the eyes and ears of BBC World Service followers on social media.

Digital Editor Anna Doble speaks with BBC Ukraine News Editor Marta Shokalo about how her team has managed to keep covering the story, despite being forced to flee themselves. And we find out how Ukrainians are following rolling news of the invasion via chat apps on their mobile phones as they shelter underground.

BBC Russia's Social Media Editor Natasha Touzovskaya explains how news and information is being shared by Russians, despite many social platforms and news websites being blocked by the authorities.

Anna also chats with Gabriela Torres, who leads BBC World Service on social media across 42 languages. We find out which stories from Ukraine have generated the biggest reactions so far around the world. And we get an update from the German family who are hosting Ukrainian refugee Anastasia and her son in Berlin.

SAT 01:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkdq4t)

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SAT 01:06 World Business Report (w172xzlq4rsbb2)

US announces EU liquefied natural gas deal

The US has announced it is to significantly boost liquefied natural gas supply to the EU. The move is a bid to help reduce European reliance on Russian energy in the wake of its invasion of Ukraine, and we explore to what extent the deal will achieve that aim with Dr Aura Sabadus of Independent Commodity Intelligence Services. Also in the programme, Poland has taken in more than two million Ukrainian refugees as a result of the recent conflict. We hear about the economic impact that is having in Poland from Guardian newspaper journalist Weronika Strzyżyńska. Plus, a landmark new law planned in the European Union aims to reduce the dominance of technology giants like Apple and Google. The BBC's technology correspondent Mark Cieslak tells us what is in the proposals.

SAT 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172xzkxhf532f6)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 01:32 WorklifeIndia (w3ct2f4p)

How can India deal with the global chip crisis?

The global semiconductor industry is at a crunch point. Millions of products, including cars, smartphones, and network routers, rely on chips, also known as semiconductors. But the Covid pandemic and the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine – both major suppliers of raw materials needed to make semiconductors – have hugely affected this industry.

The shortage of chips has resulted in huge disruptions for several industries. India, which imports most of its semiconductors, is also feeling the brunt. According to industry experts, consumer products using chips are likely to get more expensive, while cars relying on modern chips will have longer waiting queues.

So what can be done to deal with this? Should manufacturers curtail production? Or can the government's new schemes to make semiconductors locally really help? In this edition of WorklifeIndia, we discuss how can India deal with this global chip crisis.

Presenter: Devina Gupta

Contributors: Parag Naik, CEO, co-founder, Saankhya Labs; Shruti Saboo, associate director, India Ratings and Research; Ganesh Ramamoorthy, managing VP, emerging technologies and trends, Gartner

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SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172xzkxhf5365b)

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SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct1lcz)

The IPL expansion

The Indian Premier League begins this weekend and Alison Mitchell, Brett Sprigg and Sunil Gupta preview the latest season by analysing the two new teams entering the competition and debate how the Royal Challengers Bangalore will fare without Virat Kohli as captain.

Plus with a much changed England Test team currently facing the West Indies in the Caribbean, we head back to 1953 when the action was not quite as amicable. Who Only Cricket Know tells the story of the second most controversial tour in English cricket history both on and off the field. We are joined by the author Doctor David Woodhouse.

We are joined by former England, Surrey and Sussex bowler Stuart Meaker who is currently in Poland trying to help refugees from Ukraine by helping with Visa's and delivering supplies.

Photo: MS Dhoni of the Chennai Super Kings hits another six during the 2010 Airtel Champions League Twenty20 final match between Chennai Super Kings and Chevrolet Warriors from Bidvest Wanderers Stadium on September 26, 2010 in Johannesburg, South Africa. (Photo by Duif du Toit/Gallo Images/Getty Images)

SAT 03:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkdyn2)

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SAT 03:06 The Fifth Floor (w3ct20gg)

Ukraine: Reporting war at home

How does it feel to report on the world's biggest story when it also happens to be about your home? We hear from BBC Ukrainian's Irena Taranyuk and BBC Monitoring's Vitaliy Shevchenko about the challenges of reporting and living the story, sifting truth from sophisticated misinformation, and the impact of protests and support from around the world.

Sexism in Somalia

BBC Africa Eye's recent film, 'Somalia, sexism and me', shows the everyday sexism and harassment Maryama Omar, a female camerawoman in Mogadishu, faces. It's something that BBC Somali's Bella Sheegow can relate to from her own experiences of reporting in Somalia.

Let's play AIWird!

Wordle became an international hit, with millions trying to guess the daily 5-letter word in only 6 attempts. Now there are equivalents in other languages, including Arabic. BBC Arabic's Yanita Georgieva tells the story of how AIWird came about.

(Photo: Ukrainian flags alongside a British Union Jack outside a London pub, March 2022. Credit: Richard Baker / In Pictures via Getty Images)

SAT 03:50 Witness History (w3ct1x02)

Soviet holidays in Crimea

Artek, on the shores of the Black Sea in Crimea, was the Soviet Union's most popular holiday camp. Thousands of children visited every year. Maria Kim Espeland went there in the 1980s. She spoke to Lucy Burns in 2014.

Photo: Group of children attending Artek. (Credit: Irina Vlasova)

SAT 04:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkf2d6)

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SAT 04:06 The Real Story (w3ct1hty)

Who are Russia's friends?

In the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine 141 of the UN's 193 member states voted to condemn the action. But the Kremlin isn't without its allies. Four nations voted with Russia against the resolution (Belarus, North Korea, Syria and Eritrea) and another 35 abstained. China is the most prominent of these, but India also sat out the vote. The world's largest democracy has not only failed to criticise the invasion but has also shied away from introducing sanctions. That's prompted President Biden to describe Delhi's response to the war raging in Europe as "somewhat shaky". But India isn't alone. Israel too is hoping to stay neutral; it says so that it can facilitate talks between Moscow and Kyiv – with Foreign Minister Yair Lapid insisting

"the way to stop the war is to negotiate". So how much are current relationships based on ties dating back to the Cold War? How many countries still need Russia to maintain their own security and energy supplies? And can these partnerships survive in the face of harsh Western sanctions?

Ritula Shah is joined by a panel of experts.
Producers: Junaid Ahmed and Paul Schuster.

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SAT 05:32 World of Wisdom (w3ct2zww)

Guilt

Guilt can be a nagging sensation that is sometimes very hard to get rid of. Anna, from Switzerland, has experienced this negative feeling since she was very young and constantly feels she has not done enough, for her family, for her work, for the world. She speaks to our new advisor, Rabbi Laibl Wolf, who suggests that focusing on what she can actually do in her life, rather than what is out of her reach, might help her to stop feeling guilty.

Presented by the BBC's Sana Safi.
Produced by Ruth Edwards and Charlie Taylor.

SAT 05:50 Over to You (w3ct1l2y)

Exploring OS Conversations and Learning English

We speak to the team behind OS Conversations to ask how subjects are chosen. Plus, BBC Learning English and how for millions it is something that has proved to be invaluable.

Presenter: Rajan Datar.
Producer: Howard Shannon

A Whistledown production for BBC World Service

SAT 06:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkf9wg)

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SAT 06:06 Weekend (w172xytqsg8rq4k)

Moscow says early stage of war is over

Russia has announced that the early stage of the war in Ukraine is over. An American military analyst gives his stark assessment.

Also, the chair of Ukraine's foreign affairs committee will be joining us.

Plus, we'll be hearing how life continues for the people of Kyiv despite the awful circumstances they're living in.

And we ask how can events like The Oscars reflect current events in Ukraine?

Joining Julian Worricker to discuss these and other issues are Joana Ramiro, a British journalist, writer and political commentator; and Ivan Vejvoda, head of the Europe's Futures Programme at the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna and a former foreign policy adviser to two Serbian prime ministers.

(Image: Destroyed homes and buildings in Kyiv, Ukraine.
Credit: Alex Chan Tsz Yuk/SOPA Images/REX/Shutterstock)

SAT 07:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkfml)

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SAT 07:06 Weekend (w172xytqsg8rtwp)

Ukraine urges Russia to talk

President Zelensky of Ukraine urges Russia to engage in meaningful peace talks after a Russian general says his army is shifting the focus of its campaign. Has the tide of the war turned decisively against Moscow?

Also, we hear from a Russian businessman in London who says that some sanctions targeting oligarchs are unfair.

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Programme at the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna and a former foreign policy adviser to two Serbian prime ministers.

(Image: Ukrainian President Zelensky meets with parliament speakers of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia in Kyiv, Ukraine. Credit: UKRAINIAN PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SERVICE HANDOUT/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

SAT 08:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkfkcq)

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SAT 08:06 Weekend (w172xytqxg8rymt)

Defiant Zelensky says Ukraine inflicted heavy casualties on Russia

Defiance from Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky as he tells his compatriots that Ukrainian troops have inflicted heavy casualties on Russia. A member of parliament from his party says Ukraine is far from defeated.

Also, why a leading rapper and hip-hop artist in the United States has a beef with McDonald's.

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(Image: President Zelensky of Ukraine in a virtual meeting with G7 leaders via video call. Credit: EPA)

SAT 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172xzkxhf53xn3)

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SAT 08:32 The Conversation (w3ct1pb0)

Powered by women: Wind turbines

Kim Chakanetsa talks to two engineers from Brazil and Kenya about generating energy for the future.

Wangari Muchiri is based in Nairobi. Wangari works for the Global Wind Energy Council and is coordinating the wind industry's efforts across the African continent. As well as monitoring the construction of vast wind power plants, she works with donors, government agencies and local communities to deliver innovative sustainable energy projects in rural areas.

Luany Gomes Dantas is based in Rio de Janeiro, working on global floating offshore wind projects for OWC, an ABL company. Luany is a naval architect and marine engineer. She's monitoring the Brazilian offshore wind market and supporting the business development of the sector in the country.

Produced by Jane Thurlow

(Image: (L), Wangari Muchiri, courtesy Wangari Muchiri. (R), Luany Dantas, courtesy Luany Dantas)

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SAT 09:06 The Newsroom (w172xyy0pcpj933)

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SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172xzkxhf541d7)

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SAT 09:32 The Explanation (w3ct3tpz)

Understanding relations between Taiwan and China

Claire Graham talks to the BBC's Taiwan correspondent, Cindy Sui, to get a better understanding of China's reluctance to accept Taiwan's strengthening independence, and why reunification is so important to China.

Audio for this episode was updated on 30 March 2022.

SAT 09:50 Over to You (w3ct112y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 today]

SAT 10:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkfsvz)

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SAT 10:06 Sportshour (w172y0qhzqxx6wm)

Ukraine swimmer Leonid Grigoriev discusses rescuing his family from Mariupol

Leonid Grigoriev tells us how he returned to his home city of Mariupol to rescue his parents this week. Grigoriev – who swims for Ukraine's national team – describes the devastation brought about by the Russian Army and says his car was almost hit by a bomb during his rescue mission. He says residents of the city looked like they were ready to give up their lives and that he also helped evacuate a woman and her child to Poland.

Former Australia netball and Australian Rules Football player Sharni Norder gives us her thoughts on what could be next for Ash Barty after she announced her retirement from tennis this week. Barty has already enjoyed success in cricket, so could she make the move to Netball or Aussie Rules next?

Faye West tells us about being one of only two women on Great Britain's wheelchair rugby team at the recent European Championships and how her long-term goal is to make the team for the next Paralympics.

Lavonte Stewart and Jalil Anderson from Lost Boyz explain how they use baseball to tackle youth violence and positively change the lives of boys and girls in Chicago. Stewart was inspired to start the project after a little league team he was coaching witnessed gun violence.

And – In Sporting Witness we go back to March 1981, when women were allowed to compete for the first time in the Vasaloppet race in Sweden, the world's most popular cross-country skiing event.

Image: Leonid Grigoriev

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SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w172xyy0pcpjlc)

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SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172xzkxhf548wh)

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SAT 11:32 Pick of the World (w3ct4210)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:32 today]

SAT 12:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkg1c7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 12:06 The Documentary (w3ct3yzq)

Counting them in

In the last 40 years, the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic have gone from being an impoverished overseas British territory to a rich one, with a per capita income comparable to Norway or Qatar, and from an isolated community of mostly British settlers to a cosmopolitan population of many different nationalities from all over the world.

Before the war, the Falklands were a distant outpost of Britain, more British than Britain. But these rocky, rural islands were also in decline, losing many people to emigration that life on the Falklands seemed barely viable. Now their politics, economy and infrastructure are transformed by lucrative sales of fishing licences to foreign fleets, tourism and the prospect of rich offshore oil deposits. This new prosperity has also attracted newcomers from all over the world – from the Philippines, Chile, Zimbabwe and beyond. People born in the Falkland islands are now a minority. In a referendum held in 2013, all but three voters elected to remain a self-governing British territory, but inevitably the Falklands are now no longer as British as they once were.

What does this mutating identity and new-found economic confidence mean for the Falklands' future? On the 40th anniversary of the war, Mike Wooldridge revisits the islands to report on the extraordinary transformation that has taken place and the challenges that remain with neighbouring Argentina continuing to claim sovereignty over the islands.

(Photo: Welcome to Stanley/ Twinned with Whitby sign on sapper Hill road, Falkland Islands. Credit: Peter Hazell/Getty Images)

A Ruth Evans production for BBC World Service

SAT 13:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkg53c)

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SAT 13:06 Newshour (w172xv5nm3sy4dz)

Ukraine: has Russia's strategy changed?

Has Russia's military focus in Ukraine shifted, and if so, why?

Ukraine's President Zelensky calls on President Putin to engage in serious talks to end the conflict; we hear a Russian response. And we report from Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, on how residents are adapting to life under the pressure of war.

Also in the programme: Zimbabweans vote in parliamentary by-elections that are being contested for the first time by a new opposition party.

(Photo: People listen to classical music performed by local musicians in a metro station that serves as a bomb shelter in Kharkiv, Ukraine, March 26, 2022 / Credit: REUTERS/Thomas Peter)

SAT 14:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkg8vh)

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SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w172y0tsrn4nx19)

Live Sporting Action

Sportsworld comes live from Kumasi in Ghana, as Lee James and an expert panel of guests reflect on the first leg of the FIFA World Cup qualifying playoff between Ghana and Nigeria from the previous night, and look in depth at the sporting and cultural rivalry between the West African neighbours.

We'll also preview the other four World Cup qualifiers in Africa, as well as reflecting on the day's action at the Women's Cricket World Cup and the opening weekend of the Women's Six Nations.

Photo :Fegor Ogude of Nigeria battles with Sulley Muntari of Ghana during an International Friendly between Ghana and Nigeria at Vicarage Road. (Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 18:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkgrv0)

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SAT 18:06 The Newsroom (w172xyy0pcpkct8)

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SAT 18:30 BBC News Summary (w172xzkxhf5543d)

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SAT 18:32 World of Wisdom (w3ct2zwq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 today]

SAT 18:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct119q)

The women cross-country skiers who fought to race

In March 1981, women were allowed to compete officially in the Vasaloppet race in Sweden - one of the world's most popular cross-country skiing events. Vasaloppet officials had previously suggested that women would not be strong enough to complete the course and extra toilet facilities might need to be built for them. Female skiers responded with a concerted campaign to get into the historic race, which included trying - unsuccessfully - to take part disguised as men. Maddy Savage talks to Swedish Olympian Meeri Bodelid, who posted the fastest women's time in the historic 1981 Vasaloppet race.

(Photo: Meeri Bodelid competing in 1981, courtesy of the Vasaloppet Race)

SAT 19:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkgw14)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 19:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct2d77)

Destroying Ukrainian history

It's been a month since Russia invaded Ukraine...and nowhere in the country is untouched by the conflict.

The war has forced more than 10 million people to flee their homes, with 3.6 million leaving the country as refugees.

We speak to three residents of Kharkiv who have chosen to stay. It's a city in the east of the country, close to the Russia border, that's been under near constant bombardment from Russian forces. But Ukrainian soldiers have been holding-out and have launched counter-attacks. Natalya, Natalya and Katerina tell us that despite everything, they are optimistic for the future.

People across Europe have opened their homes to Ukrainian refugees. In the UK, the government has launched a scheme which asks residents to offer refugees a home for at least six months. A mother who's hoping to move to London once her visa comes through speaks with the family willing to give them a place to stay.

And we also hear from Russian critics of President Putin's regime. They've fled to neighbouring Georgia, worried that if they stayed in Russia they would be arrested and imprisoned.

(Photo: A residential building destroyed during shelling in Kharkiv. Credit: EPA/Andrzej Lange)

SAT 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zxxhf557vj)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 19:32 Global Questions (w3ct40t9)
How is tech revolutionising Africa?

The rapid spread of the internet across the African continent has been heralded as a key driver of prosperity and a sign of the continent's technological coming of age. Certainly Africa has nearly half of the world's mobile money accounts. As the continent continues to have one of most developed start-up ecosystems, embracing Fintech - what can the West learn from the African tech revolution and what are some of the pitfalls it faces?

Join Zeinab Badawi and her panel of experts in Nairobi, Kenya to take questions from a local audience on whether technology is revolutionising Africa?

SAT 20:00 BBC News (w172zxxk31pkh0b8)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct1rvq)
On Tour in Seattle

The Arts Hour is on tour in Seattle, USA. Leading voices from music, film and gaming join Nikki Bedi to share their views on what makes Seattle's culture so distinctive; from the rich legacy of its independent music scene to the creative innovation of its tech companies.

At Rainier Arts Center with a live audience Nikki and guests explore what action is needed to secure the future for the next generation of artist in Seattle amidst increasing inequality, a housing crisis and the challenges of the pandemic.

The award winning filmmaker, curator and advocate, Tracy Rector tells us about her work uplifting Indigenous and BIPOC voices in Seattle and internationally.

The Grammy nominated artist Hollis will be talking about her journey from local musical theatre to performing on the biggest of stages with hip hop superstars Macklemore and Ryan Lewis.

Bonnie Ross of Xbox Game Studios and 343 Industries gives us an insight into what it takes to make Halo, one of the world's most popular video games.

Seattle's inaugural Civic Poet Laureate Claudia Castro Luna reflects on expressing the immigrant experience in Seattle through poetry.

Featuring live music from the Marshall Law Band the funk-hop collective, that captured the city's imagination performing on the streets during the Black Lives Matter protests of 2020.

Plus comedy performance from Chris Mejia, who became a Tik Tok sensation with his viral videos about life in Seattle.

This programme was made in partnership with KUOW Seattle public radio.

Produced by Mugabi Turya, Katharine Longworth, Eva Walker and Jack Thomason
Technical Producers: Liam Juniper and Mark McDonald

(Photo: The Arts Hour On Tour at Rainier Arts Center, Seattle. Credit: Juan Pablo Chiquiza, KUOW)

SAT 21:00 BBC News (w172zxxk31pkh42d)
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SAT 21:06 Newshour (w172xv5nm3sz3d0)
President Biden tells Ukraine 'We stand with you'

President Biden has said Ukraine's resistance to the Russian invasion is part of a great battle for freedom, warning of a long fight ahead. In a speech in the Polish capital, Warsaw, he accused Russia of trying to strangle democracy in Ukraine and of wanting to do so elsewhere. Earlier he described Mr Putin as a butcher. The Kremlin responded, saying Mr Biden's words diminished the chances of mending relations between Moscow and Washington.

About two dozen, mainly female, protesters gathered close to the Taliban's Ministry of Education on Saturday morning,

calling on the group to reopen girls' secondary schools.

And the mystery of the Russian super-yacht that hasn't been impounded.

(Photo: US President Joe Biden speaking in the Polish capital Warsaw. Credit: Reuters)

SAT 22:00 BBC News (w172zxxk31pkh7tj)
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SAT 22:06 The Newsroom (w172xyx67n2wkch)
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SAT 22:20 Sports News (w172y0sz9xk0m04)
BBC Sport brings you all the latest stories and results from around the world.

SAT 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zxxkxhf55m2x)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 22:32 The Cultural Frontline (w3ct1pv4)
Afroitalian beats

Nigerian-born rapper Tommy Kuti travels across northern Italy to meet second generation artists who use music to highlight social issues and celebrate their multicultural identities.

Milan, Brescia and Verona: it's in the industrial heart of the country that new musical talents are born. They are influenced by the rich Italian tradition of singers and songwriters and by the sounds of the black diaspora. From the delicate notes of soul singer Anna Bassy to the hip hop rhythms of Mosè Cov; from the defiant attitude of trap artists like The Slings to David Blank's dancing vibes.

These emerging artists have one thing in common: they are the sons and daughters of African migrants who came to Italy looking for better job opportunities. Their music tells a universal tale of longing and belonging, shining a light on the day-to-day struggles of young generations who find themselves living in between cultures, in Europe and beyond.

Producer: Alice Gioia
Actor: Tayla Kovacevic-Ebong

(Photo: (L), Anna Bassy, credit: Boredom studio, (C), Tommy Kuti, credit: Marco Montanari, (R) David Blank, credit: Michael Yohanes)

SAT 23:00 BBC News (w172zxxk31pkhcxn)
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SAT 23:06 Music Life (w3ct1hdd)
Clean the house before recording with Poppy Ackroyd, Büşra Kayıkçı, Sven Helbig and Hania Rani

Ahead of World Piano Day next week, Poppy Ackroyd, Büşra Kayıkçı, Sven Helbig and Hania Rani discuss not putting your thoughts on paper, why composing is a game, the frustration around discovering a melody that already exists, why humming is a good way of getting your ideas down, and thinking about songs for a couple of years before recording them.

Poppy Ackroyd is a British composer, pianist and violinist who creates atmospheric music blending classical instruments with electronic music. Last year she released *Pause*, a collection of ten solo piano works composed shortly after the birth of her first child.

Büşra Kayıkçı is a composer and pianist from Istanbul, Turkey, who brings inspiration from her background in architecture into her minimalist piano compositions. She also releases music on composer Nils Frahm's record label *Leiter Verlag*.

German composer, director, and music producer Sven Helbig is known for combining lush orchestral and choral music with electronic sounds. He's worked with everyone from metal band Rammstein to synth-pop duo Pet Shop Boys.

Pianist, composer and singer Hania Rani's *Esja* was nominated for five Fryderyk awards in Poland. As well as composing for solo piano, she combines her voice, strings, and electronics to create incredibly dramatic works.

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SUN 00:32 World of Wisdom (w3ct2zww)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

SUN 00:50 More or Less (w3ct2dlj)
Why has Hong Kong's Covid wave been so bad?

After pursuing a largely successful 'Zero-Covid' strategy for two years, Hong Kong has now suffered one of the worst Covid death rates in the whole of the pandemic.

But what are the numbers that explain this surprising vulnerability?

Tim Harford spoke to Professor Ben Cowling from the University of Hong Kong to talk about the nuances of vaccination rates, Hong Kong's ageing population, and the implications for mainland China and other 'Zero-Covid' countries.

Producer: Nathan Gower
Sound Engineer: Rod Farquhar

(People lie in hospital beds outside the Medical Centre in Hong Kong, Feb.2022 (Credit: Peter Parks/Getty Images))

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SUN 02:32 Health Check (w3ct1nws)
What should Hong Kong do about Covid-19?

The number of new Covid-19 infection cases worldwide has jumped by 10%. Tabitha Mwangi, Programme Manager at Cambridge Africa at Cambridge University, gives us a rundown of how that overall increase is playing out in different parts of the world.

Hong Kong had been one of the most successful places at controlling Covid-19 but recently faced the highest death rates in the world. What went wrong? We hear from Vivian Wong, a public health advisor and honorary professor of Chinese Medicine at the University of Hong Kong. And how are pandemic restrictions impacting people's mental wellbeing? Christian Chan, an Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Hong Kong and a warden at a student residence, shares his thoughts.

Also, do you think you're more likely to catch Covid-19 from a friend or a stranger? Ashley Whillans, a social psychologist at Harvard Business School in the US, tells us what happened when she asked people this very question.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond
Producer: Samara Linton

(Picture: A worker cleans an area of Hong Kong International Airport on 21 March 2022 amid the Covid-19 pandemic. Photo credit: Dale de la Rey/AFP/Getty Images.)

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SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct1mwc)
Afghanistan: girls' education in the balance

Pascale Harter introduces despatches from BBC correspondents and writers around the world.

Over the last week in Afghanistan, girls of age to attend secondary school have – again – been sent home from classes.

Many were looking forward to getting back into their lessons on Wednesday. It was scheduled to be their first day back since the Taliban told them to go home - and stay there - when the movement retook control of the country in August 2020. But things didn't play out as expected. Secunder Kermani joined some of the pupils hoping to crack open their books again... only to be devastated at the Taliban's decision.

President Vladimir Putin has argued that Russia's aim in Ukraine is to rescue the Russian-speaking people there, making false claims about their 'oppression' by the government in Kiev. Official statements from the Kremlin have argued that Ukraine is not a country - but an historical part of Russia. But as the Russian invasion enters its second month, it seems to be unifying rather than dividing Ukrainians under their flag - no matter what language they speak. Nick Sturdee is just back after three weeks filming the country's descent into war.

International observers are increasingly worried that a cash-strapped Palestinian Authority could face financial collapse. The Palestinian economy - long stagnating - has crumbled further during the pandemic and following a decline in international aid. Earlier this month, the International Monetary Fund described the fiscal outlook as "dire", against a backdrop of persistently high unemployment and poverty. Meanwhile vital access to healthcare is being affected. Yolande Knell finds that some cancer patients' treatment is now at risk.

The Caribbean island of Martinique has an intimate, yet conflicted, relationship with France, the former colonial power. Martinicans are full French citizens; their home island is one of the outermost regions of the European Union - using the euro, and French-style road signs. These days it has a special, semi-autonomous status, though there are some calls for full independence. What does it mean to put your life on the line for a country which hasn't always paid you respect in return? Lindsay Johns reflects on a man who was a beloved father figure to him - a soldier from Martinique, who fought proudly for France, even while feeling the occasional sting of French prejudice himself.

Presenter: Pascale Harter
Producer: Polly Hope

Photo: A pupil in Kabul weeps after girls' secondary classes were not restarted as planned on Weds 23 March 2022. (c) BBC

SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zxkxhf566tk)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:32 The Cultural Frontline (w3ct1pv4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 22:32 on Saturday]

SUN 05:00 BBC News (w172zxk31pkhz99)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w172xyy0pcpl8k)
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zxkxhf566tk)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct3tpr)
Why are we having less sex?

Across the world, there has been a recent, steep decline in sexual activity - and amongst the young, the change is particularly stark. With the help of experts, activists and the winners and losers in the mating game, author Jerry Barnett explores why this is happening, and asks where it might lead.

Does easy access to pornography or gaming encourage some men to opt out of the mating game? Are women becoming more selective now that they are under less pressure in some parts of the world to settle down quickly? Does a culture of easy hook-ups and sex work prevent people looking for more meaningful relationships? Jerry talks to people trying to find love, and asks why increasing numbers are giving up. In particular, how some young men identify as involuntarily celibate. Jerry explores why they feel they have been excluded from the chance of sexual relationships.

Ultimately, where might we go next? To a libertine utopia of free and easy sex for all, a society bitterly divided between the sexual haves and have-nots, or a step towards re-embracing traditional values of monogamy and marriage.

Presenter: Jerry Barnett
Producers: Jerry Barnett/Ashley Byrne

(Photo: A couple in bed looking at mobile phones. Credit: Getty Images)

A Made in Manchester production for the BBC World Service

SUN 06:00 BBC News (w172zxk31pkj31f)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 06:06 Weekend (w172xytqxg8vh9j)
Biden's remarks send the White House scrambling

An unscripted remark from President Biden during a speech in Warsaw, saying Vladimir Putin must not be allowed to remain in power, sparks some diplomatic manoeuvres from the White House. The remarks follow an earlier one in which the US president called Vladimir Putin a "butcher". We hear reactions from both Ukraine and Russia.

Also, we follow the work of a civilian aerial reconnaissance team in Ukraine.

Plus, given how important Ukraine is in feeding so many countries, what are the dangers of a major food crisis caused by this war?

Joining Julian Worricker to discuss these and other issues are Viola von Cramon, a German politician for the Green Party and Member of the European Parliament, and Andrey Kurkov, a Ukrainian writer and commentator.

(Image: US President Joe Biden in Poland. Credit: Getty Images)

SUN 07:00 BBC News (w172zxk31pkj6sk)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 07:06 Weekend (w172xytqxg8vm1n)
The plight of civilians in Ukraine's war

We take a look at the plight of the civilians who have been caught up in the war in Ukraine, now entering its second month.

Also, the US President, Joe Biden, visits neighbouring Poland to show support; but Poles are worried about the war spilling over into their country.

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(Image: Civilians in the Ukrainian city of Mariupol under the control of the Russian military and pro-Russian separatists. Credit: Getty Images)

SUN 08:00 BBC News (w172zxk31pkjbjp)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 08:06 Weekend (w172xytqxg8vqss)
Zelensky calls for lethal assistance

President Zelensky urges the West to supply planes and tanks to Ukraine. Russia cannot be defeated with machine guns, he says. We assess what lies ahead on the battlefield as the war enters its second month.

Also, the life and works of Boris Romanchenko, the survivor of the Nazi death camps, killed by a Russian shell in Kharkiv. We also hear about other notable Ukrainians killed in the war and the losses for Ukrainian art and culture.

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(Image: Volodymyr Zelensky, President of Ukraine, during a NATO summit on Russia's invasion of Ukraine, at the alliance's headquarters in Brussels. Credit: Getty Images)

SUN 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zxkxhf56pt2)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 08:32 The Food Chain (w3ct1rgt)
So, you think you can quit caffeine?

Caffeine is a key ingredient in some of our favourite foods and drinks, but it's also a mind-altering drug that can be very tricky to quit.

Tamasin Ford meets three people who've tried to cut caffeine out of their lives by eliminating some of its main sources from their diets - coffee, tea and chocolate.

We hear about some uncomfortable withdrawal symptoms, social awkwardness, and the struggle to adapt to life without a caffeine high. How long did they stay caffeine-free?

If you would like to get in touch with the show please email thefoodchain@bbc.co.uk.

Producers: Simon Tulett and Sarah Stolarz

Contributors:

Petteri Rantamäki, business software professional, Helsinki, Finland;
Abigail James, aesthetician and author, London, UK;
John Horgan, science journalist, New York, USA.

(Picture: A young woman holding a cup of coffee. Credit: Getty Images/BBC)

SUN 09:00 BBC News (w172zxk31pkjg8t)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:06 The Newsroom (w172xyy0pcpm282)
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zxkxhf56tk6)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:32 Outlook (w3ct1kyf)
Surviving gay conversion therapy

Growing up in a fundamentalist Christian family in America's Bible Belt, Garrard Conley had doubts about his sexuality but had to hide it from his community and family, especially his father who was a pastor. When Garrard was at university, he was outed, and his parents felt they had no choice but to send him to a gay conversion therapy camp in a bid to 'cure' him of homosexuality. Garrard was soon desperate to leave. Help would come from an unlikely place. (A longer version of this interview was first broadcast in June 2018)

Presenter: Jo Fidgen
Producer: Maryam Maruf

(Photo: Garrard Conley. Credit: Colin Boyd Shaffer)

SUN 10:00 BBC News (w172zxk31pkj0y)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:06 Deeply Human (w3ct3hg2)
Deeply Human Series 2

Faded

Why do we use intoxicants?

Whether it's booze, weed, opiates, or even caffeine, the drive to catch a buzz seems almost universal for members of our species. For big parts of the world, drinking alcohol plays a huge role in our social lives, in religious rituals, and in some eras it was even a prerequisite for civic engagement.

Find out how the phrase "take him down a peg or two" was derived from a drinking game, which animals consume alcohol, and hear from the professor inventing an alcohol substitute.

Image: Barista and Coffee. Credit: Getty Images

SUN 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zxkxhf56y9b)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct40sd)
Saving Albania's trafficked victims

For 16 years Sister Imelda Poole has been fighting in a war. This war has brought her to countries all over the world and just when she thinks she is making progress, the war game changes. Based in Albania, during the pandemic Sr Imelda noticed a new trend in human trafficking as people in poorer regions were struggling to pay their rent due to losing their jobs. It came in the form of a compromise from their landlord: offer your daughter for sex or to be entered into the sex industry to clear the debt. Many of these girls were very young. Some were left with no choice, others, thankfully were able to avail of emergency Covid funding.

Stories like these are what Sr Imelda and her team at RENATE (Religious in Europe Networking Against Trafficking and Exploitation) are hearing every day and trying to do what they can to rescue women from trafficking. They are at war with the complex and often vast trafficking gangs who move women out

of countries like Albania and into Italy and other parts of Europe. Now, they operate online as much as offline, using the dark web as a marketplace for people.

We meet Sr Imelda in Albania to hear how a small nun from England ended up doing this work. We talk to her about how her faith gives her the fire to keep fighting for these women, despite figures showing that the problem of trafficking is only getting worse. At a recent visit to the Vatican, Sr Imelda met with Pope Francis in a bid to highlight the plight of these women and show how the Church can help them. We meet some of those girls who have been rescued and given a new life to hear their stories. And we visit the poorer regions of Albania and hotspots where the gangs operate.

(Image: Sister Imelda Poole. Credit: BBC)

SUN 11:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkjps2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w172xyy0pcpm9rb)

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SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172xzkxhf5721g)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:32 The Compass (w3ct3jzj)

Emotional Baggage

Emotional Baggage: Halima Begum

Halima Begum is the CEO of the race equality think tank The Runnymede Trust. Her career as a civil rights campaigner began when she formed Women Against Racism in 1993, which was forged by her experiences of being racially abused by the National Front every day she went to school in East London. She reveals just how her mother coped with the threats that the family received on a daily basis. And it how it contrasted sharply with the welcome and love that Halima received from the teachers in her local school.

Her parents had already known conflict in their homeland, as Halima was born two years after the brutal civil war between Bangladesh and Pakistan, which traumatised many Bangladeshis. She tells psychiatrist Henrietta Bowden Jones how those experiences have shaped her life and opinions.

SUN 12:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkjtj6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:06 The Inquiry (w3ct1z3h)

Why is Russia's invasion plan failing?

Russia's military dwarfs Ukraine's by comparison, so it was expected that Ukraine would fall under Russian occupation quickly. One month later and Russia have made very little progress and Kyiv, the capital, remains under Ukrainian control. Given the overwhelming odds stacked against the Ukrainian military, why has the Russian military failed to conquer Ukraine?

Charmaine Cozier takes a closer look at where the Russian military have made their mistakes.

Producer: Christopher Blake

(Russian tank destroyed by Ukrainian forces on the side of a road in Lugansk. Credit: Anatolii Stepanov/Getty Images)

SUN 12:30 BBC News Summary (w172xzkxhf575sl)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:32 Global Questions (w3ct40t9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:32 on Saturday]

SUN 13:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkjy8b)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 13:06 Newshour (w172xv5nm3t0xky)

Israel hosts historic summit with Arab nations

Israel hosts an historic summit with four foreign ministers of Arab countries, plus the US, at which the nuclear deal with Iran will be discussed; what now stands in the way of agreement?

Also in the programme: the US Secretary of State denies the United States has plans to bring about regime change in Moscow. And does Russia have plans to split Ukraine in half

"like North and South Korea"?

(Photo: a general view of the Kedma hotel ahead of "The Negev Summit" to be hosted by Israel's Foreign Minister Yair Lapid and attended by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, and the foreign ministers of the UAE, Bahrain, Morocco and Egypt, in Sde Boker, Israel, March 27, 2022 / Credit: REUTERS/Amir Cohen)

SUN 14:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkk20g)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:06 The Forum (w3ct1rmm)

Pinocchio: The real story of the mischievous wooden puppet

Pinocchio is a cultural icon. He is the wooden puppet who can talk and walk. A cheerful headstrong character who keeps breaking the rules, and whose dream is to become a real boy. His story has been the subject of many retellings, and his growing nose when he lies has become a way to satirise politicians the world over. But Pinocchio's origins are largely unknown outside Italy, and couldn't be more different from his portrayal in the 1940 Disney film.

The original novel The Adventures of Pinocchio by the 19th century Italian writer Carlo Collodi is much darker and brutal, and originally ended with Pinocchio's execution, but it was also a way of educating the children of a newly unified Italy. The actual literary text also provided a model, which is still used today, for a more standardised form of the Italian language. So why has Collodi's original – which is one of the most translated books in the world and one of the most adapted – been largely ignored and why should we go back to it?

Joining Bridget Kendall is Dr Katia Pizzi, the director of the Italian Cultural Institute in London, who is the editor and co-author of Pinocchio, puppets and modernity: the mechanical body; Cristina Mazzoni, Professor of Romance Languages and Cultures at the University of Vermont, and editor and translator of The Pomegranates and other Modern Italian Fairy Tales; and Dr Georgia Panteli, Lecturer in Film and Comparative Literature at the University of Vienna and University College London, and author of From Puppet to Cyborg. Pinocchio's Posthuman Journey.

The readings from The Adventures of Pinocchio were by Marco Gambino.

Produced by Anne Khazam for the BBC World Service.

(Photo: The long nose of the liar Pinocchio, Florence, Italy.

Credit: broadcaster via Getty Images)

SUN 14:50 Over to You (w3ct1l2y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

SUN 15:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkk5rl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 15:06 Music Life (w3ct1hdd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:06 on Saturday]

SUN 16:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkk9hq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 16:06 Sportsworld (w172y0tsrn4ry7j)

Live Sporting Action

Delyth Lloyd presents Sportsworld as we assess the qualifying picture for the Qatar World Cup. We'll look ahead to Sunday's CONCACAF qualifiers and check in on the contenders in the other confederations.

We'll reflect on the opening round of the Women's Six Nations and as the Women's Cricket World Cup nears the knockout stages, we'll preview the semi-finals.

Photo: FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 Qualifiers patch is seen during the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 Qualifier match between Syria and South Korea. (Credit: AMA/Getty Images)

SUN 19:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkknr3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w172xyy0pcpm8qc)

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SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172xzkxhf5810h)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:32 Pick of the World (w3ct4210)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:32 on Saturday]

SUN 20:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkksh7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 20:06 The History Hour (w3ct1z8f)

Ukrainian history special

To mark the Russian invasion of Ukraine, a special edition on episodes from Ukrainian history.

In April 1986 a reactor exploded at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Soviet Ukraine. Sergii Mirnyi monitored radiation levels in the exclusion zone around the plant. How the international community - including both Russia and the USA - offered security "assurances" to Ukraine in return for giving up its share of the Soviet nuclear arsenal. A survivor's account of Ukraine's great famine in the 1930s, the Holodomor, when several million people died. The mass killing of Ukrainian Jews by Nazi Germany during World War Two, and how Artek, on the shores of the Black Sea in Crimea, became the Soviet Union's most popular holiday camp.

Photo: The Chernobyl plant shortly after the explosion in 1986
Credit: Getty Images

SUN 21:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pkkx7c)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 21:06 Newshour (w172xv5nm3t1wzj)

Ukraine spy boss says Russia wants to split country in two

The head of Ukrainian military intelligence says Russia wants to split the country in two in a so-called "Korean scenario" and the Russian-backed eastern Ukrainian rebel region of Luhansk says may hold a referendum on joining Russia. We hear from a resident of the city of Luhansk.

Also in the programme: El Salvador imposes a state of emergency; and foreign ministers from four Arab states visit the Negev desert for a summit hosted by Israel.

(Picture: A Ukrainian service member stands next to a damaged civilian bus in the town of Trostianets. Credit: REUTERS)

SUN 22:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pk10zh)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:06 Deeply Human (w3ct3hgz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 today]

SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172xzkxhf58d7w)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:32 The Explanation (w3ct3tpz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

SUN 22:50 Over to You (w3ct1l2y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

SUN 23:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pk14qm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:06 The Newsroom (w172xyx67n2zg8l)

The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

SUN 23:20 Sports News (w172y0sz9xk3hx7)

BBC Sport brings you all the latest stories and results from around the world.

SUN 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172xzkxhf58j00)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:32 Outlook (w3ct1kyf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 today]

MONDAY 28 MARCH 2022

MON 00:00 BBC News (w172xzk31pk18gr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 00:06 The Newsroom (w172xy0pcpnwg0)

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MON 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zxkxh58mr4)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 00:32 Comedians vs. the News (w3ct3jsw)

Kavin Jay and Abby Wambaugh

Jess Salomon and Eman El-Husseini are joined by Malaysian comedian Kavin Jay and Abby Wambaugh, an American comedian based in Denmark, to take on the funny and curious headlines from around the world.

They'll be investigating who is scamming Justin Bieber with fake furniture and finding out about the man who fell in love with an ashtray.

Join #Comediansvsthenews for the funniest take on the headlines you've heard this week.

Audio for this episode was updated on 26th March 2022.

MON 01:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8f0wy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 01:06 World Business Report (w172yk16fk0mmyz)

Russian shelling of Ukraine continues

Over a month into the Russian invasion of Ukraine, shelling continues in some of the country's major cities. We'll hear from Vira, who is staying put in Kyiv, at least for the time being. And the BBC's Kateryna Khinkulova explains how the conflict is threatening both the lives and livelihoods of Ukrainians. In light of the invasion, many European countries are seeking to reduce their dependence on Russian energy. Kristine Berzina of the German Marshall Fund explains just how difficult that could actually prove. China has announced its biggest city-wide lockdown since the Covid outbreak began more than two years ago. The city of Shanghai will be locked down in two stages over nine days while authorities carry out Covid-19 testing. And entertainment reporter KJ Matthews breaks down the Oscar hopefuls at the 94th Academy Awards.

Presented by Faarea Masud. Produced by Frey Lindsay.

(Picture: The site of a rocket explosion where a shopping mall used to be on March 23, 2022 in Kyiv, Ukraine. Picture credit: Anastasia Vlasova/Getty Images)

MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqsl3w3d5b)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 01:32 Discovery (w3ct1m98)

The Life Scientific: Shankar Balasubramanian on decoding DNA

Sir Shankar Balasubramanian is responsible for a revolution in medicine. The method he invented for reading, at speed, the unique genetic code that makes each one of us who we are, is ten million times faster than the technology that was used in the human genome project at the turn of the century. What's more, it can be done much more cheaply than before and on a desktop machine. And it's transforming healthcare, by helping us to understand the genetic basis of many diseases (particularly cancers) and to develop new diagnostic tests, medicines and personalised treatments.

DNA has never failed to keep me excited and curious' says Shankar, winner of the highly prestigious 2022 Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences. He didn't set out to create a game-changing technology or to make a lot of money. He just wanted to understand the DNA double helix in the greatest possible detail; to reveal how it worked, molecule by molecule. And he still rides a rickety old bicycle to work in Cambridge.

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MON 02:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8f4n2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w172y17ljsmdh8g)

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MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqsl3w3hgx)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 02:32 The Climate Question (w3ct2ds1)

What does war in Ukraine mean for the climate? Part 1:

Russian gas

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has been met with harsh financial sanctions. These have come from North America and Europe. The US and Canada have also banned Russian oil and gas, but Europe has found itself unable to do so - even as natural gas prices soar. The EU receives 40% of its natural gas from Russia, and for many countries, if they turn it off, the lights will go out and they'll be unable to keep themselves warm. As a result European money continues to pay Russia for its natural gas resources.

This episode looks at the short term plans for European countries, dependent on Russian gas, to remove it from their energy systems and ask if this could be the perfect moment to turn away from fossil fuels, including natural gas, and turn toward a much improved renewable energy network?

Presenters Jordan Dunbar and Kate Lambie are joined by:

Victoria Gill, BBC Science and Climate Correspondent
Simone Tagliapietra, Senior Fellow specialising in European Union climate and energy policy at think tank, Bruegel
Bernice Lee, is Hoffmann Distinguished Fellow for sustainability, Chatham House

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Series Producer: Alex Lewis
Editor: Nicola Addyman
Sound Engineer: Tom Brignell

MON 03:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8f8d6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 03:06 Deeply Human (w3ct3hgz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqsl3w3mnl)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 03:32 The Explanation (w3ct3tpz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

MON 03:50 Over to You (w3ct112y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

MON 04:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8f4d4b)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w172y17ljsmdqrq)

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MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqsl3w3rdq)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct371l)

Women with a clear vision

According to the World Health Organisation, over two billion people around the world have a vision impairment which could often be preventable or treatable. Women and girls are more likely to experience vision loss, which limits their access to education and work opportunities. Today we meet two women who are trying to change things, one pair of glasses at a time.

Dr Priya Morjaria is a public health optometrist from Tanzania. She's an Assistant Professor of International Eye Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Chair of the Public Health Committee at the World Council of Optometry. She is also Head of Global Programme Design at Peek Vision, a social enterprise that develops digital tools to help eye health services in Africa and Asia connect more people to care.

Dr May Ho is a Malaysian-Australian optometrist with over 30 years experience in public and international eye health. She has worked in the development of sustainable eye care and education programmes in Vietnam, Cambodia, in the Pacific Islands and in Africa. She's currently the Optometry and Primary Care Adviser at The Fred Hollows Foundation.

(Image: (L), Priya Morjaria, credit Anne Koerber. (R), Dr May Ho, credit William Orr)

MON 05:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8fhwg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 05:06 Newsday (w172yf8dx7g4jw)

Oscars: Actor Will Smith slaps Chris Rock

Actor Will Smith slapped comedian Chris Rock in the face on stage during the Oscar's ceremony, this comes after Rock made a joke about Smith's wife when presenting an award. Smith later apologised in a tearful best actor acceptance speech.

We also hear more about the latest developments regarding the war in Ukraine, where later today the next round of peace talks between Ukraine and Russia are due to take place in Turkey. In a bid to move matters forward, President Volodymyr Zelensky reiterated that Ukraine is willing to take a neutral status, with certain preconditions in order to secure peace.

Also in the programme, we explore how embezzled money in the small island of Jersey, in the Channel Islands, will be used to pay for life-saving health equipment in Kenya.

MON 06:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8fmm1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 06:06 Newsday (w172yf8dx7g890)

Will Smith apologises for incident during Oscars

In an extraordinary incident at the Oscars, the actor Will Smith strode onto the stage and hit one of the presenters, Chris Rock, before going on to win the Best Actor award. Smith later apoloogised for his actions during an acceptance speech.

Also, there has been more shelling in towns and cities across Ukraine, we get an update from a resident in Kyiv.

And Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelensky, has told Russian media outlets that Moscow is wiping Russian-speaking cities in Ukraine "off the face of the earth".

MON 07:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8frcq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 07:06 Newsday (w172yf8dx7gd14)

Zelensky says cities being wiped 'off the face of the earth'

Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelensky, has told Russian media outlets that Moscow is wiping Russian-speaking cities in Ukraine "off the face of the earth". We get an update from the southern city of Odessa.

Also, more reaction to President Joe Biden's comment that President Vladimir Putin "cannot remain in power". The French President Emmanuel Macron has warned against a verbal escalation of the war. We hear from a veteran French diplomat.

In an extraordinary incident at the Oscars, the actor Will Smith strode onto the stage and hit one of the presenters, Chris Rock, before going on to win the Best Actor award.

MON 08:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8fw3v)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 08:06 The Climate Question (w3ct2ds1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqsl3w47d7)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct30wx)

The cost of growing food

Global fertiliser prices are reaching record highs, as supplies from Russia, one of the world's largest exporters dry up. As the war in Ukraine intensifies there are warnings of food shortages as farmers struggle to get hold of fertilisers and starting to rationing its use.

Soybean farmer Karl Milla tells Sam Fenwick he is rationing how much fertiliser he uses. He says he is worried what effect that will have on crop sizes later in the year. Laura Cross from the International Fertiliser Association explains why government sanctions on Belarus and countries like China, Turkey and Egypt restricting exports have contributed to soaring fertiliser prices. And German pig farmer, Dirk Andresen tells us he cannot afford to buy enough food to feed his pigs.

Presenter/producer : Sam Fenwick
(Photo: Karl Milla with kind permission)

MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct3byg)

The 'Snow Revolution' against Vladimir Putin

Starting in late 2011, tens of thousands of protestors took to the streets to try to stop what they saw as a power grab by Russian leader Vladimir Putin. The demonstrators wanted to stop what they considered a fraudulent parliamentary election and a surprise announcement that Putin would run for president for a third time. The movement was not successful, but analysts say it worried the Russian leader so much that he launched a crackdown on dissent that has lasted to this day. Rachel Naylor talks to Russian rock journalist, Artemy Troitsky, who composed a song that became an anthem of what was sometimes called the "Snow Revolution".

(Photo: An anti-Putin rally in Moscow in December 2011. Credit: Getty Images)

MON 09:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8fzvz)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 09:06 The Newsroom (w172y17jismfbc)
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

MON 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqsl3w4c4c)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 09:32 CrowdScience (w3ct1pry)
Why do animals migrate? Part 1

Wherever you are in the world you are probably near an animal that has undertaken a remarkable migratory journey, be that a butterfly, bird or sea turtle. But what CrowdScience listener Moses in Kenya wants to know is why they bother making such long and precarious voyages - and how they're able to reliably navigate over hundreds and sometimes even thousands of miles. In this first of two episodes, presenter Anand Jagatia travels to the Americas to meet the scientists finding and tracking these animals in order to solve the puzzle of where they go and why.

Deep in the lush and noisy Belizean jungle, Anand joins avian biologist Abidas who is collecting data on the beautiful birds that visit tropical forests to escape harsh winters. Here, using misting nets, Abidas and her team carefully catch birds to measure their health and status before tagging and releasing them so they can continue stocking up on jungle food. Anand finds out why having long term data on migrant birds can help in understanding why some birds, like the wood thrush, have been declining in their native homes further north.

Anand then jumps aboard a turtle boat in Florida where scientists from the Sea Turtle Conservancy have been collecting data on these dinosaur-like creatures. But finding them is harder it might seem. They move fast, so Anand accompanies the research team who are experienced in safely catching them, will he be lucky and find one of these magnificent creatures?

Presented by Anand Jagatia and produced by Melanie Brown

Contributors:
David Barrie – Navigator & author
Tim Guilford – University of Oxford
Abidas Ash – University of Belize
Kristen Ruegg - Colorado State University
David Godfrey – Sea Turtle Conservancy

[Image credit: BBC Staff, Melanie Brown]

MON 10:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8g3m3)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 10:06 The Cultural Frontline (w3ct1pv4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 22:32 on Saturday]

MON 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqsl3w4gwh)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 10:32 World of Wisdom (w3ct2zwq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

MON 10:50 More or Less (w3ct2dlj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:50 on Sunday]

MON 11:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8g7c7)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 11:06 The Newsroom (w172y17jismfkmz)
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MON 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqsl3w4lmm)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 11:32 The Conversation (w3ct37ll)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

MON 12:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8gc3c)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct34mz)
My mum Poly Styrene, a punk icon

Celeste Bell's mother Poly Styrene was a punk icon who'd made her mark on music history before Celeste was even born. Her distinctive voice, neon outfits and mixed race heritage made her stand out in a punk scene that was dominated by white men, clad in dark colours and studs. Celeste tells Anu Anand about Poly Styrene's rise to fame with her band X-Ray Spex, why it all fell apart and what it was like to sing with her on stage before she died in 2011. Celeste has made a film about her mum called I am a Cliche.

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Presenter: Anu Anand
Producer: Deimold Buxton

(Photo: Poly Styrene of punk band X-Ray Spex performs on stage at the Roundhouse, London, England, on January 15th, 1978. Credit: Gus Stewart/ Redferns/ Getty Images)

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MON 13:32 CrowdScience (w3ct1pry)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 today]

MON 14:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8gllm)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 14:06 Newshour (w172yfbw71lk4jx)
Is 'neutrality' now on the table for Ukraine

President Zelensky discusses potential areas of compromise with Russian journalists as the war in Ukraine enters an uncertain period. Alexander Rodnyansky advises President Zelensky on economic affairs and talks about what neutrality means in the current circumstances.

Also on the programme, China's financial capital, Shanghai, is currently facing stringent restrictions, because of a rise in coronavirus cases and it's the start of the first ever so called 'climate week' in the Middle East and North Africa region.

(PIC: People walk through a destroyed residential in Kyiv, Ukraine. PHOTO: Anastasia Vlasova/Getty Images)

MON 15:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8gqbr)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct1n6t)
Neil deGrasse Tyson: Trust in science

Stephen Sackur speaks to Neil deGrasse Tyson, astrophysicist and director of the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. He is one of America's most popular scientists and shares his fascination with space with millions of Americans. But here on Earth, science is under pressure, from Covid to climate change. Is trust in science dwindling?

MON 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqsl3w52m4)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 15:32 World Business Report (w172y4h6gffls7)

China announces Shanghai lockdown

China's Shanghai financial hub will be locked down in two phases amid rising Covid cases. Jennifer Pak is China correspondent for our US partner programme Marketplace, and tells us what impact the lockdowns are likely to have on global supply chains. Also in the programme, a two day general strike is under way in India today, as workers protest government economic policies. We hear how everyday life has been affected from Sushma Ramachandran, who is an independent business journalist based in Delhi. Workers at three different Amazon warehouses in the US are voting on whether to organise unions. The BBC's Michelle Fleury reports from one of the facilities, in Staten Island, New York, on whether this effort is likely to succeed. Plus, the BBC's Sam Fenwick reports on record prices for fertiliser as a result of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and explores the potential impact it could have on global food supply.

Today's edition is presented by Mike Johnson, and produced by Benjie Guy and Sarah Hawkins.

(Picture: Officers in protective gear on a Shanghai street. Picture credit: Getty Images.)

MON 16:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8gv2w)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 16:06 BBC OS (w172yg1g0w1x7fy)
Why did Will Smith hit Chris Rock at the Oscars?

Will Smith slapped Chris Rock in the face on stage at the Oscars after the comedian made a joke about the actor's wife Jada Pinkett Smith. "Jada, can't wait for GI Jane 2," he said, in an apparent reference to her shaved hairdo - a result of the hair loss condition alopecia. The reaction to the incident has been mixed from people at the Oscars and people on social media. We'll speak to a comedian and an activist to discuss where the acceptable line is in comedy.

Also, we're going to discuss the war in the northern Ethiopian region of Tigray. Thousands of people have been killed that conflict and more than two million people have been forced to flee their homes. At least nine million people there are in need of humanitarian aid. But now the two sides have agreed to a truce to allow aid deliveries to reach millions of people in urgent need of assistance. We'll hear the reaction of Tigrayan people around the world.

And, we'll bring you all the latest updates on the war in Ukraine. Ukraine and Russia are set to hold fresh peace talks in Turkey this week, with President Zelensky saying he is willing to consider Ukraine adopting a neutral status, but sovereignty and retaining territory remain priorities. We'll speak to our correspondents to find out more.

(Photo: Will Smith strikes Chris Rock, at the 94th Academy Awards Oscars Show, Hollywood, March 27, 2022. Credit: Reuters)

MON 17:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8gy0)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 17:06 BBC OS (w172yg1g0w1xc62)
Ukraine: How the sex trade preys on refugees

Nearly four million Ukrainians have fled the country - disoriented and displaced. Some of the those making the journey across various borders are unaccompanied children. The UN's Secretary General, António Guterres, warned on Twitter: "For predators and human traffickers, the war in Ukraine is not a tragedy, it's an opportunity - and women and children are the targets." We'll speak to our Europe editor Katya Adler who has been looking into the threat of human trafficking facing some refugees.

We'll also discuss the Oscar film awards that have happened in Los Angeles. The winner of the most prestigious award - the Best Picture - was a film called CODA. Coda is an acronym - and stands for Child of Deaf Adults. The film tells the story of a daughter of a deaf family - who herself can hear - and has to balance the demands of helping them in their daily lives with her own ambitions to be a singer. We'll speak to deaf actors working in the film and TV industry to hear what this win means for them.

And, China has announced its biggest city-wide lockdown since the Covid outbreak began more than two years ago. The city of Shanghai will be locked down in two stages over nine days while authorities carry out Covid-19 testing. Authorities had so far resisted locking down the city of some 25 million people to avoid destabilising the economy. We'll speak to our correspondent to find out more.

(Photo: Ukrainian refugees board a train bound to Krakow, at

Przemysl Glowny train station, after fleeing the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Poland, March 26, 2022. Credit: Reuters/Hannah McKay)

MON 18:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8h214)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 18:06 Outlook (w3ct34mz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

MON 18:50 Witness History (w3ct3byg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

MON 19:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8h6b8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 19:06 The Newsroom (w172y17ljsmgjyn)

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MON 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqksl3w5kln)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 19:32 Sport Today (w172ygfbl1rq95)

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BBC sports correspondents tell the story behind today's top sporting news, with interviews and reports from across the world.

MON 20:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8hb2d)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 20:06 The Climate Question (w3ct2ds1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqksl3w5pbs)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct30b3)

The Life Scientific: Steve Brusatte on the fall of dinosaurs and the rise of mammals

Steve Brusatte analyses the pace of evolutionary change and tries to answer big questions. Why did the dinosaurs die out and the mammals survive? How did dinosaurs evolve into birds? If you met a Velociraptor today you'd probably mistake it for a large flightless bird, says Steve. His intense interest in T. rex, Triceratops and all the other dinosaur species developed when he was a teenager and continues to this day. More recently, however, he's focussed on the long history of mammals.

For hundreds of millions of years, our mammalian ancestors remained small. Most were mouse-sized. None were bigger than a badger. Steve studies how, when an asteroid collided with earth 66 million years ago, the mammals got lucky. All the big dinosaurs were wiped out and only the small ones with wings survived. (Birds are dinosaurs, by the way). Within half a million years, mammals of all shapes and sizes had taken over on planet earth. Sabre-toothed flesh eaters, cow-sized plant guzzlers and a host of other warm blooded placental animals evolved alongside the badger sized burrowers.

Steve talks to Jim Al-Khalili about his life and work, including the recent discovery of an incredibly well-preserved Pterosaur on the Isle of Skye, a place he likes to call Scotland's Jurassic Park.

Producer: Anna Buckley

MON 21:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8hf1j)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 21:06 Newshour (w172yfbw71kzrt)

Five thousand people killed in Mariupol by war

The mayor of Mariupol in south eastern Ukraine says five thousand people have been killed since Russia began its attack on the city almost a month ago. He said ninety percent of its buildings had been damaged and forty percent completely destroyed.

Also in the programme: a look ahead to Brazilian elections; and has Roman Abramovich been the victim of a suspected poisoning?

(PHOTO: Destroyed cars are seen in front of an apartment building which was damaged during Ukraine-Russia conflict in

the besieged southern port city of Mariupol, Ukraine. CREDIT: REUTERS/Alexander Ermochenko/File Photo)

MON 22:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8hkkn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 22:06 HARDtalk (w3ct1n6t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:06 today]

MON 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqksl3w5xv1)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 22:32 The Conversation (w3ct371l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

MON 23:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8hp9s)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 23:06 The Newsroom (w172yrwqp9z6pcc)

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MON 23:20 Sports News (w172yggzgn84sc2)

BBC Sport brings you all the latest stories and results from around the world.

MON 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqksl3w6115)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 23:32 World Business Report (w172yk59n614w5k)

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(Picture: Officers in protective gear on a Shanghai street. Picture credit: Getty Images.)

TUESDAY 29 MARCH 2022

TUE 00:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8ht1x)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct1z8f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Sunday]

TUE 01:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8hxt1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 01:06 Business Matters (w172ydp8mgxjy5y)

General strike in India

A two day general strike is under way in India today, as workers protest government economic policies. We hear how everyday life has been affected from Nikhil Inamdar, BBC India Business correspondent in Mumbai. President Biden has a big new budget to take to congress - we hear from Chris Low from FHN Financial who says this bill is notable for having some sweeteners for the other side. Workers at three different Amazon warehouses in the US are voting on whether to organise unions. The BBC's Michelle Fleury reports from one of the facilities, in Staten Island, New York, on whether this effort is likely to succeed. And Jeffrey Sonnenfeld at the Yale School of Management, explains how the so-called "Business Retreat" from Russia could pressure President Putin into retreating from the war with Ukraine.

(Picture of protesters during a nationwide general strike against the policies of the central government, in Ahmedabad, India. Photo by Sam Panthaky via Getty Images).

TUE 02:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8j1k5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w172y17ljsmhd5k)

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TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqksl3w6dtk)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:32 The Documentary (w3ct41cq)

The house that Viktor built

The Hungarian prime minister, Viktor Orban, is running for a fourth consecutive term. The election is on 3 April. But now it is taking place against the background of a war on Hungary's border, following the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February.

Mr Orban is proud of the personal relationship he has established with Vladimir Putin, and proud of what he calls the "Hungarian Model", whereby Hungary has membership of Nato and the EU on the one hand and strong political and economic relations with Russia on the other. Russia, for example, fulfils the vast majority of Hungary's gas needs.

Nick Thorpe, who has lived in Hungary since the 1980s, asks if the edifice that Mr Orban has carefully constructed over the last 12 years is now threatened by the war in Ukraine.

(Photo: PM Viktor Orban at a press conference March 2022. Credit: Tim Mansel/BBC)

TUE 03:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8j599)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct34mz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Monday]

TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct3byg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8j91f)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w172y17ljsmhmnt)

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TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqksl3w6n9t)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct3jhn)

Hew Locke in the heart of Tate Britain

Every year Tate Britain invites an artist to create an exciting new commission for the grand spaces of the Duveen Galleries at the heart of the building. This year the commission will be by internationally renowned Guyanese-British artist Hew Locke. He's been making work for over thirty years, and the 90-metre space with its unique neo-classical architecture is his most ambitious project to date.

In 1966, just before Independence, Hew moved to Guyana with his parents, where he spent most of his childhood. This is key to his story as an artist, as icons, myths and individuals that come to represent a country's notion of nationhood have always fascinated him.

Poetic, political and theatrical, Hew's sculptures are assembled from materials and sources that reference global histories and the symbols of our age; from coats-of-arms, trophies and weapons to plastic toys, boats and flowers. His work explores the languages of colonial and post-colonial power, questioning ideas of global cultural identities and how these representations are altered by the passage of time. Steeped in history, the artwork is painstakingly researched with the help of Hew's wife, curator Indra Khanna.

Felicity Finch joins them in their London studio as the new commission starts to take shape and at Tate Britain for the installation.

Presented and produced by Felicity Finch
Executive Producer: Rebecca Armstrong for the BBC World Service

TUE 05:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8jdsj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 05:06 Newday (w172yf8dx7k1fz)

Ukraine peace talks expected today

Ukrainian and Russian officials are to meet in Turkey for the two countries' first bilateral talks in two weeks, but both sides are playing down chances of a breakthrough. Ukraine claims around 5,000 people have been killed in Mariupol alone, and relatively few have fled via humanitarian corridors. Ukraine says it's the fault of Russian troops bombarding evacuation routes.

However, there have been reports of people being taken out to Russian controlled territory. We'll hear more from an adviser to the Mayor of Mariupol, about these reports.

As the French elections draw closer, we'll head to a village where many of the major campaign themes are hot topics of debate.

And we'll hear about an upsurge in fighting in the north of Mali, which has reportedly caused hundreds of deaths.

TUE 06:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8jjjp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 06:06 Newday (w172yf8dx7k563)

Ukrainian and Russian delegations prepare for peace talks

Officials from Ukraine and Russia are meeting in Turkey today for the countries' first face to face talks in more than two weeks, though both sides have downplayed the likelihood of a breakthrough.

Meanwhile, there are reports that Russian oligarch Roman Abramovich and other Ukrainian officials were poisoned, when they attended previous peace talks last month.

And a report from the Black Sea port of Odessa, which despite its strategic importance has so far remained largely unscathed.

TUE 07:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8jn8t)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 07:06 Newday (w172yf8dx7k8y7)

Ukrainian and Russian officials gather for peace talks

Ukrainian and Russian officials are to meet in Turkey for the first bilateral talks in two weeks, but both sides are playing down chances of a breakthrough. We'll hear from a senior Turkish diplomat on the prospects for peace.

Also we'll go live to Moscow, and get a perspective on the Kremlin's so-called 'special military operation'.

And the British-Iranian man released from an Iranian prison speaks to the BBC after gaining his freedom.

TUE 08:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8js0y)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct3j23)

How to make fishing nets less destructive

Fish have favourite colours and dolphins hate high pitched noises.

In an effort to save rapidly dwindling global fish stocks, scientists are trying to figure out how to attract the right fish into nets, and keep protected species away.

On the southern coast of England, we meet the man who's designed a hi-frequency gadget which warns dolphins to stay out of fishing nets.

In Denmark, scientists show us how LED lights are able to show fish you don't want the exit from the net.

And in Oxford we hear from the researchers using satellite technology to help the Thai government stop criminals from plundering the oceans.

Presenter: Myra Anubi
Reporter: Rumella Dasgupta
Image: The dolphin pinger

TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqsl3w749b)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct315y)

How drones are helping to save lives

Drones, which were originally developed by the military, are now being used all over the world for humanitarian purposes. Shamim Nabuuma Kalisa, the founder of CHIL-AI, tells Jo Critcher how she was inspired by her own experience of cancer to use drones to give more women in Uganda access to screening.

In Sweden, the CEO of Everdrone, Mats Sällström, describes how drones are being used to quickly transport life-saving equipment to emergency situations.

There are more challenges to using drones in smaller, more densely populated countries like the UK but Elliot Parnham, the CEO of the drone operator Skyfarer, says he believes they can be overcome. His company is starting a pilot scheme to help the NHS transport critical medical supplies.

Presenter/Producer: Jo Critcher

(Photo: PWOne drone; Credit: Skyfarer Ltd.)

TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct3c2z)

The black stunt performers who took on Hollywood

In the 1960s, a group of black stunt performers formed a pressure group to fight for the right to work in Hollywood. Their main battle was against the practice known as "Paint Down", under which white stuntmen would use black make-up and wigs to portray black actors in stunts. Victoria Farncombe talks to Alex Brown, one of the founder of the Black Stuntmen's Association, about his decades of campaigning work in Hollywood - and his appearance in the James Bond movie, Live and Let Die.

PHOTO: Veterans from the Black Stuntmen's Association receiving an award in 2012 (Getty Images)

TUE 09:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8jws2)

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TUE 10:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8k0j6)

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TUE 10:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct1rvq)

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TUE 12:06 Outlook (w3ct352j)

I'm a disaster expert – and it helped me get through my own

Prof Lucy Easthope is a leading authority on recovering from disaster. She has spent two decades working at the centre of numerous global catastrophes, including terrorist attacks, plane crashes, conflicts, earthquakes and tsunamis. It's her job to help get the bodies identified, repatriate survivors, return personal effects, look after the bereaved, and advise governments for the future. But when she went through a series of devastating losses in her personal life, she realised she would need all her disaster management skills to help her get through it.

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Presenter: Anu Anand

Producer: Rebecca Vincent

(Photo: Lucy Easthope. Credit: Caitlin Chescoe)

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TUE 14:06 Newshour (w172yfbw71n1g0)

Russia says it will shift focus away from northern Ukraine

Russian negotiators have said Moscow has decided to -- in their words -- 'drastically reduce' military activity around the northern Ukrainian cities of Kyiv and Chernihiv, following peace talks in Turkey.

Also in the programme: British police are issuing 20 fines over parties held in government buildings during coronavirus lockdowns; and the BBC has investigated a graphic, grainy video purporting to show Ukrainian soldiers shooting Russian prisoners of war in the legs.

(Photo: A handout photo made available by the Ukrainian Presidential Press Service shows member of the Ukrainian delegation David Arakhamia (R), Head of the Servant of the People parliamentary faction, with Russian Presidential aide Vladimir Medinsky (L) during a meeting as part of the Russian-Ukrainian talks at Dolmabahce Palace in Istanbul, Turkey, 29 March 2022. Credit: EPA/Ukrainian Presidential Press Service handout)

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TUE 15:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct3j23)

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The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 15:32 World Business Report (w172ykrzcv8qdh)

Biodiversity talks enter final day

Talks in Geneva to reverse the loss of nature and halt extinctions are in their final day. Marco Lambertini is director general of the wildlife and nature charity WWF International, and tells us what progress is being made towards the text of a UN framework aimed at protecting biodiversity. Also in the programme, the war in Ukraine is halting moves aimed at limiting the use of palm oil, which is a cause of deforestation in Asia. The price of one alternative, sunflower oil, has increased massively since the conflict began, and supermarket chain Iceland has reversed its pledge to remove palm oil from its own-label food. We find out more from Glenn Hurowitz of the Washington DC campaign group, Mighty Earth. The Democratic Republic of Congo is the latest country to join the East African Community, which is a common market of states in the region, including Kenya and Tanzania. Our African business correspondent Peter Mwangangi explains what membership of the EAC will mean for the Congolese people. Plus, the BBC's Jo Critcher reports on how drones are now being used all over the world for humanitarian purposes.

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(Picture: A tree frog. Picture credit: Getty Images.)

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TUE 16:06 BBC OS (w172ygl0wmm04c1)

Ukraine-Russia peace talks in Turkey

We continue our coverage of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, with Anna Foster presenting the programme from the western city of Lviv. We hear personal stories and analysis from our correspondents in the country.

Delegations from Russia and Ukraine are in Istanbul for peace talks, but hopes for progress are slim. We explain the terms – like neutrality – that the parties are discussing.

Russian oligarch Roman Abramovich is also at the meeting in Turkey – we explain who he is and what is known about his involvement in the talks.

We also bring you a conversation about the psychological effects of war with two experts, a psychotherapist, who has fled Ukraine, and a psychiatrist still working in a hospital in Kyiv.

(Photo: Rescuers work at site of the regional administration building in Mykolaiv. Credit: State Emergency Service of Ukraine)

TUE 17:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8kvr3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 17:06 BBC OS (w172yg1g0wm0835)

Russia says it will scale back

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We hear personal stories and analysis from our correspondents in the country. Delegations from Russia and Ukraine are in Istanbul for peace talks, but hopes for progress are slim. We explain the terms – like neutrality – that the parties are discussing.

We hear from Germany about reports that four federal states are looking to ban the use of the Z symbol in the country. The symbol is synonymous with the legitimisation of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

We also bring you a conversation about the psychological effects of war with two experts, a psychotherapist, who has fled Ukraine, and a psychiatrist still working in a hospital in Kyiv.

(Photo: A Ukrainian soldier sits on top of a Russian artillery vehicle marked with the Z symbol, which Ukraine captured during fighting outside Kharkiv. Credit: Reuters/Thomas Peter)

TUE 18:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8kzh7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 18:06 Outlook (w3ct352j)

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TUE 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqkql3w8ghr)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 19:32 Sport Today (w172ygfbl61vm68)

2022/03/29 GMT

BBC sports correspondents tell the story behind today's top sporting news, with interviews and reports from across the world.

TUE 20:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8l6zh)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:06 The Documentary (w3ct41cq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqkql3w8l7w)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:32 Digital Planet (w3ct31y3)

Facial recognition identifies dead Russian soldiers

It's been reported that Ukraine is receiving help to identify Russian infiltrators or ID dead soldiers. A facial recognition company called Clearview AI is offering access to its database of billions of facial images. We've reported on Clearview before as it has been accused of overstating its algorithms' effectiveness as well as being fined by data regulators. Rhiannon Williams of MIT Download is on the programme and has been following the story.

How Ukraine isn't winning the Information War

The assumption in the West is that Ukraine and President Zelensky are dominating the narrative online, but according to a new analysis that's only the way it seems in the western social media bubble. 23 million tweets which included hashtags like #StandwithPutin and #StandwithRussia were monitored to see how and where they were sent. The White paper just published by CASM Technology shows that Russia is targeting BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) and more generally Africa and Asia. Carl Miller from CASM explains what they've found and why we can't assume that everyone around the world is getting the same online messages.

Okta data breach – who, what, where, why, when and how Okta is probably one of the biggest tech companies in the world you've never heard of until now. Its customers use its software to allow employees to work remotely by accessing their systems from outside the office. However, they had a data breach back in January and now the hacking group Lapsus\$ is claiming it may have accessed more data than Okta is willing to admit. Protocol's Sarah Roach explains what's happened and why possibly millions of logins from around the world could be impacted.

The programme is presented by Gareth Mitchell with expert commentary from Angelica Mari.

Studio Manager: Duncan Hannant

Producer: Ania Lichtarowicz

(Image: Facial Recognition Concept. Credit:Getty Images)

TUE 21:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8l9qm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 21:06 Newshour (w172yfbw711wnwx)

Russia offers to scale back its offensive in Ukraine

Ukraine said it would accept neutral status - meaning it would not join military alliances, including Nato, or host military bases - in return for security guarantees from other countries. We'll hear from a Ukrainian member of parliament. And from a military commander on the front-line close to Kyiv.

Also in the programme: a shooting in Israel is reported to have killed at least four people; and we hear from a little village in France where an immigrant community is not entirely welcome.

(Photo: Turkish President Erdogan addressing the Russian and Ukrainian delegations in Istanbul, Turkey. Credit: EPA).

TUE 22:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8l9gr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 22:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct3j23)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

TUE 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqkql3w8tr4)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 22:32 In the Studio (w3ct3jhn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

TUE 23:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8l6w)

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TUE 23:06 The Newsroom (w172yrwp9z9l8g)

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TUE 23:20 Sports News (w172yggzgn87p85)

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TUE 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqkql3w8yh8)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:32 World Business Report (w172yk8lf3fzst)

Biodiversity talks enter final day

Talks in Geneva to reverse the loss of nature and halt extinctions are in their final day. Marco Lambertini is director general of the wildlife and nature charity WWF International, and tells us what progress is being made towards the text of a UN framework aimed at protecting biodiversity. Also in the programme, the war in Ukraine is halting moves aimed at limiting the use of palm oil, which is a cause of deforestation in Asia. The price of one alternative, sunflower oil, has increased massively since the conflict began, and supermarket chain Iceland has reversed its pledge to remove palm oil from its own-label food. We find out more from Glenn Hurowitz of the Washington DC campaign group, Mighty Earth. The Democratic Republic of Congo is the latest country to join the East African Community, which is a common market of states in the region, including Kenya and Tanzania. Our African business correspondent Peter Mwangangi explains what membership of the EAC will mean for the Congolese people. Plus, the BBC's Jo Cletcher reports on how drones are now being used all over the world for humanitarian purposes.

(Picture: A tree frog. Picture credit: Getty Images.)

WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 2022**WED 00:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8lpz0)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 00:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct1rvq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

WED 01:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8ltq4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 01:06 Business Matters (w172ydp8mgxmv31)

UK and US urge caution on Russian pledge to reduce attacks

Russia has said it will "drastically reduce combat operations" around Kyiv and the northern city of Chernihiv, during negotiations in Turkey. Financial markets reacted positively to the news, as Brian Dorst from Themis Trading in New Jersey explains. We'll also hear from President Biden's top official on sanctions, who says companies have a choice to make on whether they continue to do business in Russia. Also in the programme, the war in Ukraine is halting moves aimed at limiting the use of palm oil, which is a cause of deforestation in Asia. The price of one alternative, sunflower oil, has increased massively since the conflict began, and supermarket chain Iceland has reversed its pledge to remove palm oil from its own-label food. We find out more from Glenn Hurowitz of the Washington DC campaign group, Mighty Earth. Talks in Geneva to reverse the loss of nature and halt extinctions are in their final day. We'll hear from Patrick Greenfield, biodiversity reporter for the Guardian, on the details of the negotiations, and Dr Noelle Kumpel, head of policy for Birdlife International, about her thoughts on the progress. And we'll take a look at the new Australian budget.

All through the show we'll be joined by Andres Franzetti, Chief Executive Officer at Risk Cooperative, in Washington DC, and Sinead Mangan, presenter of the ABC radio program 'Australia Wide' in Perth.

(Picture: Ukrainian troops near Kyiv on 28 March. Picture credit: Getty Images)

WED 02:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8lyg8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 02:06 The Newsroom (w172y17jism92n)

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WED 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqkql3w99qn)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 02:32 The Compass (w3ct3jzk)

Emotional Baggage

Emotional Baggage: June Angelides

Psychiatrist Henrietta Bowden Jones talks to June Angelides about how she set up Mums In Tech on maternity leave, and how she was inspired by her entrepreneurial family in Nigeria, and particularly by her late grandmother. June reveals why she gave up a good job to set up the first coding academy in the United Kingdom for young mothers. And talks about the stress it caused but also knew that the time was right for her to do this. June followed in the footsteps of her uncle Ben Murray Bruce,

who built the first multiplex in Nigeria and went on to become a senator. For her services to women in technology, she received a MBE in 2020. But it was not always easy growing up in Nigeria, with regime changes and sporadic rioting, as well as living with the fear of home invasion.

Presenter: Henrietta Bowden Jones

(Photo: June Angelides. Credit: David Aiu Servan-Schreiber./MTArt Agency)

WED 03:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8m26d)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 03:06 Outlook (w3ct352j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Tuesday]

WED 03:50 Witness History (w3ct3c2z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8m5yj)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 04:06 The Newsroom (w172y171jsmljkk)
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WED 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqkql3w9k6x)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 04:32 The Documentary (w3ct3jyq)
Black Music in Europe

Black music in Europe: 1980-1990

Clarke Peters looks at the music of black Europe in the aftermath of the fall of the Berlin Wall. We hear from Jeff Mills and Dimitri Hegemann on Detroit techno in Berlin, plus electronic pioneers Shut Up and Dance on the rave era in London. We also hear from Rita Maia and DJ Marfox on the Batida scene in Lisbon.

Presenter: Clarke Peters
Producer: Tom Woolfenden

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WED 05:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8m9pn)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 05:06 Newsday (w172yf8dx7myc2)
Ukraine: Russia trying to mislead with withdrawal pledge

We'll get the latest from Ukraine where Russia's promise to reduce its military presence in Kyiv and Chernihiv has been met with scepticism. President Zelensky says the "positive signs" do not "drown out" the sound of Russian attacks.

We'll hear from the head of Ukraine's army.

And we'll head to Kenya to hear about the mysterious kidnapping of an Ethiopian businessman in broad daylight.

WED 06:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8mffs)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 06:06 Newsday (w172yf8dx7n236)
Ukraine: Russia re-positioning not withdrawing

We'll get the latest from Ukraine where there's been a cautious reaction to a Russian promise to de-escalate the conflict around the capital Kyiv and the city of Chernihiv.

We'll hear from a group of Ukrainian MPs who say they have evidence of Russian soldiers raping and sexually assaulting women.

And we'll find out about Russia's claims that its signed up 16,000 recruits from the Middle East, many from Syria, to fight alongside its forces in Ukraine.

WED 07:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8mk5x)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 07:06 Newsday (w172yf8dx7n5vb)
Ukraine: Russia repositioning for attack on east

We'll get the latest from Ukraine where Russia's pledge to scale back its forces has been met with scepticism.

We'll hear about forced evacuations and reports Ukrainians are being sent to Russia against their will.

And in other news, the Israeli Prime Minister, Naftali Bennett, says his country is facing a new wave of terror after five people died in a third attack in less than a week.

WED 08:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8mny1)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct32qm)
Mairead McGuinness: How far will the EU go to support Kyiv?

Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine united the EU in shock and outrage. But four weeks into the war, with Ukrainian cities besieged and civilians suffering unimaginable horrors, cracks are already evident in the European response. Stephen Sackur speaks to the EU Commissioner for Financial Services, Mairead McGuinness. How far should sanctions go? Solidarity with Ukraine is one thing, but is the EU prepared to endure real pain to support Kyiv?

WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqkql3wb16f)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct31bg)
Will a new gas pipeline be built in a 'pristine' Australian sea?

Aboriginal people from Australia's Tiwi Islands have joined forces with marine scientists and other environmentalists in the fight against a new gas field planned for the Timor Sea. Vivienne Nunis reports on the multi-billion dollar Barossa gas development, which has already been partially approved by Australian regulators. The oil and gas giant Santos plans to build a 300km gas pipeline from the gas field to Darwin, through a marine park that is home to turtles, sponges and other sea creatures. Experts describe the tropical waters as 'pristine'. So who will win out? The oil and gas industry or those fighting against the wells, rigs and drills? Image: an Olive Ridley sea turtle, the most common species nesting on the Tiwi Islands. Credit: Getty

WED 08:50 Witness History (w3ct3c57)
Afghanistan's women's newspaper

Aina-E-Zan, the first women's newspaper in Afghanistan, was launched in 2002. Edited by Shukria Barazkai, the newspaper covered women's rights issues in depth, as well as criticizing the warlords who controlled much of the country at the time. Even though this was a relatively open period in Afghan history, the women journalists still faced death threats and at one point Aina-E-Zan was even banned by the Afghan parliament after it printed an article about a woman being stoned. Shukria Barazkai talks to Laura Jones.

PHOTO: Shukria Barazkai in 2005 (Getty Images)

WED 09:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8msp5)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 09:06 The Newsroom (w172y171jsmm49k)
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WED 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqkql3wb4yk)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 09:32 Digital Planet (w3ct31y3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Tuesday]

WED 10:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8mx9)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 10:06 The Documentary (w3ct3yza)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

WED 11:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8n15f)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 11:06 The Newsroom (w172y171jsmmct)
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WED 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqkql3wbdf)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 11:32 The Documentary (w3ct3jyq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

WED 12:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8n4xk)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 12:06 Outlook (w3ct3y83)
The sisters reuniting separated siblings at camp

Lynn Price and Andi Andree were separated as young children and raised with different foster families - they didn't even know of each other's existence until they were introduced at the ages of 8 and 9. Although they eventually formed a close sibling bond, Lynn was determined to help other siblings like them and in 1995 she set up Camp To Belong where siblings separated by the foster care system could spend time together building precious memories. Andi volunteered at the camps and worked together with Lynn for many years, and the camps are still going strong today. But, as the sisters tell Anu Anand, there was another twist to come in their family story.

In December 1988 two sets of identical twin boys were born in different hospitals in Colombia. Somehow the babies got mixed up and one brother from each set went home with the other brother. The boys were brought up as non-identical twins and none of them had any idea that they had an identical brother somewhere out there... until a chance encounter a few years ago. Natalio Cosoy went to meet them in Bogota in 2016.

Get in touch: outlook@bbc.com

Presenter: Anu Anand

(Photo: Sisters Lynn Price (L) and Andi Andree. Credit: Courtesy of Andi Andree)

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WED 13:06 The Newsroom (w172y171jsmmn92)
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The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 13:32 Digital Planet (w3ct31y3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Tuesday]

WED 14:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8nddt)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 14:06 Newshour (w172yfbw711qyc3)
Ukraine: shelling of Chernihiv continues

Moscow had pledged to reduce military activity around Kyiv and Chernihiv - it says peace talks have yielded nothing very promising.

Also on the programme: a resident of Mariupol recounts how she was taken to Russia against her will; and two senior British judges resign from Hong Kong's highest court, saying China's national security law has made their position untenable.

(Photo: A Ukrainian serviceman hugs his mother after she was evacuated from Irpin town, as Russia's attack on Ukraine continues, on the outskirts of Kyiv. Credit: Reuters/Zohra Bensemra)

WED 15:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8nj4y)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct32qm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

WED 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqkql3wbwfb)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 15:32 World Business Report (w172yk9dvv1r755)
Germany activates emergency gas plan

Amid concern about supply from Russia, Germany has invoked its emergency gas plan. Carsten Brzeski is global head of macro research at ING, and tells us what the move actually means.

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Today's edition is presented by Sasha Twining, and produced by George Thomas and Tom Kavanagh.

(Picture: A gas compressor station in Germany. Picture credit: Getty Images.)

WED 16:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8mnm2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 16:06 BBC OS (w172ygl0wm3184)

Ukraine: Peskov plays down diplomatic progress

Following talks between the two sides in Istanbul yesterday, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov has warned against optimism about an imminent breakthrough in discussions. We continue our coverage of the war in Ukraine, hearing the latest from our correspondents, and personal stories from people in the country.

We hear a conversation between two Ukrainians with connections to the Donbas region. Ukraine's military has warned that Russia is regrouping its forces to concentrate on fighting in the Eastern area which encompasses Donetsk and Luhansk.

Also, we explain the background to an upcoming bill in the Ukrainian parliament, proposing the ban of the Russian Orthodox Church in Ukraine. This would prevent those who worship under Moscow's spiritual authority from religious practice, and could see property seized.

In other news, the eastern half of China's largest city Shanghai is into the third day of lockdown, with the western half due to follow on Friday. We speak to Howard Zhang from BBC Chinese about this, and what the future holds for China's zero-Covid policy.

(Photo: Spokesman of Russian President Dmitry Peskov speaks to the press. Credit: AP)

WED 17:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8mnm6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 17:06 BBC OS (w172ygl0wm3508)

Ukraine: UN concern over possible Russian war crimes

The United Nations human rights chief Michelle Bachelet has criticised the "persistent use of explosive weapons with wide area effects in populated areas". She warned that such attacks could amount to war crimes. We continue our coverage of the war in Ukraine, hearing the latest from our correspondents, and personal stories from people in the country.

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In other news, we look the escalation of armed gang violence across Nigeria with our correspondent Ishaq Khalid. This week gunmen attacked a train carrying nearly 1000 people, near the capital Abuja, and kidnapping for ransom has become commonplace, particularly in the north of the country.

(Photo: Michelle Bachelet delivers a speech to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva. Credit: Getty / Fabrice Coffrini)

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WED 20:06 The Compass (w3ct3jzk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

WED 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqsl3wch4z)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct32w4)

Treating stress and anxiety in Ukraine

Claudia Hammond talks to an Ukrainian psychotherapist about the increased demand for her services since Russia invaded her country.

Is multiple sclerosis caused by a virus? Health Check looks at the latest evidence pointing to Epstein Barr virus, which more commonly causes glandular fever or mononucleosis. The discovery offers hope for a vaccine and new more effective treatments.

Family doctor Ann Robinson joins Claudia to discuss the Epstein Barr findings as well as the extra risk of being infected with both Covid and flu viruses, and a promising gene therapy for haemophilia A.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond
Producer: Andrew Luck-Baker

(Picture: A man and woman walk through rubble in the Podilskiy district of Kyiv, capital of Ukraine on 23 March 2022. Photo credit: Yulia Ovsianikova/Ukrinform/Future Publishing/Getty Images.)

WED 21:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8p7mq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 21:06 Newshour (w172yfbw711rsl0)

President Zelensky calls for further military support from US

Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelensky, has again spoken to President Biden seeking further military support, as Russia continues its attacks against his country. Ukraine has warned that Russia is regrouping its forces to concentrate on attacking government-controlled parts of Donbas, the eastern area comprising the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk.

Also in the programme: Pakistan's Prime Minister faces a vote of no confidence; and Germany activates emergency plan designed to protect its energy supplies.

(Photo: A mural showing Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and reading "Glory to Ukraine!" painted onto the sidewall of an apartment building in Krakow, Poland. CREDIT: EPA/Lukasz Gagalski)

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(Picture: A gas compressor station in Germany. Picture credit: Getty Images.)

THURSDAY 31 MARCH 2022

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THU 00:06 The Documentary (w3ct3yzq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

THU 01:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8pqm7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 01:06 Business Matters (w172ydp8mgxqr04)

Biden poised to invoke Cold War-era law to encourage domestic mining

U.S. President Joe Biden could reportedly invoke a Cold War-era defence law to encourage domestic production of minerals. Josh Siegel of Politico explains why. Also in the show, Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan faces a no-confidence vote in the next few days, over questions regarding his performance amid double-digit inflation and rising deficits. Russian forces have reportedly repositioned away from around the Chernobyl nuclear power facility, with Russian troops crossing back into neighbouring Belarus. Amid concern about supply from Russia, Germany has invoked its emergency gas plan. Plus, we have an extended report from Vivienne Nunes on a row brewing in Australia over a proposed new gas field in the Timor Sea. And Bruce Willis has announced he will step back from acting citing health concerns.

All through the show we'll be joined by journalists Mehmal Sarfraz in Lahore and Andy Uhler in Austin.

(Picture: U.S. President Joe Biden in Washington DC, March 30, 2022. Picture credit: Getty Images.)

THU 02:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8pvcv)

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THU 02:06 The Newsroom (w172y17ljsmp5zr)

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THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqksl3wd6mr)

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THU 02:32 Assignment (w3csz6m6)

Shipwreck

In April 2015, more than 1000 refugees and migrants drowned when the old fishing boat they were travelling on sank in the Mediterranean. It was the area's worst shipwreck since World War Two.

But the people who died are not forgotten. Not by their families and friends, and not by a professor of forensic pathology at the University of Milan.

"There's a body that needs to be identified, you identify it. This is the first commandment of forensic medicine," says Dr Cristina Cattaneo.

Assignment tells the story of the raising of the fishing boat from the Mediterranean's seabed, and Dr Cattaneo's efforts to begin to identify the people who lost their lives on that moonless night on the edge of Europe.

Producer/presenter: Linda Pressly

(Image: Ibrahim Senghor, a survivor of the tragedy of 18 April, 2015 - he was prevented from boarding the boat in Libya. Credit: Ibrahim Senghor)

THU 03:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8pz3h)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 03:06 Outlook (w3ct3y83)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Wednesday]

THU 03:50 Witness History (w3ct3c57)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8q2vm)

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THU 04:06 The Newsroom (w172y17ljsmpfh0)

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THU 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqksl3wdg40)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct38ml)

Food in the metaverse

Imagine a world where going out for dinner virtually - from the comfort of your own sofa - becomes the norm. Whether it sounds appealing or dystopian - there are restaurants, chefs and gamers already out there experimenting with food in virtual worlds.

Tamasin Ford speaks to the developer of a 'foodverse' that will feature everything from virtual dining and cookbook signing experiences to food-based virtual games and we hear from a large US restaurant chain on why they are playing with their customers in the metaverse. But what does a future of virtual worlds mean for the food industry? Will it be a niche pursuit or an invaluable tool? And could it threaten the existence of restaurants in the real world?

(Picture: person wearing VR headset. Credit: Getty/BBC)

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Supreet Raju: Co-Founder of OneRare
Tressie Lieberman: Vice President of Digital Marketing at Chipotle
Michelle Evans: Global Lead of Retail and Digital Consumer Insights at Euromonitor International.

THU 05:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8q6lr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 05:06 Newsday (w172yf8dx7q85)

Russia announces 24-hour ceasefire in Mariupol

Russia has pledged a 24-hour ceasefire to allow civilians to leave the besieged city of Mariupol. We'll explore whether Ukrainians will trust this offer.

In other news, the United States says that Russian generals are afraid to tell President Vladimir Putin about how badly the war is going in Ukraine.

Also in the programme, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences who manage the Oscars, say they have initiated disciplinary proceedings against actor Will Smith. This is following the incident involving him slapping comedian Chris Rock at the recent awards ceremony.

THU 06:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8qbbw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 06:06 Newsday (w172yf8dx7qz09)

Russia offers 24-hour ceasefire out of Mariupol

Russia has promised a 24-hour ceasefire shall take place in the Ukrainian city of Mariupol, which is expected to begin in a few hours, permitting people to leave the besieged city.

Ukrainian forces will be watching for a renewed Russian assault further east of Ukraine, after Moscow indicated their military efforts would be concentrated there. We'll hear from a soldier on the front line in Donbas.

Germany makes moves to reduce its use of gas, as tensions over supply from Russia continue.

THU 07:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8q30)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 07:06 Newsday (w172yf8dx7r2rf)

Russia promises to open humanitarian corridor in Mariupol

Russia promises to open a humanitarian corridor to enable people in Mariupol to escape their besieged home. We hear from those on the front line in southern Ukraine.

Also in the programme, we analyse Russia's other war, the campaign against anti-Assad rebels in Syria.

And Will Smith will face disciplinary action following the incident in which he slapped comedian Chris Rock at the recent Oscars' ceremony.

THU 08:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8qkv4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct39sq)

Can Putin be prosecuted for war crimes?

On Wednesday 23 March the US administration declared that Russian troops had committed war crimes in Ukraine. It claims to have evidence showing numerous deliberate attacks on civilians. An unprecedented number of countries have backed an investigation by the International Criminal Court into the allegations. The evidence is being gathered.

Tanya Beckett explores whether it's possible that Vladimir Putin will be held responsible and face trial for war crimes committed by his forces during this war.

Producer: Louise Clarke-Rowbotham
Researcher: Chris Blake

(Banner reads 'Wanted Dead Or Alive Vladimir Putin For Genocide', in Przemysl Poland. 5 March 2022. Credit: Beata Zawrzet /Getty Images)

THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqksl3wdy3j)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct311f)

What are Russia's mercenaries doing in Africa?

The secretive Wagner Group has a history of violence in Africa. In this episode, we ask why leaders are outsourcing security to an unaccountable army accused of murders, rapes and torture. We look into the crimes they're accused of committing, the governments they're keeping in power and the business deals making it all possible.

Aanu Adeoye, an Africa expert at London's Royal Institute of International Affairs, tells us about the propaganda machine behind Wagner. Keir Giles, a Russia specialist at Chatham House, explains just how intertwined the group is with the Russian state, and Dr Sorcha MacLeod, chair of the UN

Working Group on the use of mercenaries, explains why the presence of groups like Wagner in unstable countries often makes things worse.

Presenter: David Reid
Editor: Carmel O'Grady

Audio for this episode was updated on 31 March 2022.

(Photo: Protesters in Mali's capital, Bamako, waved Russian flags during an anti-France demonstration in May 2021. Credit: AFP/Getty Images)

THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct3c0q)

Selling Van Gogh's Sunflowers

Vincent Van Gogh's "Sunflowers" was sold at auction at Christie's in London in March 1987 for 39.9 million dollars - then a world record and more than double the previous top price paid for an artwork at auction. The sale made front-page headlines and is now seen as the moment the international art market went through the roof. Uma Doraiswamy talks to Lord Charles Hindlip, then the chairman of Christie's and the man who auctioned the painting.

PHOTO: "Sunflowers" arriving in Japan in 1987 after its sale at Christie's (Getty Images)

THU 09:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8qpl8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 09:06 The Newsroom (w172y17ljsmq16n)

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THU 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqksl3wf1vn)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 09:32 Health Check (w3ct32w4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Wednesday]

THU 10:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8qtdb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 10:06 The Forum (w3ct38s3)

Margaret Fuller: Early feminist and war correspondent

In her 1843 essay *The Great Lawsuit*, the American journalist and early feminist Margaret Fuller forcefully argued for the rights of women to work, think and live on their own terms, not just as companions and foils for men. She was one of the first Americans to do so. Fuller was a pioneer in other respects too: a trail blazer for advocacy journalism and for unrestricted female education. In the 1840s she became the first paid US war correspondent, reporting from Rome besieged by the French army.

Fuller packed a lot into a life of just 40 years; so much so that after her tragic death in a shipwreck, the men around her - some of them rather famous - did their best to diminish her memory. They exaggerated what they saw as her personal failings and in some instances even falsified her record. As a consequence, we are still discovering the true extent of her life and work.

Bridget Kendall talks to three Fuller experts: Megan Marshall, Professor at Emerson College in Boston whose book *Margaret Fuller: A New American Life* won the Pulitzer Prize for Biography; Professor Katie Kornacki, Chair of the English department at Caldwell University in New Jersey and the founding editor of the *Margaret Fuller Society's Conversations* magazine; and the cultural critic Judith Thurman, staff writer for the *New Yorker* magazine and an award-winning biographer focusing on female authors.

The reader is Ina Marie Smith.

(Image: Margaret Fuller Credit: Stock Montage/Getty Images)

THU 10:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct36f8)

Tanya Streeter

In 2002, free diver Tanya Streeter attempted to set a No Limits world record by diving down to 160m and resurfacing, all on a single breath. She would have to survive the pressures of the deep and hold her breath for 3 and a half minutes. It almost went wrong. Tanya Streeter spoke to Alex Last in 2015.

PHOTO: Tanya Streeter on her record-breaking dive (Buzz Photo/Alamy Stock Photo)

THU 11:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8qy2j)

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THU 11:06 The Newsroom (w172y17ljsmq8px)

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THU 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqkql3w9bxc)

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THU 11:32 The Food Chain (w3ct38ml)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

THU 12:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8r1tn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct34vr)

Dressing Beyoncé: It started with a Barbie outfit

Artist Osman Yousefzada grew up in Birmingham, England in the 1980s after his parents moved to the UK from Pakistan. They were both illiterate, and while his father worked as a carpenter, Osman spent much of his time watching his mother make clothes to earn money. By the time he was seven years old, he had made his first doll's dress and enjoyed getting involved with his mum's business; choosing trims and patterns for her designs, and advising her clients - many of whom were also from their Muslim community - on shoes and accessories. It was a childhood passion that would later see him launch a successful career; a clothing label influenced by his culture, and worn by celebrities and royalty alike. But, as Osman discovered, the glamorous world of fashion did not bring satisfaction; it was only by turning his attention to the world of art, where he could reflect on his heritage, that he would find the meaning he craved. His book is called *The Go-Between*.

Zafarbek Sulaimanov is an entrepreneur from Kyrgyzstan who grew up in a semi-nomadic lifestyle - living in the city of Jalal-Abad for part of the year, and then spending long summer breaks in the mountains with his family. As an adult, he launched his own clothing brand, which combines traditional nomadic symbols with modern Western styles like hoodies and t-shirts. He explains the ideas behind it. This was first broadcast in November 2016.

Get in touch: outlook@bbc.com

Presenter: Anu Anand

(Photo: Osman Yousefzada poses with models during London Fashion Week 2020. Credit: David M. Bennett/Getty Images)

THU 12:50 Witness History (w3ct3c0q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

THU 13:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8r5ks)

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THU 13:06 The Newsroom (w172y17ljsmqj65)

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THU 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqkql3wfvj5)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 13:32 Health Check (w3ct32w4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Wednesday]

THU 14:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8r99xc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 14:06 Newshour (w172yfbw711tr86)

Red Cross to evacuate Mariupol

The ICRC say their buses are on their way to Mariupol to evacuate civilians and provide aid, but can a ceasefire be agreed? We speak to a former Ukraine foreign minister.

Also on the programme, the Falkland Islands marks the 40th anniversary of the British-Argentine war. And, we visit the Polish city of Lublin which has been widely praised for the way it's managed to integrate the refugees into local life.

(Photo: Destroyed buildings in Mariupol, Ukraine, 30/03/2022 Reuters)

THU 15:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8rf21)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 15:06 The Inquiry (w3ct39sq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

THU 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqkql3wfsbf)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 15:32 World Business Report (w172yk642xn2xc3)

UN seeks billions in aid for Afghanistan

Amid a worsening humanitarian crisis, the UN is seeking \$4.4bn in aid for Afghanistan. Dawood Azami is the editor of the BBC's Pashto Service, and tells us what life is like for Afghans at the moment. And Mark Malloch-Brown, president of the Open Society Foundations, and former deputy secretary general of the UN, discusses what role western sanctions are playing in the extreme hunger faced by many in Afghanistan. Also in the programme, with just a few days to go before the first round of France's presidential election, the BBC's Theo Leggett reports from the east of the country on how concerns about the rising cost of living are impacting the rival campaigns. Plus, with the current high cost of natural gas, there are renewed calls for countries to move away from the fossil fuel as a way of heating our homes. One alternative is the heat pump, and the BBC's climate editor Justin Rowlett explains how they work. And we get wider context from Jan Rosenow, director of the non-profit energy think tank, the Regulatory Assistance Project.

Today's edition is presented by Rob Young, and produced by Faarea Masud, Sara Parry and George Thomas.

(Picture: Food aid is distributed in Afghanistan. Picture credit: Getty Images.)

THU 16:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8rjt5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 16:06 BBC OS (w172ygl0wm5y57)

Ukraine to send buses to Mariupol

The Ukrainian government is sending a convoy of 45 buses to Mariupol to get thousands of people out of the city and to send much needed aid. We hear from people who still have family members in the city.

President Putin has said contracts for Russian natural gas will be halted from Friday if supplies are not paid for in roubles. We explain the significance of his announcement.

More than four million people have now left Ukraine in the biggest exodus Europe has seen since the second world war. We speak to our population reporter who has been following the journey of one young woman and her family as they escaped Ukraine.

Poland has taken in more than two million Ukrainians. Our correspondent in the city of Lublin has spoken to some arrivals and will explain how Poland is managing with the flow of refugees.

We get reaction from Pakistan where prime minister Imran Khan is fighting for his political life.

(Photo: A charred car is seen in front of an apartment building destroyed during Ukraine-Russia conflict in the besieged southern port city of Mariupol, Ukraine March 30, 2022. Credit: Alexander Ermochenko/reuters)

THU 17:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8rnk9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 17:06 Global Questions (w3ct4212)

Ukraine crisis: What next for Europe?

After Russian missile strikes just a few miles from the Polish border, are the risks growing of Putin's war spilling over the border? Global Questions travels to Warsaw to examine the prospects for a peaceful solution, and how Europe might look after the war in Ukraine. We examine what more the EU and Nato can do to help protect and further integrate the so-called frontier states, and, in the short term, how Poland copes with the sudden influx of nearly two million refugees - a number that is rising all the time.

Image: Polish military personnel wait for Ukrainian refugees to disembark a train after arriving to Przemysl Glowny train station in east Poland, 29 March 2022 (Credit: Victoria Jones/PA Wire)

THU 17:56 BBC OS (w172ygl0wm6514)

2022/03/31 16:56 GMT

BBC OS gives a vibrant account of the day's events with explanation and reaction from those involved.

THU 18:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8rs9f)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 18:06 Outlook (w3ct34vr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

THU 18:50 Witness History (w3ct3c0q)

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THU 19:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8rx1k)

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THU 19:06 The Newsroom (w172y17ljsmr7ny)

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THU 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqkql3wv89y)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 19:32 Sport Today (w172ygfbl621f0g)

2022/03/31 GMT

BBC sports correspondents tell the story behind today's top sporting news, with interviews and reports from across the world.

THU 20:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8s0sp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 20:06 Assignment (w3csz6m6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqkql3wgd22)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 20:32 Science In Action (w3ct368r)

Radioactive Red Forest

Russian forces in the forested exclusion zone around the Chernobyl nuclear site may be receiving potentially dangerous levels of radiation. After the nuclear accident trees were felled and radioactive material was buried across the site. As the forest regrew it took up much of that radiation - making it the most radioactive forest in the world according to Tom Scott from Bristol University who studies radiation levels in the region. The troop's activities, from digging trenches to lighting fires as missiles are fired, may be releasing radiation. Its unclear how dangerous this is, but those with the greatest and most immediate exposure risk are the troops themselves.

Australia's iconic Great Barrier Reef has suffered a mass bleaching event - where coral can be killed by rising temperatures. This is the latest in a series of such events which also affect other reefs. Kate Quigley from The Australian Institute of Marine Science is working to breed corals that can be more heat tolerant. However, she says this is not a solution in itself without addressing climate change and continued ocean warming.

Understanding the human genome has reached a new milestone, with a new analysis that digs deep into areas previously dismissed as 'junk DNA' but which may actually play a key role in diseases such as cancer and a range of developmental conditions. Karen Miga from the University of California, Santa Cruz is one of the leaders of the collaboration behind the new findings.

And can fish do maths? Yes according to Vera Schluskel from the University of Bonn. Her group managed to train fish in both addition and subtraction.

(Image: Radiation hazard sign in Pripjat, a ghost town in northern Ukraine, evacuated the day after the Chernobyl disaster. Credit: Getty Images)

Presenter: Roland Pease

Producer: Julian Siddle

THU 21:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8s4jt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 21:06 Newshour (w172yfbw711vph3)

Red Cross plans biggest Mariupol convoy yet

The Red Cross is planning the biggest relief and evacuation convoy yet into the besieged Ukrainian port of Mariupol.

It is the latest attempt to bring relief in -- and passage out -- for beleaguered residents of Mariupol, a city that has been laid waste since the start of the war five weeks ago.

Also in the programme: Vladimir Putin says exports of Russian gas will be stopped from Friday unless countries pay in roubles, as US President Biden announces a record release of oil from the US's strategic reserve and a Turkish prosecutor asks to halt trial in the case of the murdered Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

(Photo shows a member of the red cross helping to organise refugees from Mariupol. Credit:Ty O'Neil/SOPA Images/LightRocket via Getty Images)

THU 22:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8s88y)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 22:06 The Inquiry (w3ct39sq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

THU 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172ykqsl3wgmkb)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 22:32 The Food Chain (w3ct38ml)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

THU 23:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8sd12)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 23:06 The Newsroom (w172yrwp9zhd2n)

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THU 23:20 Sports News (w172yggzn8fh2c)

BBC Sport brings you all the latest stories and results from around the world.

THU 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172ykqsl3wgr9g)

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(Picture: Food aid is distributed in Afghanistan. Picture credit: Getty Images.)

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FRI 00:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct36f8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:50 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8smjb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 01:06 Business Matters (w172ydp8mgxtmx7)

Ships backed-up in Shanghai

As many as 300 vessels are backed up in Shanghai, waiting to load up or discharge compared to this time last year. We get the latest from the BBC's Monica Millar in Singapore and we also hear about the knock on affects from Steve Lamar, President and CEO of the American Apparel & Footwear Association. Amid a worsening humanitarian crisis, the UN is seeking \$4.4bn in aid for Afghanistan. We hear from Mark Malloch-Brown, president of the Open Society Foundations, and former deputy secretary general of the UN, discusses what role western sanctions are playing in the extreme hunger faced by many in Afghanistan. Also in the programme, with just a few days to go before the first round of France's presidential election, the BBC's Theo Leggett reports from the east of the country on how concerns about the rising cost of living are impacting the rival campaigns. Plus, with the current high cost of natural gas, there are renewed calls for countries to move away from the fossil fuel as a way of heating our homes. One alternative is the heat pump, and the BBC's climate editor Justin Rowlett explains how they work. And joining us throughout the programme are Rachel Cartland, a former Hong Kong government official and the author of Paper Tigress and Alison van Diggelen, host of freshdialogues.com, is with us from Silicon Valley.

(Picture: A ship in Shanghai. Picture credit: Getty Images.)

FRI 02:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8sr8g)

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FRI 02:06 The Newsroom (w172y171jsms2wv)

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FRI 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172ykqsl3wh3jv)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:32 World Football (w3ct33hpt)

Counting down to Qatar 2022

In the week of the World Cup draw, Mani Djazmi travels to the tournament's host country Qatar where he speaks to Croatia international Lovro Majer, Supreme Committee CEO Nasser Al Khatir, migrant workers and fans.

Picture on website: Preparations are made ahead of the FIFA World Cup draw in Doha, Qatar. (Michael Regan - FIFA/FIFA via Getty Images)

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FRI 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172ykqsl3whc13)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct2z3b)

Lipa Schmelzer: The Jewish Lady Gaga

Lipa Schmelzer is a bright star in the world of Jewish music; only his music sounds nothing like traditional Jewish music! In fact, he has been nicknamed, the 'Jewish Lady Gaga'!

Growing up in New York, in an ultra-conservative Hasidic community, Lipa was always different. At school, he was taught all subjects in Yiddish, and when he found it hard to concentrate his teachers called him the 'dumb kid' and told him he would never amount to anything. He had a dream of being a singer, but when he started writing and performing his own songs, his father and rabbi told him to stop and concentrate on studying the Bible. Lipa agreed and publicly apologised to the community for the modern music he had been creating - but it was not long until he started again.

Lipa's music and performance style represented a split in his community: the younger Hasidic Jewish who loved the modern Jewish beats and wanted him to perform at their weddings and children's bar mitzvahs, and then the older more reserved Jewish who thought it was disrespectful and would lead people away from holy scripture and on a path to hell.

Today Lipa lives in both worlds, creating modern Jewish music while trying to stay true to his roots. But it is not always easy, as Colm Flynn found out when he went to New York to visit Lipa.

(Photo: Lipa Schmelzer)

FRI 05:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8t3hv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 05:06 Newsday (w172yf8dxd7tr58)

Live news, business and sport from around the world.

FRI 06:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8t77z)

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FRI 06:06 Newsday (w172yf8dxd7tvxd)

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FRI 07:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8tc03)

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FRI 07:06 Newsday (w172yf8dxd7tznj)

Live news, business and sport from around the world.

FRI 08:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8tgr7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct32fl)

Maria Butina: What is Russia achieving in Ukraine?

Stephen Sackur speaks to Maria Butina, a pro-Putin member of Russia's state Duma. Where does Vladimir Putin's self-styled 'special military operation' in Ukraine go from here? He expected Kyiv to fall quickly; it didn't. Ukraine's determination to resist hasn't crumbled, despite the terrible human cost. Russian losses mount, and its economy is hurting. In the invasion's second month, what do Russians think it is achieving?

FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172ykqsl3whv0m)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct30rd)

The Russians leaving their country

Rahul Tandon reports on the thousands of young Russians who have decided to leave the country since it invaded Ukraine. Economist Konstantin Sonin tells us as many as 300,000 may have travelled to countries like Armenia, Georgia and Turkey. Sanctions have made it harder to do business and the weaker rouble has devalued assets. Two businessmen, now living in exile, tell their stories, and we also hear from those who've chosen to stay, like Moscow journalist Tatyana Felgenhauer. Plus, former Russian prime minister Mikhail Kasyanov explains the economic impact of losing skilled workers.

Producer: James Graham

Photo: Getty Images

FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct3bw6)

Escaping a Maoist cult

In 2013, three women escaped from a cult that had been based in an ordinary house in Brixton, South London, since the 1970s. The cult was led by Aravindan Balakrishnan, a former student at the London School of Economics, who claimed to be a Maoist revolutionary, but actually brainwashed his followers and kept them prisoner in cruel and violent conditions. The Metropolitan Police said it was the worst case of its kind they had ever seen. Reena Stanton-Sharma talks to Katy Morgan-Davies, one of the women who escaped the cult.

PHOTO: Aravindan Balakrishnan in 2015 (Getty Images)

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FRI 09:32 Science In Action (w3ct368r)

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FRI 10:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8tq7h)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 10:06 The Real Story (w3ct33nn)

Israel's Arab allies

History was made this week when, for the first time, the foreign ministers of the UAE, Morocco, Egypt and Bahrain travelled to Israel on an official visit. For decades Arab leaders have criticised Israel for its occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, which appeared to rule out closer ties. But not anymore. After the meeting Emirati Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan told his Israeli counterpart, Yair Lapid, "you are not only a partner, you are a friend," adding that the countries have lost decades that could have been utilised, "knowing each other better, of working together, and of changing the narrative that many generations of Israelis and Arabs have been living." The United States has spent recent years working to improve relations between its Israeli and Arab partners, an effort that burst into the public consciousness with the signing of the Abraham Accords under Donald Trump. The new allies share a distrust of Iran and a desire for greater economic ties across the region. But the Palestinian leadership has criticised the rapprochement, describing it as "a free reward for Israel". So what's been the benefit of the Abraham Accords? Will a new Iran nuclear deal push the parties even closer? What kind of support will these countries require from the United States at a time when US interest in the region is declining? And how many of the government-to-government ties are being translated into people-to-people contacts?

Julian Marshall is joined by a panel of experts. Producers Paul Schuster and Junaid Ahmed.

FRI 11:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8ttzm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 11:06 The Newsroom (w172y17ljsmt5m0)

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FRI 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172ykpz4d8tq7h)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 11:32 World Football (w3ct3hpt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

FRI 12:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8tyqr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 12:06 The Fifth Floor (w3ct37yy)

Why Afghan girls remain out of school

Last week the Taliban regime in Afghanistan reversed its promise to allow girls to return to secondary school after the ban 7 months ago. It's a story that has a particular resonance for BBC Afghan's Shazia Haya, who covered it for BBC Pashto. She was evacuated from Kabul last August and now works with the team in London.

This is Not America

The latest song by Puerto Rican musician Residente has taken Latin America by storm. This is Not America challenges the use of the term America by the USA, and uses powerful images and symbolism. BBC Mundo's Ronald Ávila-Claudio, a fellow Puerto Rican and a fan, tells us about the song and the singer.

Ukraine seen from Hong Kong

In Hong Kong's 2019 pro-democracy protests, mass screenings of a documentary about the Ukrainian protests of 2013-4, Winter on Fire, gave encouragement to Hong Kongers to continue their fight, and forged an unlikely connection between Hong Kong and Ukraine. Benny Lu of BBC Chinese reports on how the war in Ukraine is being seen in both Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Sri Lanka's deepening crisis

Sri Lankans are becoming increasingly angry and frustrated about an economic crisis which has brought empty fuel stations, long power cuts and even delayed school exams because of paper shortages. BBC Sinhala's Ranga Sirilal explains the causes, and describes the impact on daily life.

(Photo: Afghan women protesting with banners for education rights in Kabul, 2022. Credit: Ahmad Sahel Arman/AFP via Getty Images)

FRI 12:50 Witness History (w3ct3bw6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

FRI 13:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8v2gw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 13:06 The Newsroom (w172y17ljsmtf38)

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FRI 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172ykpz4d8tq7h)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 13:32 Science In Action (w3ct368r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Thursday]

FRI 14:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8v670)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 14:06 Newshour (w172yfbw711xr59)

Ukraine war: attack on Russian oil depot

Ukraine's Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba says he cannot confirm or deny reports of Ukraine's involvement in the strike on the fuel depot.

Also on the programme: we hear about India's relationship with Russia as their foreign ministers meet; and how an artificial pancreas could help with type 1 diabetes.

(Image: Damage following the oil refinery attack in Belgorod, Russia, on 1 April 2022. Credit: Anadolu Agency/Getty)

FRI 15:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8v9z4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct32fl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

FRI 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172ykpz4d8tq7h)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:32 World Business Report (w172ykv2vb07flk1)

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Today's edition is presented by Rob Young, and produced by Faarea Masud, Frey Lindsay and George Thomas.

(Picture: Sergei Lavrov and Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. Picture credit: Reuters.)

FRI 16:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8v8f8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 16:06 BBC OS (w172yg1g0wm8v2b)

Ukraine: Oil depot attack in Russia

The governor of Russia's Belgorod region says Ukrainian helicopters have attacked an oil depot in the city. Ukraine's defence ministry would neither confirm nor deny it was behind the attack. Meanwhile, there are increasing doubts whether a humanitarian operation for Mariupol will go ahead. We discuss today's developments with our regional expert.

Russia's foreign minister has been holding talks with his Indian counterpart, with the focus on the sale of Russian crude oil to India. Our reporter explains how important Russian oil is for

India's economy.

We hear from a young woman who left the city of Kharkiv with her family when the invasion began but has since returned to the city to help the residents.

We talk about the protests in the Sri Lankan capital where hundreds of people have tried to storm the residence of President Rajapaksa.

(Photo: A view shows a fuel depot on fire in the city of Belgorod, Russia April 1, 2022. Pavel Kolyadin/BelPressa/Handout via REUTERS)

FRI 17:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8vkgd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 17:06 BBC OS (w172yg1g0wm8ytg)

Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022 draw

As Qatar 2022 draw is taking place in Doha, we bring reaction and messages from fans across the world about their expectations and hopes for their national teams.

Our football experts explain the cost and the scale of work that's gone in to prepare for the tournament and what kind of experience it might be for the fans travelling there.

We also discuss why this is one of the most controversial World Cups ever, with questions being asked about how Qatar is treating workers and LGBT+ community, as homosexuality is illegal in the country.

And we bring the latest developments in the Ukraine war.

(Photo: Soccer Football - World Cup - Final Draw - Doha Exhibition ^ Convention Center, Doha, Qatar - April 1, 2022 Credit: Pawel Kopezynski/Reuters)

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FRI 18:06 The Fifth Floor (w3ct37yy)

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FRI 18:50 Witness History (w3ct3bw6)

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FRI 19:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8v8yn)

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FRI 19:06 The Newsroom (w172y17ljsmv411)

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FRI 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172ykpz4d8tq7h)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w172ygfbl6249xk)

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BBC sports correspondents tell the story behind today's top sporting news, with interviews and reports from across the world.

FRI 20:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8vxps)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:06 Tech Tent (w3ct374v)

A huge, new crypto heist

We report on the latest high-profile, high value theft of cryptocurrency. David Canellis, from the website, Protos, analyses what happened. The space expert Dr Teasel Muir-Harmony explains why the US and Russia continue to co-operate over the International Space Station. And Alex Bornyakov, the Deputy Minister of Digital Transformation of Ukraine, describes how tech workers there are taking the fight to Russia.

FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172ykpz4d8tq7h)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct3j6m)

Why do animals migrate? Part 2

Many animals undertake remarkable migratory journeys;

travelling thousands of miles only to return to same burrow or beach they departed from. Yet, unlike humans, they don't have digital or paper maps to guide their way, so how are they able to orientate themselves with such accuracy?

In the second part of this migration story, CrowdScience's Anand Jagatia explores how animals are able to navigate using the sun, stars, smells, landmarks and magnetism to help guide them. Anand journeys to the coast of Florida where he helps to place a satellite tracker on a sea turtle in order to follow the long-distance journeys of these animals. He then visits a lab in North Carolina to meet a team that is recreating the earth's magnetic fields to examine how sea turtles might be using these forces to find their feeding and nesting grounds.

Anand wades into the hotly contested topic of just how birds may be sensing magnetic fields – and hears about one of the latest theories that suggests birds eyes may be exploiting quantum physics. The range of navigational tools we encounter throughout the animal kingdom from whales to ants is beguiling. Anand asks what does our increased understanding of these feats might mean for animal conservation as well as human development of mapping systems.

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(Photo: Sea Turtles. Credit: Getty Images)

FRI 21:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8w1fx)

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FRI 21:06 Newshour (w172yfbw711yld6)

Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

FRI 22:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8w561)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 22:06 HARDtalk (w3ct32fl)

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FRI 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172yqsl3wkjgf)

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FRI 22:32 World Football (w3ct3hpt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

FRI 23:00 BBC News (w172ykpz4d8w8y5)

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FRI 23:06 The Newsroom (w172yrwqp9zl8zr)

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FRI 23:20 Sports News (w172yggzn8jczg)

BBC Sport brings you all the latest stories and results from around the world.

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