

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER 2023**SAT 00:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6rhqk)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 00:06 The Real Story (w3ct4q7b)

China's BRI: Development or Debt?

It has been a decade since Chinese President Xi Jinping's launched the Belt and Road Initiative, an ambitious plan to connect Asia with Africa and Europe through a series of land and sea networks via investments in local infrastructure. But ten years on has it been - as some claim - a debt trap for some developing economies, a road to nowhere? Or has the sweeping infrastructure project - which has funded trains, roads and ports in many countries - successfully expanded global trade links and helped the economic development of countries in Africa and Asia?

Shaun Ley is joined by Eyck Freymann, economic historian and China specialist, currently a Hoover Fellow at Stanford University; Niva Yau, political scientist from Hong Kong and a non-resident fellow with the Atlantic Council's Global China Hub; Kerry Brown, professor of Chinese Studies and director of the Lau China Institute at King's College, London.

Also featuring: Pakistan Senator Afnan Khan, Pakistan Muslim League, Victor Gao of the Beijing based Centre for China and Globalisation, a think tank with links to the governing Chinese Communist Party and Nicola Procaccini, Member of the European Parliament from the Fratelli d'Italia party

(Photo: Chinese President Xi Jinping waves to children upon arrival at Islamabad airport in Islamabad, 20 April, 2015. Credit: Pakistan Presidency Press Information Department /Getty Images)

Producer: Rumella Dasgupta and Ellen Otzen

SAT 01:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6rmgp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 01:06 Business Matters (w172yzrs95w24w0)

Microsoft completes biggest deal in gaming history

Microsoft has completed its \$69bn takeover of Call of Duty-maker Activision Blizzard in the gaming industry's biggest ever deal.

Also we will hear about the US healthcare company Kaiser Permanente and its workers have reached a tentative deal, following the largest medical strike on record. More than 75,000 health workers in five US states and Washington DC went on a 72-hour strike for better wages and improved staffing last week.

Vivienne Nunis discusses this and more of the business news from around with Takara Small, Toronto-based technology journalist, and Simon Littlewood, President of ACG Global Growth Delivered based in Singapore.

(Picture: Microsoft acquires Activision Blizzard. The European Union approved Microsoft's acquisition of Activision Blizzard. Photo credit: CFOTO/Future Publishing via Getty Images)

SAT 02:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6rr6t)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkl46b1w0)

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SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rw7ltg3h6)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct4tkz)

India World Cup: 'This is your Bollywood movie'

How do you mentally prepare to win the Cricket World Cup? Alison Mitchell, Sunil Gupta and Jim Maxwell speak with the man who helped mastermind India's 2011 World Cup victory on home soil – Paddy Upton. The mental conditioning coach takes us inside the psyche of the victorious team, discusses how to prepare to face your biggest rivals and outlines how he motivates some of the game's greats, Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli.

Also this week, the team discuss how they mentally prepare for commenting on cricket's biggest matches.

Plus, we meet the 21-year-old record breaker who just smashed a 29-ball century at the Marsh Cup to register the fastest hundred in one-day cricket. Jake Fraser-McGurk's record

eclipses South Africa great AB de Villiers' previous record of 31 balls.

He joins the team to explain what it felt like to break the record and his ambitions to represent Australia in all three formats of the game.

(Photo: India player Sachin Tendulkar and mental conditioning coach Paddy Upton during Indian team's practice session. Credit: Hindustan Times/Getty Images)

SAT 03:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6rvyy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 03:06 The Fifth Floor (w3ct4v0l)

Reporting the Israel Gaza conflict

A week after the attack on Israel by the Palestinian militant group Hamas, we look at how some of the BBC's major language services have been covering the conflict for their audiences, with William Marquez from BBC Mundo, Zubair Ahmed from BBC Delhi and Daniel Dadzie from the Focus on Africa podcast team.

Banking and slavery in Brazil

Brazil's oldest bank, the Banco do Brasil, is facing a public inquiry into its alleged involvement in the slave trade during the 19th century. It's been a big story for BBC Brasil, and editor Caio Quero tells us it has started a national debate.

Indonesia's disappearing mangroves
Indonesia's vast mangrove forests are disappearing, with charcoal made from mangrove wood a valued commodity in China, Europe and Japan. Mangrove logging is illegal, but the number of charcoal furnaces continues to grow, as BBC Indonesian's Astudestra Ajengrastri discovered on a visit to the island of Borneo.

(Photo: Smoke plumes billow during Israeli air strikes in Gaza City on October 12, 2023. Credit: Ibrahim Hams/AFP via Getty Images)

SAT 03:50 Witness History (w3ct4x7z)

Surviving an acid attack and changing the law

In 2013, India's Supreme Court made a landmark ruling aimed at transforming the lives of acid attack survivors.

It followed a campaign led by Laxmi Agarwal, who at the age of 15 was burned by acid thrown over her body.

The attack changed Laxmi's life and scarred her face. In 2006, she took legal action demanding a ban on the sale of acid and more help for survivors.

But it took seven years of campaigning before the court made a ruling, as Laxmi tells Jane Wilkinson.

(Photo: Laxmi Agarwal. Credit: Deepak Gupta/Hindustan Times via Getty Images)

SAT 04:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6rzq2)

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SAT 04:06 The Real Story (w3ct4q7b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 today]

SAT 05:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6s3g6)

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SAT 05:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkl46bf3d)

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SAT 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rw7ltggql)

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SAT 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct68k9)

Your Questions answered: Israel and Gaza

The BBC World Service (Global News Podcast) presenter, Jackie Leonard, puts listeners' questions, on the war in Israel and Gaza, to our experts in the region Lyse Doucet and Jeremy Bowen, both have decades of insights in to what has led to this moment.

SAT 06:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6s76b)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 06:06 Weekend (w172z37gdfyvgfy)

UN: Tens of thousands of Palestinians have fled northern Gaza

The UN Security Council has been discussing calls for a humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza at a meeting behind closed doors. It comes as Israel warned residents of the northern part of Gaza to evacuate their homes, ahead of an offensive against Hamas. The Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, has warned that moving more than a million people across a warzone to a place with no food, water or accommodation would be extremely hazardous.

Joining Paul Henley in London, and Tim Franks in Jerusalem, to discuss this and more are Suzanne Lynch, Chief Brussels Correspondent and Associate Editor of POLITICO, and Nathan Thrall, Jerusalem-based journalist and author of A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ABED SALAMA, a non-fiction book on the Israel-Palestine conflict.

(Photo: Women and children are seen evacuating Gaza City following an Israeli warning of increased military operations in the Gaza strip, 13 October 2023. Credit: EPA)

SAT 07:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6sbyg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 07:06 Weekend (w172z37gdfyvl62)

UN calls for a humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza

The United Nations estimates that tens of thousands of Palestinians have fled northern Gaza after Israel warned them to leave ahead of military operations against Hamas militants. Calls for a humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza have been discussed by the UN Security Council in New York.

We will hear from an Israeli politician, discuss Washington's position on the war, and examine the extent of social media disinformation on the conflict.

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(Photo: Palestinians flee their houses heading toward the southern part of Gaza Strip after Israel's call for more than 1 million civilians in northern Gaza to move south within 24 hours, amid the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in Gaza City October 13, 2023. REUTERS/Ahmed Zakot)

SAT 08:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6sgpl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 08:06 Weekend (w172z37gdfyvp6y)

Israel says it has launched raids inside Gaza

The United Nations has estimated that tens of thousands of Palestinians have fled northern Gaza in response to an Israeli demand to evacuate ahead of military operations against the Hamas militant group. Israel says they have seen a "significant movement of civilians towards the south" in response to Friday's order.

We will hear from one resident who's followed Israel's evacuation order, and fears he will never see his home again, and an Israeli man who tells us about the killers who tore his family apart last Saturday.

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(Photo: Israeli armored vehicles settle along the border with Gaza, N A, Israel - 14 Oct 2023. Credit: Reuters)

SAT 09:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6slfq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 09:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5b2f)

Israel and Gaza

This is an historical conflict with decades of bloodshed but the unprecedented violence of the past week has thrown the crisis into unknown territory.

It was triggered by the Islamist militant group Hamas – which is designated a terror organisation by many Western governments – breaking through the barrier between Israel and Gaza and

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<p>launching a range of surprise attacks. Israel immediately announced it was at war and made threats to destroy Hamas; firing rocket attacks into Gaza.</p> <p>Hundreds have been killed; thousands have been injured; hostages were taken and tens of thousands have been displaced. Many lives have been shattered.</p> <p>We have been bringing people together, to share what they experienced.</p> <p>Three Israelis discuss when Hamas gunman began attacking families in their community.</p> <p>Liel Fischbein was visiting his family in Kibbutz Be’eri at the time of the Hamas attack. “My best friend is dead, he was murdered. And my sister is missing, and everything is very hard,” he told us.</p> <p>In Gaza, there is destruction and chaos. Many buildings were flattened, followed by warnings for the safety of the population.</p> <p>Three people living in Gaza discuss the Israeli attacks. Batool had to leave our conversation after receiving a warning to leave her location.</p> <p>“You can’t say that there is a safe place in Gaza because we left the neighbourhood and we came to another place where they also bombed the houses in the street,” she said.</p> <p>BBC OS Conversations is a Boffin media production with the OS team.</p> <p>SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rw7ltgyq3) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>SAT 09:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5b98) The man who avoided mirrors</p> <p>Jono Lancaster avoided mirrors for many years. Find out why and how it changed. Plus the Norwegian family who found hidden treasure and how you could reduce the cost of getting wed.</p> <p>SAT 09:50 Over to You (w3ct4rpx) Reporting the Middle East</p> <p>The past week’s unprecedented violence between the militant group Hamas and Israel have once again thrown the spotlight on the difficulties and challenges of reporting on the Middle East.</p> <p>Listeners share their thoughts on how the BBC World Service has reported the deadly events. We ask the BBC’s director of news content, Richard Burgess, about the use of language and the pressures news programmes face in handling a fast-moving story.</p> <p>Presenter: Rajan Datar Producer: Howard Shannon. A Whistledown production for the BBC World Service</p> <p>SAT 10:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6sq5v) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>SAT 10:06 Sportshour (w3ct4s9p) Cricket’s big one: India v Pakistan</p> <p>India versus Pakistan is one of the biggest fixtures in world sport, but what is it that makes this rivalry so significant? Sportshour’s Shabnam Younus-Jewell hears from both sides during a discussion exploring the sporting, political, religious and cultural impact on cricket’s fiercest fixture. Joining Shabnam for is "Cricket with an Accent" podcast host and Indian Saqib Ali with regular contributor to the cricket podcast scene Zainub Razvi and Assad Hasnain of the "Pace is Pace Yaar" podcast who are both supporting Pakistan. All three guests have moved to North America, but distance hasn't dulled their cricketing intensity over the differences and similarities of the two nations.</p> <p>Plus... The incredible challenge that adventurer and Antarctic explorer Sam Cox will attempt next month - a record breaking, solo crossing of Antarctica, completely unsupported. The former soldier tells us about the training and challenges that lie ahead of him - and how long he might take to conquer the frozen desert, all alone...</p> <p>Photo: India's wicketkeeper Ishan Kishan (CL) comforts Pakistan's Agha Salman (CR) after he was injured after being hit in the face with the ball from the bowling of India's Ravindra Jadeja (not pictured) during the Asia Cup 2023 super four one-day international (ODI) cricket match between India and Pakistan at the R. Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on September 11, 2023. (Credit: FAROOQ NAEEM/AFP via</p>	<p>Getty Images)</p> <p>SAT 11:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6stxz) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tk146c4l5) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rw7lth66c) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>SAT 11:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct5hn2) Israel declares war on Hamas after deadly attack</p> <p>Israel starts 'a prolonged and powerful campaign' in Gaza. What might be the consequences? BBC World Affairs editor John Simpson analyses the fallout.</p> <p>Also in the programme: diplomatic correspondent James Landale examines why European leaders are changing the way they tackle mass migration; senior North America reporter Anthony Zurcher explores why the United States has become increasingly ungovernable; and a BBC Eye Investigations team uncovers deadly loan apps in India and beyond. Reporter Poonam Agarwal reveals the trap ensnaring some of the world's poorest people.</p> <p>Photo: Developments in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Sderot, Israel - 13 Oct 2023 / Credit: MANUEL DE ALMEIDA/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock</p> <p>Produced by Pandita Lorenz and Benedick Watt</p> <p>SAT 12:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6syp3) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>SAT 12:06 World Questions (w3ct59t7) South Korea</p> <p>The Republic of Korea is one of the twentieth century’s economic miracles. Poor at the time it split from its neighbour to the north, it now has the fastest internet on the planet and is a world-leading exporter of electronics, cars and culture. Much of what is best in the world can be found in Korea but it faces many of its hardest challenges too. Sky-high property prices, the world’s fastest-ageing population, a highly pressurised and competitive society, and as they face the difficult prospect of working and raising a family, 65 percent of Korean women are choosing not to have children. Along with all this, is the worry about the country that shares the Korean Peninsula. Kim Jong Un’s nuclear-armed North Korea. Jonny Dymond presents a panel of Korean politicians and experts as they debate questions from the public across the country.</p> <p>The panel: Kyung-wha Kang: Former Foreign Minister of the Republic of Korea and Distinguished Professor at Yonsei University Chung-Min Lee: Former Ambassador for National Security Affairs and Ambassador for International Security Affairs. University Professor at Kaist, and Senior Fellow at The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Hee-kyoung Cho: Professor of Law at Hongik University and a columnist for The Korea Times Hawon Jung: Author of Flowers of Fire about the Korean ‘MeToo’ women’s movement and former Seoul correspondent for Agence France-Presse</p> <p>Producer: Charlie Taylor</p> <p>(Photo: Women take part in a march for gender equality on International Women's Day 2022 in Seoul. Credit: Chris Jung/NurPhoto via Getty Images)</p> <p>SAT 13:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6t1f7) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>SAT 13:06 Newshour (w172z09nb6dpqnn) Gaza residents flee after evacuation order</p> <p>On the programme today we have a co-presentation with Tim Frank's in Jerusalem and Andrew Peach in London. We will be following all the latest news on the Israel-Gaza war. Israel has ordered Palestinians living in north Gaza to evacuate south, and thousands have been fleeing by vehicle or on foot. We hear from a Palestinian man who left with his family, and an Israeli politician defending the order. We also hear from a clinical psychologist in Tel Aviv who explains how hard it is to treat family of those taken hostage in Gaza.</p> <p>Also on the programme we head to Poland ahead of a presidential election, and pop icon Madonna's latest world tour</p>	<p>kick's off.</p> <p>(Photo: Homeless family in Gaza. Credit EPA)</p> <p>SAT 14:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6t65c) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w172z1kz1b8tj4l) Live Sporting Action</p> <p>We'll be in India and France in the first hour of Sportsworld with the Cricket and Rugby World Cups in full swing. In India we'll be following one of sport's greatest rivalries as the hosts face Pakistan in the group stage of the Cricket World Cup, while in France the knockout stages have arrived.</p> <p>The Sportsworld team will preview the Rugby World Cup quarter finals ahead of Wales against Argentina and prepare for the world's number one side Ireland facing three-time winners New Zealand.</p> <p>Relive the story of Sri Lanka's win at the 1996 Cricket World Cup when the co-hosts shocked the world, before football is the focus, with a chance to hear Ivorian legend Yaya Touré, Nigeria's Efan Ekoku and the former Democratic Republic of Congo captain Gabriel Zakuani debate Africa's best World Cup moments in an episode of Match of the Day Africa: Top 10.</p> <p>And in the final hour of Sportsworld, there'll be the latest sports news from around the world, checking in with the WNBA finals ahead of Game 3, reflecting on the semi-finals of the Shanghai Masters tennis, and looking ahead to the 2024 Africa Cup of Nations after this week's draw.</p> <p>Photo: General view of play during the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup India 2023 between India and Afghanistan at Arun Jaitley Stadium on October 11, 2023 in Delhi, India. (Credit: ICC via Getty Images)</p> <p>SAT 18:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6tp4w) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>SAT 18:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tk146czt2) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>SAT 18:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rw7ltj1f8) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>SAT 18:32 The Documentary (w3ct68k9) [Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 today]</p> <p>SAT 19:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6tsx0) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>SAT 19:06 The Inquiry (w3ct4wdj) Can Europe solve its migrant crisis?</p> <p>Europe's migration crisis began back in 2015, with the arrival of over a million refugees, the majority from the war in Syria. Many thousands more from different countries have since sought refuge on European shores for one reason or another, whilst the tightening of external borders and asylum laws have proved ineffective in stopping the boats.</p> <p>There have been years of disagreements over migration amongst the member states of the European Union, which have caused damage to the bloc's unity. In recent months, however, it looked like some progress had been made towards a fairer and more uniform migration system, but a proposal to relocate people to different parts of Europe was met with opposition.</p> <p>As the flow of people into frontline countries like Italy, Greece and Spain looks set to continue in the future, it appears that collective action from the member states, looks further away.</p> <p>This week on The Inquiry we're asking 'Can Europe solve its migrant crisis?'</p> <p>Contributors:</p> <p>Hanne Beirens, Director, Migration Policy Institute Europe, Brussels</p> <p>Cathryn Costello, Full Professor of Global Refugee and Migration Law, UCD Sutherland School of Law, University College Dublin, Ireland</p> <p>Charles Kenny, Senior Fellow, Centre for Global Development, Washington DC, USA</p> <p>Martin Ruhs, Chair in Migration Studies and Deputy Director</p>
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of the Migration Policy Centre at the European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy.

Presenter: Tanya Beckett
Producer: Jill Collins
Researcher: Matt Toulson
Technical Producer: James Bradshaw
Production Co-ordinator: Jordan King
Editor: Tara McDermott

Photo: MSF Ship GEO Barents rescues migrants off the Libyan coast in the central Mediterranean Credit: Reuters

SAT 19:30 BBC News Summary (w1722r2w7ltj55d)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 19:32 The Cultural Frontline (w3ct618p)
Disney 100: How a studio redefined animation

It has been 100 years since a young animator sold his first film series called Alice comedies to a distributor. Without knowing, he was starting what became one of the world's biggest media empires, the company took his family name, Disney.

The studio has led and shaped the animation industry for generations and it's now in the very heart of global culture. In this episode of The Cultural Frontline we speak to leading animators responsible for some of Disney and Pixar's most successful films, who have been in the room when the magic was being conjured up.

We also explore the creative, technological and cultural challenges Disney, and the wider animation industry are facing today.

Veteran animator Floyd Norman has worked with Disney since the 1950s, on films like Sleeping Beauty, and The Jungle Book. His colleague Tony Bancroft was the co-director of Mulan and the creator of one of the most beloved Disney characters; Pumbaa, the warthog in The Lion King. They come together to talk about the milestones of Disney history.

From Snow White to Brave, Oscar winning director Brenda Chapman reflects on the role of women on screen and in production and tells what was the inspiration for Merida, the iconic Brave's anti-princess.

Plus, the creator of the first programme for children that has openly shown LGBTQ+ characters and stories, Rebecca Sugar and Frank Abney, who has worked on Disney and Pixar titles such as Coco and Soul, discuss how the fight for LGBTQ+ rights and the Black Lives Matter movement are changing the animation industry.

Presenter: Brian Sibley
Producer: Constanza Hola

SAT 20:00 BBC News (w1722r1sw6txn4)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct4vln)
The 2023 London Film Festival

Nikki Bedi talks to Irish filmmakers Christine Molloy and Joe Lawlor whose latest film – Baltimore – is about stolen art, terrorists and family.

Iranian film obsessive Ehsan Khoshbakht's documentary Celluloid Underground tells an extraordinary story about preserving cinema in Iran, post-revolution, when movies were banned by the regime.

Oscar winning actor Daniel Kaluuya on the attraction of being famous.

And the Tehran-born, Australia-raised director Noora Niasari discusses her film Shayda.

And Nikki's joined in the studio by the director of 'Housekeeping for Beginners'; Goran Stolevski and film critic and broadcaster Rhianna Dhillon.

Presenter: Nikki Bedi
Producer: Oliver Jones

(Photo: People in the cinema auditorium. Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 21:00 BBC News (w1722r1sw6v1d8)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 21:06 Newshour (w172z09nb6dqpmp)
The Israeli military says it has killed a Hamas commander

Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, has visited troops preparing for an expected ground assault near the border with Gaza. Meanwhile, in Gaza, citizens continue to attempt to move south as the strip is bombarded by missiles. The UN humanitarian chief, Martin Griffiths, has said the situation in Gaza is fast becoming untenable.

Also in the programme: Thousands of people have been taking part in Pro-Palestinian protests across Europe today. We speak to a French-Israeli MP about why these demonstrations have been banned in France; and voters in Australia have rejected a proposal to recognise indigenous people in the constitution.

(Picture: Israeli airstrike on northern Gaza strip, Sderot, Israel. Credit: Atef Safadi)

SAT 22:00 BBC News (w1722r1sw6v54d)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 22:06 Music Life (w3ct4mgf)
We are not normal with Anoushka Shankar, Arooj Aftab, Lisa-Kaindé Diaz and Nadine Shah

Anoushka Shankar, Arooj Aftab, Lisa-Kaindé Diaz and Nadine Shah talk about the role of spirituality in their music, what their sound gives the audience, and share thoughts on being women of colour in the music industry.

Born in the UK, Anoushka Shankar spent her younger years in London and Delhi before moving to California. She began learning the sitar aged 9 with her father, the legendary Ravi Shankar, and made her professional debut at 13. Since then has been nominated for nine Grammys, played everywhere from the Barbican to Carnegie Hall, and worked with a wide range of artists including Herbie Hancock, Patti Smith, Rodrigo y Gabriela, Jules Buckley and His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Her latest project, a mini-album titled Chapter I: Forever, For Now, comes out in October.

Arooj Aftab is a Grammy award winning Pakistani-American singer, composer, and producer whose musical styles cover everything from jazz to minimalism. She's performed at Coachella, Glastonbury, and the Montreal Jazz Festival, and is also an Emmy winning documentary editor. She also produced Anoushka's latest album.

Lisa-Kaindé Diaz is one-half of multilingual French-Cuban duo Ibeyi, whose work fuses jazz with beats, samples, and traditional instruments. They've released three studio LPs, appeared on Beyoncé's groundbreaking visual album Lemonade, and have collaborated with Chilly Gonzales, Kamasi Washington and Jorja Smith.

Nadine Shah is a Mercury Prize-nominated British singer-songwriter who has performed at Glastonbury and London's Barbican. She's supported Patti Smith, Depeche Mode and Suede, recently made her acting debut in A Midsummer Night's Dream, and is currently working on her fifth album.

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SAT 23:06 The Newsroom (w1722sr4dlq93f)
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SAT 23:20 Sports News (w172z1k4llp5b9k)
BBC Sport brings you all the latest stories and results from around the world.

SAT 23:30 BBC News Summary (w1722r2w7ltjn4x)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 23:32 Tech Life (w3ct4tqh)
The carbon footprint of AI

Researchers estimate that the AI industry could consume as much energy annually as a country the size of the Netherlands by 2027. We take a look at the details and ways of reducing electricity demand. Also, we talk to one of Africa's leading technology entrepreneurs about how he sees AI helping the continent and how workers can adapt to it. And how do you persuade an unwanted wildlife creature not to mess up your garden? One man trained his home camera system to solve the problem.

(Photo: Electricity pylons. Credit: Igor Borisenko/Getty Images)

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SUN 00:30 BBC News Summary (w1722r2w7ltjrx1)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 00:32 The Comb (w3ct5j07)
Motherhood, mania and me (Radio version)

'She's not my baby': How giving birth triggered a woman's mental health crisis, leaving her desperate, delusional and detached from reality. Chebet found herself on a journey of illness and recovery, after her 'baby blues' morphed into something much darker. How do women embrace motherhood after postpartum psychosis?

This is a shortened radio version of this episode - to hear the full-length version, visit bbc.worldservice.com/thecomb

SUN 00:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct4sJg)
1964: When surfing came to Australia

Nearly 60 years ago, New South Wales in Australia hosted the first official World Surfing Championships. The competition attracted around 200 entries, including surfers from France, USA, South Africa, England, Peru and New Zealand.

The event was held in May at Sydney's Manly Beach and pulled in a crowd of up to 60,000 people.

Australian finalist Mick Dooley speaks to Patrick Kiteley about competing in the competition and how the weekend heralded a new wave of surf lovers in his country, making it a catalyst for the phenomenon the sport has become there today.

(Photo: Bernard 'Midget' Farrelly surfing during the First World Championships held at Manly beach, Sydney, Australia, on Sunday May 17 1964. Credit: Australian National Maritime Museum Collection. Gift from Dawn and Jack Eden)

SUN 01:00 BBC News (w1722r1sw6vjcs)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 01:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct4wk3)
How bedbugs took over the world

How did bedbugs become a global concern? We examine why their unconventional reproduction methods are so successful, how bedbugs and humans even crossed paths in the first place and what public health has to do with nation building.

Also on the show, we look at why there's no human version of dog food, how conspiracy theories take hold, and the legal wranglings over an old Canadian oil pipeline.

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SUN 02:30 BBC News Summary (w1722r2w7ltk0d9)
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SUN 02:32 Health Check (w3ct4pdl)
US proposes world first policy to reduce STIs

'Doxy PEP', or doxycycline post-exposure prophylaxis, is where a common antibiotic is given to someone shortly after having unprotected sex to avoid the chance of them getting an STI like chlamydia, gonorrhea, or syphilis. It's an idea being put forward by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the USA to cut STI rates. If their proposal is rolled out across the country, it would be the first national guideline recommending Doxy PEP for certain individuals, anywhere in the world. Claudia Hammond speaks to Professor Annie Luetkemeyer about the evidence for Doxy PEP, and hears from a Canadian man who had syphilis.

BBC Health and Science Correspondent James Gallagher brings Claudia new research on the most effective COVID-19 disease trackers. And a study from Sweden which could help us understand why people live beyond 100, by analysing their blood.

And they hear from people around the world who have come

together to talk about grief. The New Normal is a charity that has its roots in a barber shop in the UK when Ben (the barber) and Jack (his client) realised they shared the experience of losing their fathers. They set up a support group where people could share honest stories about grief. Now the charity have members across the globe who meet online and share stories about losing the people they love.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond
Producer: Clare Salisbury
Editor: Erika Wright

SUN 03:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6vrw1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 03:06 World Questions (w3ct59t7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6vwm5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct4ntj)

Afghan migrants in limbo in Pakistan

Pascale Harter introduces dispatches from correspondents in Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Greece and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Pakistan government is counting the days until it says it will begin to deport all illegal migrants - which includes, according to the government's own figures, some 1.7m Afghans. Caught up in this are nearly 2,000 Afghans who risked their lives working with, or for, the British armed forces and government organisations during the war in Afghanistan. They are waiting for the UK government to issues them with visa, to permit their safe resettlement in the UK. Caroline Davies has been speaking to them.

Sri Lanka has been suffering the worst economic crisis in its history as an independent nation. Sri Lankans have endured power cuts, food and fuel shortages, rising prices and rapid inflation. After loans from the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, the country's financial situation is improving, but when Archana Shukla travelled across the island, she discovered many people are still struggling to make ends meet.

Thessaly in Greece was one of the regions that was hit hardest by Storm Daniel last month, with swathes of farmland submerged under water. The region is known as Greece's 'breadbasket', as it provides much of the country's agricultural produce and livestock. Maria Margaronis spoke to farmers whose livelihoods were upended by the recent floods.

And in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Hugh Kinsella-Cunningham camps with heavily armed rangers, as they await the arrival of two VIPs on a jungle airstrip - two white rhinoceros - which are being reintroduced to the region as part of conservation efforts.

(Image: Afghan refugees getting ready to leave Karachi following the Pakistani government's decision to deport those illegally staying in the country. Karachi, Pakistan on 06 October 2023. Credit: Sabir Mazhar/Anadolu Agency via Getty Images)

SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rw7ltk7wk)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:32 Trending (w3ct5d99)

Trolled by a life coaching cult

A life coaching group has been accused of trolling former members. Lighthouse International Group promises to help people realise their dreams and ambitions, but the reality is more sinister. Lighthouse obsessively records and stores mentoring sessions and group calls. But when people ask questions or try to leave, that's when the trouble really starts.

BBC Trending's series Trolled lifts the lid on online abuse and trolling on and off social media.

Presenter: Catrin Nye
Producer: Ed Main
Editor: Flora Carmichael

SUN 04:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct4s4g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:50 today]

SUN 05:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6w0c9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tk146fb0h)

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SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rw7ltkcmp)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct63cy)

Africa's urban future: Ghana

If, as has been projected, Africa could be home to 40% of humanity by the end of the century, will its already highly pressurised cities be able to provide decent living conditions for all their inhabitants? Mike Wooldridge and Ghanaian architect Ruth-Anne Richardson report on the opportunities and challenges this rapid urbanisation brings in West Africa.

The stretch of nearly 1,000 km between Abidjan and Lagos, is by 2100 projected to be the largest zone of continuous, dense habitation on earth - and home to about half a billion people. In Ghana alone, the population which was around six million at the time of independence could - according to some estimates - exceed 50 million by 2050. There has been unprecedented migration into Accra and other cities from rural areas, straining the city's ability to provide basic housing and services to people, and exacerbating existing inequalities.

Presenter: Mike Wooldridge
Producer: Ruth Evans
A Ruth Evans Productions series for BBC World Service

(Photo: A street hawker sells Ghana flags in Accra. Credit: Getty Images)

SUN 06:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6w43f)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 06:06 Weekend (w172z37gdfyyc1)

World Health Organization warns Gaza hospital evacuations could be "death sentence"

The World Health Organization says an order by Israel to evacuate more than twenty hospitals in northern Gaza is tantamount to a death sentence for some of the sick and injured. It raised concerns particularly about those on life-support or babies in incubators. Meanwhile, the Israeli military says it is planning an attack by land, air and sea. We will have latest from our correspondent in Jerusalem.

Also in programme: polling booths have opened in Poland for its general election; and we get a tour of a travelling exhibition celebrating the centenary of Disney.

Joining Paul Henley to discuss this and more are Vernoika Poniscjakova, a senior teaching fellow at the University of Portsmouth and Miles Johnson who is a an investigate journalist for the Financial Times.

(Picture: People search for survivors at the site of an Israeli rocket attack in Al-Shati refugee camp in the west of Gaza City. Credit: Mohammed Saber/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

SUN 07:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6w7vk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 07:06 Weekend (w172z37gdfyvh35)

Israeli military says its planning an attack in Gaza by land, air and sea

The Israeli military says it is planning an attack in Gaza by land, air and sea. It comes as the UN humanitarian chief, Martin Griffiths, has said the situation is fast becoming untenable. The UN says nearly a million Palestinians there have now been displaced - due to airstrikes and Israel's warning that people should get out of the north of Gaza.

Also in the programme: Ecuadorians will be voting today in the second round of a presidential election that has been marred by violence; and scientists say lunar dust could be melted to make a material that could help astronauts and technology get around the Moon.

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(Picture: A Palestinian inspects the site of Israeli strikes on houses in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip. Credit: Ibraheem Abu Mustafa/Reuters)

(Picture: People search for survivors at the site of an Israeli rocket attack in Al-Shati refugee camp in the west of Gaza City. Credit: Mohammed Saber/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

SUN 08:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6wclp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 08:06 Weekend (w172z37gdfyylv9)

Gaza: Israel urged to provide safety for civilians

President Joe Biden has held telephone calls with the Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, and the leader of the Palestinian authority in the West Bank, Mahmoud Abbas. Mr Biden urged Israel to provide safety for civilians amid the ongoing bombardment of Gaza. He urged Mr Abbas to condemn the Palestinian militant group, Hamas, after its assault on Israel last week.

Also in the programme: Poles are voting for a new parliament after a bitterly contested election campaign; the violence of Belgium's cocaine trade; and why you shouldn't tell your kids to follow their dreams!

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(Photo: Israel has warned 1.1m Palestinians living in north Gaza to evacuate south, and thousands have been fleeing by vehicle or on foot. Credit: EPA)

SUN 09:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6whbt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct4ntj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today]

SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rw7ltkvm6)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:32 Outlook (w3ct4rbm)

Cooking for my mother helped her share a hidden history

Grace M. Cho grew up Korean-American in a small town in Washington state. Her mother, Koonja, was a Korean woman who met Grace's white-American father - a merchant marine - on a US military base in the aftermath of the Korean war. Charismatic and determined, Koonja did everything she could to 'fit in' in their town: she threw a party for Grace and her brother's teachers to help them integrate at school; she learned to cook American food; and she also founded a thriving woodland-foraging business that led to her being nicknamed "the blackberry lady" by the locals. Still, Grace never felt the family was truly accepted, and they often experienced harassment. When Grace was 15, Koonja suffered a psychological breakdown that would, years later, be diagnosed as schizophrenia. Struggling to help, Grace turned detective and uncovered her mother's traumatic history in Korea. But it was through cooking - and recreating Korean recipes Koonja had not tasted for decades - that Grace and her mother were able to find comfort and connection. Grace's memoir is called *Tastes Like War*. (First broadcast in 2021)

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Presenter: Anu Anand
Producer: Laura Thomas

(Photo: Grace M. Cho. Credit: Patrick Bower)

SUN 10:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6wm2y)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:06 Music Life (w3ct4mgf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:06 on Saturday]

SUN 11:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6wqv2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tk146g1h8)

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SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rw7tl33g)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:32 Trending (w3ct5d99)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct5b70)

Greedy jobs and the gender pay gap

Harvard professor Claudia Goldin has become only the third woman to win the Nobel Economics Prize for her groundbreaking research on women's employment and pay. Tim Harford discusses her work showing how gender differences in pay and work have changed over the last 200 years and why the gender pay gap persists to this day.

Presenter: Charlotte McDonald
Producer: Jon Bithrey
Editor: Richard Vadon
Sound Engineer: David Crackles

(Picture: Claudia Goldin at Harvard University
Credit: Reuters / Reba Saldanha)

SUN 12:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6wvl6)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5b2f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]

SUN 12:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rw7ltd6vl)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:32 The Cultural Frontline (w3ct618p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:32 on Saturday]

SUN 13:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6wzbb)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 13:06 Newshour (w172z09nb6dskmr)
Jordan's foreign minister speaks about Israel-Gaza conflict

As the tensions around Gaza build ahead of a widely-expected Israeli ground offensive, the Jordanian foreign minister, Ayman Safadi says Palestinians being moved from Gaza to Egypt "unacceptable" to his country.

Also in the programme: we'll hear from an Israeli whose sister was at one of the kibbutzim attacked a week ago; and we'll ask a Hamas member speaking from Gaza whether he accepts the organisation has committed war crimes.

(Photo shows Jordan's Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi speaking at a press conference. Credit: Alaa Al Sukhni/Reuters)

SUN 14:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6x32g)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:06 Music Life (w3ct4mgf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 22:06 on Saturday]

SUN 15:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6x6tl)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 15:06 Sportsworld (w172z1k1b8xjst)
Live Sporting Action

Delyth Lloyd presents coverage of the Merseyside Derby between Liverpool and Everton at Anfield in the Women's Super League.

The Sportsworld team will discuss the quarter final action at the men's Rugby World Cup with hosts France taking on holders South Africa in Paris, there will be updates on England v Afghanistan at the men's Cricket World Cup, and a focus on men's international football, including an in-depth interview with the Australia manager Graham Arnold.

Photo: Aurora Galli of Everton during the FA Women's Super League match between Everton FC and Liverpool at Goodison Park on March 24, 2023 in Liverpool, England.(Credit: Everton FC via Getty Images)

SUN 19:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6xpt3)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tk146h0g9)
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SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rw7ltm22h)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct5hn2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:32 on Saturday]

SUN 20:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6xtk7)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct4wk3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 01:06 today]

SUN 21:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6xy9c)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 21:06 Newshour (w172z09nb6dttjs)
Tensions build in Gaza as civilians move south in great numbers

The US Secretary of State, Anthony Blinken, has warned that every precaution must be taken to avoid harming civilians, as Israel prepares a major ground offensive in Gaza.

Also in the programme: we hear from the Jordanian foreign minister; a senior member of Hamas; and the Israeli ambassador to the UK. We also speak to an IDF reservist in New York who explains why he will be fighting in this war.

(Picture: Residents of Gaza City continue to evacuate. Credit: Mohammed Saber via EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

SUN 22:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6y21h)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5bkn)
Bill Gates: How I stay positive on climate change

Bill Gates, the tech billionaire turned philanthropist, has been combating poverty, disease, and inequity around the world for decades. However, in recent years he has shifted focus and resources towards the climate crisis.

Gates believes fighting climate change and fighting poverty are two sides of the same coin. Food, health and economic crises will last longer and become more severe as climate threats escalate; disproportionately impacting the most vulnerable communities.

Surprisingly, Gates remains optimistic and believes the power of human ingenuity will win out with a technology-driven approach in both mitigation and adaptation.

Graihagh Jackson sits down with Mr Gates to talk about his positive outlook and the billions he's investing in tackling climate change.

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Presenter: Graihagh Jackson
Producer: Osman Iqbal
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Editor: China Collins
Sound engineers: James Beard and Graham Puddifoot

SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rw7ltm9w)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5b98)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

SUN 22:50 Over to You (w3ct4rpx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

SUN 23:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6y5sm)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:06 The Newsroom (w172z2sr4dl60j)
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SUN 23:20 Sports News (w172z1k4llp876n)
BBC Sport brings you all the latest stories and results from around the world.

SUN 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rw7ltmk20)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:32 Outlook (w3ct4rbm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 today]

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MON 00:00 BBC News (w172z2r1sw6y9jr)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 00:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct4ntj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rw7ltm4t)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 00:32 Trending (w3ct5d99)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 on Sunday]

MON 00:50 More or Less (w3ct5b70)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j28k1)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 01:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydhml67)
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MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3rmtf)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 01:32 Happy News (w3ct5hv5)
Bill Gates: Looking on the bright side

Our weekly collection of the happiest stories in the world. This week, how tech giant Bill Gates stays optimistic when it comes to climate change, what goes into growing the world's biggest pumpkin. And, what makes Alaska's perfect bear.

Presenter Andrew Peach. Music produced by Iona Hampson.

MON 02:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j2d95)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydhmpyc)
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MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3rrkk)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 02:32 CrowdScience (w3ct4y4p)
Why are spices delicious?

CrowdScience listener Kristine from Wisconsin in the USA wants to know why herbs and spices taste so good to so many of us. She's intrigued to know if there's evidence that herbs and spices can keep us healthy.

Anand Jagatia visits the historic naval city of Portsmouth in the UK, where exotic spices from around the world were first brought in from the East Asia more than 600 years ago.

He's on a journey to find out why many of us think spices are delicious. But are there also nutritional benefits to seasoning our food with them? Anand asks what science or studies are there to show that eating herbs and spices can be beneficial for our health?

Presenter: Anand Jagatia
Producer: Joanna Hall
Assistant Producer: Jonathan Harris
Editor: Richard Collings
Studio Technicians: Bob Nettles & Steve Greenwood

Contributors:

Prof. Lindell Bromham, evolutionary biologist, Australian National University
Dr. Kanchan Koya, Molecular Biologist and founder of the Spice Spice Baby website
Dr. Beronda L. Montgomery, plant biologist and Dean at Grinnell College, Iowa, USA
Dr. Lorenzo Stafford an olfactory researcher, Department of Psychology, University of Portsmouth, UK

(Photo: A couple stand at a spice shop. Credit: Thomas Barwick / Getty Images)

MON 03:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j2j19)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 03:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct4y05)

AI for good

Artificial intelligence can sometimes provoke fear and anxiety. Will it take away our jobs? Will it take over the world? So it's important to recognise some of the good things AI is being used for.

We look at how AI chatbots are helping people tackle anxiety, how AI is being used in Africa to lower infant mortality and even speak to the team using AI to try and communicate with bats.

Presenter: Myra Anubi
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Image: An illustration of a digital brain (Getty Images)

MON 03:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3rw9p)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 03:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5b98)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

MON 03:50 Over to You (w3ct4rpx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

MON 04:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j2msf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydhmfym)

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MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3s01t)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct4tw1)

Descending the depths: Freediving champions

Kim Chakanetsa speaks to two freedivers from Italy and Poland about what it takes to compete and set world-records in the extreme sport.

Athlete Alessia Zecchini set world and Italian records in freediving. She has recently featured on the Netflix documentary The Deepest Breath.

Julia Kozerska from Poland has broken multiple world records and specialises in dynamic no fins diving. Alongside training and competing, Julia also works as a lifeguard and physiotherapist.

Producer: Emily Naylor

(Image: Alessia Zecchini (L), Julia Kozerska (R) . Background: Alessia Zecchini diving, Credit Laura Babahekian.)

MON 05:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j2rjk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 05:06 Newsday (w172z076c8wxhh3)

UN Chief: Middle East on the 'verge of the abyss'

The UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, has said the Middle East is on the "verge of the abyss" as the conflict between Israel and Hamas escalates.

US President Joe Biden has said Hamas should be eliminated, but that it would be a big mistake for Israel to occupy Gaza.

And exit polls suggest the governing Law and Justice party in Poland has lost its parliamentary majority.

MON 06:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j2w8p)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 06:06 Newsday (w172z076c8wxm77)

UN: 'Fuel reserves at hospitals in Gaza running out'

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs says fuel reserves at all hospitals in the Gaza Strip are likely to run out within the next 24 hours.

Exit polls suggest the governing Law and Justice party in Poland has lost its parliamentary majority.

And Walt Disney celebrates its 100th birthday.

MON 07:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j300t)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 07:06 Newsday (w172z076c8wxqzc)

US President: Gaza occupation would be a 'big mistake'

US President Joe Biden has called on Israel to exercise caution, as its ground forces prepare for an offensive in Gaza, in response to an assault by Hamas fighters.

Reports suggest Russia's Avdiivka offensive is failing.

And Chinese state media says the former chairman of the Bank of China has been arrested on suspicion of bribery and giving illegal loans.

MON 08:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j33ry)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct4p3l)

Olha Stefanishyna: How solid is the West's support for Kyiv?

Stephen Sackur speaks to Olha Stefanishyna, Ukraine's Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration. Just how solid is the West's support for Kyiv? And what happens to Ukraine if the flow of weapons, money and diplomatic support is called into question from Washington to Warsaw?

MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3sh1b)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct4mv6)

The impact of India's rice export ban

In an effort to insulate domestic prices, India has banned exports of non basmati white rice - its largest rice category.

We ask what the impact of this is on large importing countries.

A rice mill owner in Northern Nigeria tells us how the country is expanding its domestic rice production as a result of India's curb, and we hear from a retailer in the UAE about the purchasing restriction it placed on customers as soon as the announcement was made.

We look at whether other countries can meet the shortfall of rice in global supply and what this could mean for global food security.

Presenter: Devina Gupta
Producer: Amber Mehmood

MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct4xb8)

Cambodian peace walk

In 1992, the first peace walk was held in Cambodia aimed at uniting a country torn apart by years of conflict.

Buddhist monks, Cambodian refugees and aid workers set out on the 415 km journey which became known as the Dhammayietra – or the pilgrimage of truth.

The hope was to reunite Cambodian refugees who had fled into Thailand during Pol Pot's brutal Marxist rule, with those people still living within Cambodia.

Distrust and fear had built up on both sides but that began to melt away during the 30-day trek, as organiser Yeshua Moser-Puangsuwan tells Jane Wilkinson.

(Photo: Dhammayietra, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Credit: Romeo Gacad/AFP via Getty Images)

MON 09:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j37j2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 09:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydhmk58)

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MON 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3slsg)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 09:32 CrowdScience (w3ct4y4p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

MON 10:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j3c86)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct4w5q)

The creation of Ghana's flag and the oldest person at primary school

Max Pearson presents a collection of this week's Witness History episodes from the BBC World Service.

We hear from Kwasi Okoh about how his mother Theodosia Okoh designed Ghana's flag after it became the first country in sub-Saharan Africa to gain independence.

Our guest, former diplomatic and foreign affairs editor, Tim Marshall, explains the importance of flags for national identity and their changing purpose through history. We also learn about the moment in 1966 when Kwame Nkrumah, one of Africa's most famous leaders, was ousted from power in Ghana.

Plus, how in 2013, India's Supreme Court made a landmark ruling aimed at transforming the lives of acid attack survivors. It followed a campaign led by Laxmi Agarwal who at the age of 15 was burned when acid was thrown at her.

And the artist Yinka Shonibare discusses how 'Nelson's Ship in a Bottle' exhibited in London's Trafalgar Square was the world's largest ship in a bottle.

And finally, how Kimani Maruge became the oldest man to enroll at a primary school in Kenya.

Contributors:

Kwasi Okoh - son of Theodosia Okoh
Tim Marshall - former diplomatic and foreign affairs editor for Sky News
Chris Hesse - Ghanaian filmmaker
Laxmi Agarwal - acid attack survivor
Yinka Shonibare - creator of Nelson's Ship in a Bottle
Jane Obinchi - Kimani Maruge's former teacher

(Photo: Ghanaian football fans wave their national flag. Credit: Getty Images)

MON 11:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j3h0b)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 11:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydhnsnj)

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MON 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3sv8q)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 11:32 The Conversation (w3ct4tw1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

MON 12:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j3lrg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct4qgk)

Thirty-eight days: A family adrift in the Pacific

Douglas was 16 years old when his parents sold the family farm in England and took him and his three siblings on a sailing trip around the world. It was the adventure of a lifetime. But in 1972 while en route to New Zealand, their yacht was hit by a pod of orcas and started to sink fast. Weeks from safety and with no way to send for help, Douglas and his family would have to find a way to survive.

Presenter: Mobeen Azhar
Producer: May Cameron
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(Photo: The Robertson family. Credit: Douglas Robertson)

MON 12:50 Witness History (w3ct4xb8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

MON 13:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j3qhl)

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MON 13:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydhp14s)

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MON 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3t2rz)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 13:32 CrowdScience (w3ct4y4p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

MON 14:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j3v7q)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 14:06 Newshour (w172z09npgq0hh4)

Israel minister says Gaza aim is to 'amplify pressure'

Likud minister for Intelligence Gila Gamliel says supply lines to Gaza have been suspended in order to "amplify pressure". We hear from a Gazan resident in Khan Younis who was turned away at the Rafah border crossing.

Also in the programme: is Poland on the brink of a new government? And cricket in the Olympics.

(Picture: Palestinians gather to collect water, amid shortages of drinking water, in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip October 15, 2023. Credit: REUTERS/Mohammed Salem)

MON 15:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j3yzv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct4p3l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

MON 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3tb87)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct4zdw)

Former Bank of China boss arrested on bribery charges

The former chairman of the Bank of China has been arrested on suspicion of bribery and giving illegal loans. Liu Liange, chairman of the state-owned bank from 2019 to 2023, had resigned from his position in March this year. The 62-year-old is one of the most senior bankers to be targeted in President Xi Jinping's anti-corruption probe into China's \$60 trillion financial sector. As China's 'Belt and Road' infrastructure initiative approaches the 10-year point, we assess its global impact ahead of a forum being held in Beijing this week. Disney marks its 100th year. We take a look at the history of the US-based entertainment and streaming giant. (Picture: Liu Liange, Vice Chairman and President of Bank of China, attends the 11th Lujiazui Forum at Shangri-La Hotel on June 13, 2019 in Shanghai, China. Credit: Wu Jun/Visual China Group via Getty Images)

MON 16:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j42qz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 16:06 BBC OS (w172z0w1q8624dl)

Hamas and Israel war: Day 10

Palestinians have been gathering at the Rafah border crossing with Egypt in the southern Gaza Strip in the hope of leaving ahead of an expected Israeli ground offensive. US media reported that it would open for dual nationals to leave and for humanitarian aid to enter, without giving timings. However, the crossing point remained closed on Monday afternoon. We hear from people on the border and explain it's history and importance to the region.

We also speak to Israeli teenagers, as we look at the affect of the current conflict on those growing up in the country. And we speak to an Israeli social worker and child welfare expert about her work in helping young people in Israel dealing with the trauma of recent events.

Presenter: James Reynolds

(Photo: Palestinians wait to cross the Rafah border crossing with Egypt, southern Gaza Strip, 16 October 2023. Credit: HAITHAM IMAD/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

MON 17:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j46h3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 17:06 BBC OS (w172z0w1q86284q)

Could Hamas and Israel war escalate?

Israel has activated a plan to evacuate residents within 2km of Lebanon, following exchanges of fire with Hezbollah in parallel to the conflict in southern Israel with Hamas. The Iranian foreign minister has warned that the prospect of the war between Israel and Hamas spreading to other fronts is becoming increasingly inevitable. We get the latest developments from the BBC's international correspondent Lyse Doucet in southern Israel.

We tell you about the visit of US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who has been discussing humanitarian aid to civilians in a meeting in Tel Aviv with the Israeli prime minister.

We also speak to Israeli teenagers, as we look at the affect of the current conflict on those growing up in the country. And we speak to an Israeli social worker and child welfare expert about her work in helping young people in Israel dealing with the trauma of recent events.

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MON 18:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j4b77)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 18:06 Outlook (w3ct4qgk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

MON 18:50 Witness History (w3ct4xb8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

MON 19:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j4fzc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 19:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydhprmk)

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

MON 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3tt7r)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct4stj)

2023/10/16 GMT

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 (w172z2r254j4kqh)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct4ntj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3txzw)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct65qv)

Gideon Henderson

We're used to hearing the stories of scientists who study the world as it is now but what about the study of the past - what can this tell us about our future?

Gideon Henderson's research focuses on trying to understand climate change by looking at what was happening on our planet thousands of years ago.

His work has taken him all around the world - to the deepest oceans and the darkest caves - where he collects samples containing radioactive isotopes which he uses as "clocks" to date past ice ages and other major climate events.

As a geochemist and Professor of Earth Sciences at the University of Oxford, his work deals with the biggest questions, like our impact on the carbon cycle and climate, the health of our oceans, and finding new ways to remove greenhouse gases from the atmosphere.

But in his role as Chief Scientific Adviser at the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, he also very much works on the present, at the intersection between the worlds of research and policy. He has overseen the decision to allow gene-edited food to be developed commercially in England and a UK surveillance programme to spot the Covid-19 virus in our waste-water.

(Photo: Gideon Henderson. Credit: Gideon Henderson.)

MON 21:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j4pgm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 21:06 Newshour (w172z09npgq1bq1)

Gaza Rafah crossing remains closed

BBC correspondent Rushdi Abu Alouf tells us he travelled 10 km to secure bottled water and that rubbish is piling up on the streets. UN aid chief Martin Griffiths says Gaza's health system and hospitals are "collapsing before our eyes" without water, fuel and medical supplies.

Also on the programme: Poland on the cusp of getting a new government; and China's Belt and Road Initiative promised increased trade with Russia, how successful has it been?

(Damage in Gaza City following Israeli strikes. Credit: Mohammed Saber via EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

MON 22:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j4t6r)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 22:06 HARDtalk (w3ct4p3l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

MON 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3v5h4)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 22:32 The Conversation (w3ct4tw1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

MON 23:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j4xyw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 23:06 The Newsroom (w172z2srhnx0y5s)

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

MON 23:20 Sports News (w172z1k4yvgzcx)

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

MON 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3v978)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct4zh4)

Ecuador votes in its youngest ever president

35 year-old Daniel Noboa faces a rising tide of crime and violence and an economic crisis that has made many Ecuadorians leave their country.

Ecuadorean bonds rallied on the vote result as Mr Noboa's business background provided a boost for investors that had seen the country's dollar debt fall sharply this year.

Roger Hearing hears how the new president will look to tackle these challenges and how he can get the economy on track.

(Picture: Ecuadorian presidential candidate Daniel Noboa and his wife Lavinia Valbonesi celebrate his win in the presidential election, in Santa Elena, Ecuador October 15, 2023. Credit: REUTERS/Santiago Arcos TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY)

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2023**TUE 00:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j51q0)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct4w5q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j55g4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 01:06 Business Matters (w172zrsng5gpgv)

Leaders gather for Belt and Road Forum

Russia's President Vladimir Putin is expected to meet China's President Xi Jinping as the programme marks its 10th anniversary.

Over that ten years has it benefitted China or the developing countries where the building projects have taken place?

Roger Hearing discusses this and other business news from around the world with Sharon Bretkelly, Presenter at Radio New Zealand in Auckland, and Peter Morici, Economist at the University of Maryland.

TUE 02:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j5968)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydhqlvg)

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TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3vngn)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:32 The Documentary (w3ct63cz)

Africa's urban future: Tanzania

Mike Wooldridge and Tanzanian development worker Mary Ndaro report on the opportunities and challenges for Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's commercial centre, and one of Africa's fastest growing cities.

Some six million people currently call Dar es Salaam home, but the city's population has grown by a whopping 40% in just a decade. By the 2030s it is projected to become a megacity with a population of more than 10 million. Getting around cities like Dar es Salaam can be not only stressful but expensive, negotiating roads clogged with cars and choked with fumes. The city is now investing in transport infrastructure to keep people moving.

Presenter: Mike Wooldridge and Mary Ndaro

Producer: Ruth Evans

A Ruth Evans production for BBC World Service

(Photo: Mary Ndaro. Credit: Ruth Evans)

TUE 03:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j5dyd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct4qgk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Monday]

TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct4xb8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j5jpi)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydhqvbq)

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TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3vwyx)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct3jjv)

Mohsen Makhmalbaf

Iranian director Mohsen Makhmalbaf takes us behind the scenes of the making of Kandahar, his film about life in Afghanistan that captured the world's attention when President Bush asked to see it after the attacks on 9/11.

He reveals how he managed to film on a smugglers' route between Iran and Afghanistan, and how he avoided the attentions of the Taliban. And he also reveals details of the documentary he is currently making about the return of the Taliban to Afghanistan.

Presented by Antonia Quirke

Produced by Stephen Hughes for BBC World Service

TUE 05:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j5nfn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 05:06 Newsday (w172z076c8x0dd6)

US President will travel to Israel

The United States has announced that President Joe Biden will visit Israel on Wednesday to show support for its war against Hamas.

Israel's military is evacuating 28 communities near the northern

border with Lebanon because of escalating hostilities with Hezbollah militants.

And the Russian President, Vladimir Putin, is in China -- his first official trip outside the former Soviet Union this year.

TUE 06:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j5s5s)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 06:06 Newsday (w172z076c8x0j4b)

Biden to visit Tel Aviv on Wednesday

US President Joe Biden is to visit Israel on Wednesday, in a show of support for the country as it continues its war against Hamas in Gaza.

UN agencies have warned of a deepening humanitarian crisis in Gaza as Israel continues its bombardment.

And Belgian police are searching for a gunman who killed two Swedish football fans in a suspected Islamist attack.

TUE 07:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j5wxx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 07:06 Newsday (w172z076c8x0mwg)

US President to visit Israel in 'solidarity'

US President Joe Biden is to visit Israel on Wednesday, in a show of support for the country as it continues its war against Hamas in Gaza.

Israel's military is evacuating 28 communities near the northern border with Lebanon because of escalating hostilities with Hezbollah militants.

And India's Supreme Court is delivering its ruling on the legality of same sex marriages.

TUE 08:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j60p1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct4y06)

Stopping suicide

More than 400 people in Ireland took their own lives in 2022. In Limerick, helicopters are often heard flying above the city in search of missing people in the River Shannon.

But in response to this tragic situation, a group has sprung up to patrol the Shannon in the evenings to speak with people who are feeling desperate. Katie Flannery joins them on a Saturday night to see how they work and to hear their stories.

We also hear about a law that is under consideration in several US states, which would allow people with mental health problems to voluntarily put themselves on a do-not-sell list for firearms.

This programme contains discussion of suicide and suicide attempts. If you feel affected by this topic, you can speak to someone who can help. Go to befrienders.org to find a crisis phone line where you live.

Presenter: Myra Anubi

Reporter: Katie Flannery

Producer: William Kremer

Series producer: Tom Colls

Sound mix: Gareth Jones

Editor: Penny Murphy

Email: peoplefixingtheworld@bbc.co.uk

Image: Limerick Suicide Watch

TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3wcyf)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct4n47)

Bottles or balsa: What should wind turbine blades be made from?

For years, balsa wood has been a key component in the giant rotor blades on the top of wind turbines. Most of it comes from the rain forests of South America and, in particular, from Ecuador.

As the world transitions to green energy, lots of countries – particularly China – have been looking for more balsa to make blades. That pushed up prices, raised questions over sustainability and prompted some companies to look for

alternatives to balsa wood. One alternative is PET, a foam made from recycled plastic bottles.

So what should we be using to make the wind turbine blades of the future – biodegradable balsa wood or plastic foam made from old bottles?

We talk to people on both sides of the debate and visit a wind farm in rural England to see the blades in action.

(Picture: Crook Hill wind farm in Rochdale, north of England.)

Presented and produced by Gideon Long

TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct4xgt)

Rana Plaza building collapse

In April 2013, Rana Plaza, an eight-storey building on the outskirts of Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, collapsed.

More than 1,000 people died and many others were injured.

The building contained five garment factories which manufactured clothes for well-known international brands.

It was the worst industrial disaster in Bangladesh's history.

Parul Akhter, a sewing machinist who survived the collapse, talks to Dan Hardoon.

(Photo: An injured victim of the Rana Plaza disaster at the site. Credit: Getty Images)

TUE 09:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j64f5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 09:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydhrg2c)

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TUE 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3whpk)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 09:32 The Documentary (w3ct63cz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

TUE 10:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j6859)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 10:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct4vln)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

TUE 11:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j6cxf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 11:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydhprkm)

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TUE 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3wr5t)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 11:32 In the Studio (w3ct3jjv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

TUE 12:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j6hmk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 12:06 Outlook (w3ct4qx3)

Discovering my mother was a Vietnamese rock 'n' roll star

Hannah Ha knew her mother could sing. When she took the stage at karaoke, she always stole the show. But when a chance email revealed she had once been a recording artist called Phuong Tam in 1960s Saigon, she was stunned. Hannah embarked on a two-year hunt to track down her mother's long-lost recordings – and her rock 'n' roll legacy.

Presenter: Mobeen Azhar

Producer: Zoe Gelber

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TUE 13:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j6mdp)

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TUE 13:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydhry1w)

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TUE 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3wzp2)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 13:32 Discovery (w3ct65qv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Monday]

TUE 14:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j6r4t)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 14:06 Newshour (w172z09npgq3dd7)

UN: Gaza Strip on 'edge of catastrophe'

UN agencies have warned that Gaza is barrelling towards catastrophe, with fuel, water and food running out. They're pleading for aid to be allowed into the territory, which has again come under heavy Israeli attack. Ahead of a visit by President Biden, there are growing concerns the region is on the edge of the abyss. We'll be speaking to Egypt's foreign minister, Sameh Shoukry.

Also, Iran and the militant group Hezbollah threaten to take action against Israel - how seriously should Israel take the threat?

(photo: A man cries as he looks at a building destroyed in Khan Younis. Credit: Reuters)

TUE 15:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j6vwy)

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TUE 15:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct4y06)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

TUE 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3x75b)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct4zpx)

Putin arrives in China to boost anti-West coalition

Vladimir Putin has made his first official trip outside the Soviet region this year. The Russian president is seeking to bolster anti-west support as his country faces Western sanctions because of the ongoing war in Ukraine. The visit comes despite an outstanding warrant for his arrest from the International Criminal Court. We examine the closing economic links between Russia and China with non-resident scholar at the Carnegie Russia-Eurasia Center in Berlin, Alexandra Prokopenko.

South African president Cyril Ramaphosa has dismissed talk of a financial crisis in the country. He was speaking at a three-day meeting of the ANC's National Executive Committee.

Goldman Sachs CEO David Solomon has stopped his side hustle of DJing. We ask HR expert Tracie Sponenberg if there should be a line between someone's professional and personal interests.

(Picture: Russia's President Vladimir Putin, arrives at Beijing Capital International Airport to attend the Third Belt and Road Forum in Beijing, China, October 17, 2023. Credit: Parker Song/Pool via Reuters)

TUE 16:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j6zn2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 16:06 BBC OS (w172z0w1q86519p)

Israel-Hamas war: Crisis in Gaza deepens

The World Health Organization said it needed urgent access to the Gaza Strip to deliver medical supplies and aid as all access remained closed, including via Egypt's Rafah crossing in the south. An Israeli military spokesman has denied there's a humanitarian crisis in the region. We get the latest developments from the ground on day 11 of the war between Israel and Hamas, and we also look at how the conflict may expand as the Israeli military carries further strikes on targets in Lebanon linked to the Iranian-backed group Hezbollah.

We look at the ongoing political upheaval in Poland, where with all votes counted in the general election, the Law and Justice party looks set to lose power after eight years. The result could

lead to a pro-EU government if the three main opposition groups can agree to form a coalition.

We speak to our correspondent in India where gay and lesbian activists in India have expressed disappointment after the Supreme Court declined to recognise same-sex marriage. The chief justice said laws on marriage equality were the domain of parliament. We also hear from members of India's LGBTQ+ community.

Presenter: James Reynolds

(Photo: Israeli air strikes in the northern Gaza Strip - 17 Oct 2023. Credit: MOHAMMED SABER/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

TUE 17:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j73d6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 17:06 BBC OS (w172z0w1q86551t)

Israel-Hamas war: Fleeing Gaza

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We speak to our colleague at BBC Brasil about the Amazon river which has fallen to its lowest level since records began more than a century ago as a result of a historic drought. Communities dependent on river transport have been cut off by low water levels.

Presenter: James Reynolds

(Photo: A damaged home is seen after it was hit by a rocket launched from the Gaza Strip into Israel, in Sderot, southern Israel October 17, 2023. Credit: REUTERS/Amir Cohen)

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TUE 20:06 The Documentary (w3ct63cz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3xtwz)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:32 Tech Life (w3ct4tqj)

Spotting fake news online

BBC disinformation reporter Shayan Sardarizadeh talks to Tech Life about the spread of false information online during times of conflict, and how he verifies social media posts. An expert on electric cars answers your questions about EVs. We send our reporter out to sea to find out how tech can help marine conservation. And say hello to some old friends - Sonic the Hedgehog and Super Mario.

(Photo: Man holds a yellow warning symbol in front of a laptop. Credit: Getty Images)

TUE 21:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j7lcq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 21:06 Newshour (w172z09npgq47m4)

Over 300 people killed in Gaza City hospital

Hamas officials in Gaza say an Israeli airstrike has killed more than three hundred people in a hospital in Gaza City run by the Anglican Church. We hear from one of the Church's leading figures in Jerusalem. Israel has denied responsibility and blamed Islamic Jihad.

It happens the day before President Biden visits Israel; we ask a former prominent US diplomat what Mr Biden is hoping to achieve.

And we hear from the mother of one French dual-national taken hostage.

(IMAGE: An injured person is assisted after an Israeli air strike hit At Al-Ahli Hospital, according to Gaza Health Ministry in Gaza City, Gaza Strip, October 17, 2023 / CREDIT: REUTERS/Mohammed Al-Ma)

TUE 22:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j7q3v)

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TUE 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct4zs5)

How does aid get into Gaza?

Hundreds of tonnes of aid is piling up in Egypt at the border with the Gaza Strip.

President Biden and other world leaders have called on Egypt to open the border known as the Rafah crossing with Gaza to help this situation.

Sam Fenwick speaks to the World Health Organisation as they try to get vital supplies into the region.

(Picture: People load a humanitarian aid convoy for the Gaza Strip, parked in Arish, Egypt, 16 October 2023 Credit: Photo by STR/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2023**WED 00:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j7ym3)**

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WED 00:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct4vln)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

WED 01:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j82c7)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 01:06 Business Matters (w172yzrsng5klrk)
Getting aid into Gaza

The World Health Organisation says it needs urgent safe passage to send supplies as people are 'dying unnecessarily from a lack of water and medical care'.

President Biden and other world leaders have called on Egypt to open the border known as the Rafah crossing as tonnes of aid piles up.

Sam Fenwick discusses this and more business news from around the world with Tony Nash, chief economist at Complete Intelligence, in Texas, and Rachel Cartland, author, writer and expert on Hong Kong.

(Picture: People load a humanitarian aid convoy for the Gaza Strip, parked in Arish, Egypt, 16 October 2023. Credit: STR/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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WED 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3ykr)
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WED 02:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5bkn)
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WED 04:32 The Bomb (w3ct67bq)
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Christopher Nolan's Hollywood film 'Oppenheimer' tells the story of the father of the atomic bomb. And one of the other key players in the creation of the bomb was the scientist Leo Szilard – he was instrumental to both the creation of the bomb, and later, the fight to stop it being used. The writer Emily Strasser's family was involved too, and she tells the story of the chain reaction onwards from the splitting of the atom.

After befriending some of the world's greatest physicists in 1920s Berlin, Albert Einstein among them, Leo Szilard is forced to flee when the Nazis come to power. In London, he discovers the destructive possibilities of harnessing nuclear power; setting the course for the world's first atomic bomb.

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WED 05:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j8kbr)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 05:06 Newsday (w172z076c8x3999)
Hundreds feared dead at Gaza hospital

Israel and the Palestinians have blamed each other for an

explosion at a hospital in Gaza that is said to have killed hundreds of civilians.

And US President Joe Biden flies to Israel as a summit in Jordan is cancelled.

WED 06:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j8p2w)
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WED 06:06 Newsday (w172z076c8x3f1f)
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WED 07:06 Newsday (w172z076c8x3jsk)
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WED 08:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j8x14)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct4p83)
Husam Zomlot: Is Gaza on the brink of a humanitarian crisis?

Stephen Sackur speaks to the head of the Palestinian Mission to the UK Husam Zomlot. Hamas surely knew its murderous attack on Israel would provoke an overwhelming military response. The jihadists, it seems, wanted a devastating war. But what about Palestinians not with Hamas? As conflict in the Middle East escalates, what are their options?

(Photo: Husam Zomlot, the Palestinian Ambassador to Britain, attends a news conference at the Arab British Chamber of Commerce. Credit: London. Clodagh Kilcoyne/Reuters)

WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3z8vj)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct4n8r)
Why is the US building electric car battery factories?

We're in Kentucky, where an area which had long ago been abandoned as an industrial site is once again coming to life.

US manufacturer Ascend Elements has chosen the site to build a factory for electric car batteries made from recycled ones - an industry previously almost entirely based in China.

We explore the government incentives that have drawn the company to build here with US Climate Envoy John Kerry.

And we hear from the local mining community which is hoping the new green manufacturing facility may provide much needed jobs.

Presenter: Faisal Islam
Producer: Priya Patel

(Image: A worker at the factory building site in Kentucky. Credit: BBC)

WED 08:50 Witness History (w3ct4xk2)
Mexico's murdered women

In 1993 young women began disappearing in the Mexican border town of Ciudad Juárez.

Hundreds were reported to have been kidnapped and killed.

Some of the first victims weren't discovered until nearly 10 years later.

In 2013, Mike Lanchin spoke to Oscar Maynez, a forensic scientist who used to work in the city and to Paula Flores, the mother of one of the murdered girls.

(Photo: Wooden crosses in a Mexican wasteland. Credit: Jorge Uzon/Getty Images)

WED 09:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j91b8)
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WED 09:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydhvzbzg)
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WED 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3zdlm)
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WED 09:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5bkn)
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WED 10:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j952d)
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WED 10:06 World Questions (w3ct59t7)
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WED 11:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j98tj)
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WED 11:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydhvlgq)
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WED 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3zn2x)
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WED 11:32 The Bomb (w3ct67bq)
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WED 12:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j9dkn)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 12:06 Outlook (w3ct4r3w)
A rebel with an oud: Inventing a future for Lebanon

Bassam Jalgha started playing the oud, a traditional lute-like instrument, at the age of 12. But getting it in tune is fiendishly difficult, making the young musician wish for a solution. A decade later, he was given the chance to make his musings real. He won the first season of the pan-Arab TV extravaganza Stars of Science with his design for an automatic tuning device, taking home a phenomenal \$300,000 prize as a reward. But despite the money, a working prototype and a passion to start an innovation revolution in Beirut, he found that years of civil war had stolen people's appetite for building something new. His act of rebellion ever since has been to doggedly forge ahead with his invention and prove to himself and his country that there is hope for creativity and change in Lebanon.

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(Photo: Bassam Jalgha playing the oud. Credit: Hatim Belyamani)

WED 12:50 Witness History (w3ct4xk2)
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WED 13:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j9j9s)
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WED 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw3zw15)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 13:32 Tech Life (w3ct4tqj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Tuesday]

WED 14:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j9n1x)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 14:06 Newshour (w172z09npgq699b)

Biden backs Israel's account of deadly Gaza hospital explosion

US President Joe Biden had arrived in Israel on a high-stakes visit overshadowed by a large blast at a hospital in Gaza.

Also in the programme: Biden said evidence presented by the US and Israeli militaries backs the claim that Palestinians were responsible for the blast; and while many have fled to the south of Gaza, we hear from an academic who decided to remain at his home in the northern Gaza Strip.

(Photo: US President Joe Biden meets with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Credit: Reuters)

WED 15:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j9rt1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 15:06 Newshour (w172z09npgq6f1g)

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

WED 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw4042f)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct4zvf)

President Xi reaffirms commitment to Russian relationship

The Chinese president Xi Jinping has reaffirmed his country's close economic ties with Russia and hit out at international sanctions. He was speaking as the two-day Belt and Road forum in Beijing came to a close. Russian President Vladimir Putin held talks with Xi on the sidelines of the event. Our China Correspondent Stephen McDonnell gives us the latest from Beijing.

Social media platform X, formerly Twitter, has announced plans to start charging new users in the Philippines and New Zealand \$1 a year to sign up. Social media analyst Matt Navarra assesses whether the move will help rid the site of bots.

Nigerian authorities have burned \$1.4m worth of illegal pangolin scales. Maria Diekmann of conservation group Pangolins International, which has a project in Nigeria, explains what's being done to crack down on the illicit trade and protect the endangered mammals.

(Picture: Chinese President Xi Jinping (L) and Russian President Vladimir Putin prepare for a group photo with other leaders at the Third Belt and Road Forum on October 18, 2023 in Beijing, China. Credit: Suo Takekuma/Getty Images)

WED 16:00 BBC News (w172z2r254j9wk5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 16:06 BBC OS (w172z0w1q867y6s)

Gaza hospital attack

An explosion at a Gaza City hospital has killed hundreds of people. Witnesses describe it as chaos - with bloodied and maimed casualties being rushed out on stretchers in the darkness. Israel was immediately blamed by Hamas but the Israel Defense Forces say the blast was caused by a misfired Palestinian militant rocket. We get analysis on what happened from our correspondents and hear from those on the ground.

The explosion comes as US President Biden visits the region in an attempt to calm swirling tensions, but Arab leaders cancelled meetings with him after the blast. He's told Israelis that America stands by them. We get reaction to his visit.

And we speak to Israelis and Gazans living through the conflict.

Presenter: James Reynolds

Picture: Reuters: A satellite image shows Al-Ahli hospital in Gaza after the blast. 18/10/2023

WED 17:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jb099)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 17:06 BBC OS (w172z0w1q8681yx)

Biden: Israel you're not alone

US President Biden has met with Israel's prime minister Netanyahu in Tel Aviv and told Israelis they are "not alone". Biden is on a visit to the region and meant to calm swirling tensions, but Arab leaders cancelled meetings with him after the blast. We get reaction and analysis from our correspondents.

We're also hearing from people living in Gaza following Tuesday's attack on a hospital which killed hundreds of people.

And we'll hear from the mother of one Israeli hostage - taken by Hamas into Gaza - who is desperate for her son to return home.

Presenter: James Reynolds

Picture: Reuters: U.S. President Biden visits Israel amid the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas. 18/10/2023

WED 18:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jb41f)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 18:06 Outlook (w3ct4r3w)

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WED 18:50 Witness History (w3ct4xk2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

WED 19:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jb7sk)

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WED 19:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydhwkfr)

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WED 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw40m1y)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct4t19)

2023/10/18 GMT

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

WED 20:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jbcjp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 20:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5bkn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:06 on Sunday]

WED 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw40qt2)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct4pdm)

Cholera cases surge in Zimbabwe

More than 100 people are suspected to have died in Zimbabwe in the most recent outbreak of cholera there. Almost 5,000 possible cases have been reported across the country, with the Zimbabwean government moving to ban large gatherings to prevent the spread of the water-borne disease.

Claudia Hammond is joined by BBC health reporter Philippa Roxby to discuss how authorities are hoping to avoid a repeat of the last major cholera epidemic in the country, which killed more than 4,000 people in 2008.

We also hear about the Cardiff Model for Violence Prevention, which started out as a PhD project and is now used across the world to help authorities discover where violence is taking place and how it can be prevented. Claudia speaks to the man behind the idea, and the doctor now hoping to introduce it to cities across the US.

Claudia and Philippa also look at new calls for urgent action to address male fertility around the world.

And we travel to Sierra Leone to hear about what has been described as a 'diabetes time bomb' in the country.

Image: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock

Presenter: Claudia Hammond

Content Editor: Erika Wright/Holly Squire

Producer: Dan Welsh

WED 21:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jbh8t)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 21:06 Newshour (w172z09npgq74j7)

Biden: "Israel will let aid into Gaza"

US President Joe Biden says Israel has agreed to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza from Egypt -- although the border hasn't opened yet. The main UN relief agency in Gaza tells us deliveries need to begin immediately:

Also in the programme: What to make of the claims and counter-claims relating to the explosion at Al-Ahli hospital in Gaza City last night? And we hear from two parents who have lost children in the long Israel / Palestine conflict - one Israeli, one Palestinian - from a group which brings together bereaved parents across the divide.

(IMAGE: U.S. President Joe Biden delivers remarks as he visits Israel amid the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas, in Tel Aviv, Israel, October 18, 2023 / CREDIT: REUTERS/Evelyn Hockstein)

WED 22:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jbm0y)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 22:06 HARDtalk (w3ct4p83)

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WED 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw40z9b)

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WED 22:32 The Bomb (w3ct67bq)

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WED 23:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jbqs2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 23:06 The Newsroom (w172z2srhnx6qzz)

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WED 23:20 Sports News (w172z1k4yvzns0y)

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

WED 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw4131g)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct4zxp)

Aid poised to enter Gaza strip

International aid agencies are waiting to get full details of the opening of Egyptian border with Gaza for aid delivery to the strip after 10 days war. The US president Joe Biden has announced that Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi has agreed to open the Rafah crossing to a handful of trucks loaded with aid destined for the Gaza Strip. We will hear from The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies about they are ready to deliver this aid to the people who need it.

(Photo: Egyptian Red Crescent members wait alongside aid convoy trucks near the North Sinai in Egypt on October 15, 2023. The aid convoy, organized by a group of Egyptian NGOs, set off today from Cairo for the Gaza-Egypt border crossing at Rafah. Picture source: Mahmoud Khaled/Getty Images)

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2023**THU 00:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jbvj6)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 00:06 World Questions (w3ct59t7)

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THU 01:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jbz8b)

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THU 01:06 Business Matters (w172yzrsng5nhnn)

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(Picture: Aid convoy trucks loaded with supplies are seen near the North Sinai in Egypt on October 15, 2023. The aid convoy, organized by a group of Egyptian NGOs, set off today from Cairo for the Gaza-Egypt border crossing at Rafah. Photo credit: Mahmoud Khaled/Getty Images)

THU 02:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jc30g)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 02:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydhxdnn)

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THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw41g8v)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 02:32 Assignment (w3ct4m7p)

The village versus the mine

A village in northern Portugal is fighting to prevent what could be the first large scale battery grade lithium mine in Europe from going into operation on its doorstep. For Assignment, Caroline Bayley travels to Covas do Barroso - the remote farming community with World Agricultural Heritage status and a tiny population - where villagers have formed a protest group which has gained international support. Portugal has one of the largest deposits of lithium in Europe and the Government is in favour of exploiting these resources as part of the green transition as lithium is used in electric vehicle batteries. The mining company needs to lease common land jointly owned by the villagers to access the lithium but the residents are holding out against this, in spite of the compensation on offer. They fear that the four open pit mines would destroy their agricultural way of life. The Barroso mine has been given the green light by Portugal's environment agency subject to certain strict criteria being met. Owned by Savannah Resources, a London listed company, the mine aims to produce enough lithium for 500,000 electric car batteries a year.

Produced and presented by Caroline Bayley
Producer in Portugal Alison Roberts
Editor: Penny Murphy
Sound Engineer: Neil Churchill
Production Coordinator: Gemma Ashman

(Image: Aida Fernandes, farmer in Covas do Barroso. Credit: BBC/Caroline Bayley)

THU 03:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jc6rl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 03:06 Outlook (w3ct4r3w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Wednesday]

THU 03:50 Witness History (w3ct4xk2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jcbhq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 04:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydhxn4x)

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THU 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw41ps3)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct4v7d)

The rise of private chefs

This week, Ruth Alexander is exploring the growing market for professional home cooking and asking whether you're guaranteed the luxury experience you're paying for.

She speaks to private chef Juliana White, also known as Plate in Progress, about what it's like to cook for the rich and famous in The Hamptons, a summer destination for affluent New York residents.

Kate Emery, founder of Amandine International Chef Placement in the south of France, tells Ruth how she handles the big personalities of chef and client, and discusses the demand for private chefs from the middle classes.

We talk to one of the newer types of customers, John Holt, about why he's happy to spend handsomely to hire a private chef for an evening, and why it isn't always a success.

Italian-born Marcello Ghiretti treats Ruth to some breakfast, and explains the issues surrounding private chefs and professional standards.

THU 05:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jcg7v)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 05:06 Newsday (w172z076c8x666d)

Egypt and US agree to allow aid into Gaza

As conflict continues between Israel and Gaza, US President Joe Biden says he's brokered an agreement with Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi to open a key access point for humanitarian aid. Up to 20 trucks of aid are to go through the Rafah crossing from Egypt to Gaza. Israel has said it will not prevent aid deliveries as long as supplies do not reach Hamas militants.

The House of Representatives in Washington is still without a Speaker, as Republican lawmakers remain at an impasse over who should succeed Kevin McCarthy.

And Indonesia's new high-speed rail line Whoosh opens, the first in South East Asia.

THU 06:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jckzz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 06:06 Newsday (w172z076c8x69y1)

Biden says there's been a breakthrough on humanitarian aid entering Gaza

Amid conflict between Israel and Hamas the immense suffering for those living in Gaza continues. Israel's strikes and blockade are pushing Gaza's essential services and resources to the brink of collapse.

US President Joe Biden says there's been a breakthrough on humanitarian aid entering Gaza from Egypt.

Jordan is seeing anti-Israeli demonstrations even as King Abdullah continues to insist his country will not accept Palestinian refugees.

Plus, why plans to establish a lithium mine in an ancient Portuguese village are causing controversy amongst farmers there.

THU 07:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jcpr3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 07:06 Newsday (w172z076c8x6fnp)

Egypt agrees to open Rafah crossing to allow aid trucks into Gaza

Egypt's president has agreed to open up a crossing to allow up to 20 trucks of aid into Gaza. Palestinians have also moved close to the Rafah crossing after Israel warned them to evacuate ahead of an expected Israeli ground invasion.

Demonstrations have erupted in many Middle East countries amid outrage over the Gaza hospital explosion.

And in Israel some people are trying to return into their homes attacked by Hamas militants almost two weeks ago.

THU 08:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jeth7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct4wdk)

Is peace in the Arctic melting?

Climate change and the war in Ukraine is transforming the geopolitics of the Arctic.

Melting ice opens up the possibility of new trade routes making the region more valuable.

Tensions in the area are rising as Russia turns to China for cooperation. China in return wants to position itself as a major power in the region.

Geopolitical tensions mean that any disputes become harder to resolve and potentially more dangerous. And in a region that's vulnerable to climate change science is also suffering – without cooperation between countries valuable data is being lost.

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Image: Tourists with Russian nuclear icebreaker on way to North Pole - Per Breiehagen (Getty Images)

THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw425rm)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct4mzq)

What makes a stadium special?

The development of new sports stadiums and facilities can bring regeneration to deprived areas. They hold a special place in the hearts of sports and live music fans. But have some of the new ones lost their spark?

In this edition of Business Daily, Sam Fenwick asks, what gives a stadium its atmosphere and can it be designed in?

Sam speaks to Christopher Lee, whose architecture practice, Populous, has designed 3000 arenas all over the world. He shares his experience of designing iconic grounds like the Yankee Stadium, Wembley Stadium, and Olympic stadiums in Sydney, London and Sochi.

And we hear from BBC World Service listeners, who tell us what makes their favourite sports grounds so special.

(Picture: Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Brayan Bello (66) throws a pitch against the Kansas City Royals in the third inning at Fenway Park, Boston, Massachusetts. Credit: David Butler II/USA TODAY Sports)

Presented and produced by Sam Fenwick

THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct4xdk)

Launching Lagos Fashion Week

In 2011, models, stylists and fashionistas gathered for Lagos Fashion Week's debut which would put Nigerian style on the global map.

Omoyemi Akerele founded the event which helped to launch the careers of designers internationally.

The annual event has become a major fashion occasion attracting Africa's biggest celebs and collections are sent around the world. Omoyemi Akerele speaks to Reena Stanton-Sharma.

(Photo: A model prepares backstage at Lagos Fashion Week in 2013. Credit: Per-Anders Pettersson)

THU 09:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jcy7c)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 09:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydh7wk)

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THU 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw429hr)

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THU 09:32 Assignment (w3ct4m7p)

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THU 10:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jd1zh)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct4wk4)

Putting Madonna to the test

According to the pop icon Madonna, music makes the people come together. But can we prove that using science?

As Madonna embarks on her greatest hits world tour, the Unexpected Elements team on three continents take some of those hits and examine the science behind them.

Like a Virgin take us on an excursion into parthenogenesis, and the Komodo Dragons that can reproduce without the inconvenience of having to find a mate.

Madonna sung about travelling 'quicker than a ray of light', but is that actually possible? We take a very fast trip through the strange world of warp bubbles.

And we Get Into the Groove with the physicist who created a record so tiny it fits into one of the grooves of a normal record.

We also hear about the “find your ancestry” kits that have the capacity to solve so-called cold cases, identifying unknown human remains often decades old.

With the eyes of the world on events in Gaza, we discover how tech can help make sure that any reportage – video or photos – are accurate and not doctored.

All that plus your emails and WhatsApps, and a listener wonders whether fish can drown.

Presented by Marnie Chesterton, with Philistiah Mwatee and Katie Silver
Produced by Ben Motley, with Alex Mansfield, Tom Bonnett, Sophie Ormiston and Margaret Sessa Hawkins

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THU 11:32 The Food Chain (w3ct4v7d)
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THU 12:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jd9gr)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct4qpb)
Vet at the end of the Earth

Joe Hollins is a vet who's worked in some of the most remote places on Earth. After a childhood marked by the restrictions of an English boarding school, he headed first to the Australian outback. Since then he's worked in the Falklands, Tristan da Cunha and St Helena and has learned to live a life of isolation — unless of course you count the endless cast of animal characters he works with. His most beloved is a 192-year-old giant tortoise called Jonathan, who he reared for 6 years.

Irene García Hernández longed to perform the 'Danza de los Voladores', or Dance of the Flyers, a tradition dating back thousands of years in Mexico which is typically the preserve of men. A rebel by nature, Irene was set on becoming a flyer too. She'd overcome family barriers, and her fears, to become one of the few Mexican women to dance in the sky. This interview was first broadcast on 30th September 2023

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Joe Hollins has written about his experiences in Vet at the End of the Earth: Adventures with Animals in the South Atlantic

(Photo: Joe and Jonathon the tortoise. Credit: Kevin Gepford)

THU 12:50 Witness History (w3ct4xdk)
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THU 13:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydhycht)
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THU 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw42sh8)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 13:32 Health Check (w3ct4pdm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Wednesday]

THU 14:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jdz0)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 14:06 Newshour (w172z09npgq966f)
Aid waits to enter Gaza at Egypt crossing

About 20 trucks carrying food, water and medical supplies may be allowed to enter Gaza in the coming days. But leading humanitarian organisations warn the aid delivery will only be a

drop in the ocean.

Israel cut electricity, most water and stopped deliveries of food and medicine to Gaza following an attack by Hamas militants on 7 October. Since then, Gaza's 2.1 million residents have been rapidly running out of basic supplies.

We'll hear from a former UN official who dealt with aid distribution in Gaza in the past and a senior figure in the US foreign policy establishment talks us through what might happen next.

Also in the programme: The US has eased sanctions on Venezuela - why has it done that? And Russia's foreign minister is in North Korea - are North Korean arms now flowing to the Ukraine conflict?

(Photo shows a truck of a humanitarian aid convoy for the Gaza Strip, parked outside the Rafah border gate, Egypt. Credit: Ali Moustafa/EPA)

THU 15:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jdnq4)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 15:06 The Inquiry (w3ct4wdk)
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THU 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw430zj)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct4zkd)
New York attorney general sues crypto firms for alleged investor fraud

The New York New York Attorney General has launched legal action against the cryptocurrency firms Genesis Global, its parent company Digital Currency Group or DCG, and Gemini - accusing them of "defrauding" investors of more than \$1 billion dollars. Experts say the development illustrates the challenges the crypto industry is facing. Gemini Trust has denied the claims against it and responses have been requested of the other firms. Our North America Business Correspondent Michelle Fleury brings us the latest on the story.

Nestlé is closing a baby milk factory in Ireland - blaming a falling birthrate in China, which it says has led to reduced demand for the product. Five hundred jobs will be lost as a result. A former worker at the factory in Askeaton, County Limerick who now runs a guest house there, explains how the closure will affect him.

Netflix results beat expectations - but also announces price rises in France, the US and UK. Customers in Paris give us their reaction to the news.

(Picture: Attorney General Letitia James leaves the courtroom for a lunch break during the civil fraud trial of Former President Donald Trump at New York State Supreme Court on October 17, 2023 in New York City. Credit: Michael M. Santiago/Getty Images)

THU 16:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jdsq8)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 16:06 BBC OS (w172z0w1q86bv3w)
Israel-Gaza conflict: Calls for more aid

Hamas says several of its leaders have been killed in the continuing Israeli bombardment of Gaza. Twenty lorries are waiting to enter from Egypt to Gaza but aid agencies say that's not enough. We speak to our correspondents in the region and hear from residents in Gaza. We also go to Egypt where officials say they're building the infrastructure needed to distribute supplies.

Amid claims and counterclaims about the blast at a hospital in Gaza, we hear from our chief international correspondent and Middle East bureau chief about the challenges of covering the story.

We speak to an Israeli couple who survived the 7 October attack but lost two family members.

We discuss reports that the heads of one of China's top property companies have fled the country. Country Garden faces losses in the billions of dollars.

Presenter: James Reynolds.

(Photo: Aid convoy awaits the opening of Rafah crossing with Gaza, Egypt - 19 Oct 2023. Credit: KHALED ELFIQI/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

THU 17:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jdx6d)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 17:06 BBC OS (w172z0w1q86byw0)
Aid lorries waiting to be allowed to Gaza

Lorries filled with desperately needed food, water and medicines are queuing at the crossing from Egypt into Gaza. State media in Egypt say the border crossing will be opened for several hours on Friday to allow the delivery of aid. Hamas says several of its leaders have been killed in the continuing Israeli bombardment of Gaza. We speak to our correspondents in the region and hear from residents in Gaza.

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THU 18:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jf0yj)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 18:06 Outlook (w3ct4qpb)
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THU 18:50 Witness History (w3ct4xdk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

THU 19:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jf4pn)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 19:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydhzgbv)
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

THU 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw43hz1)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct4sws)
2023/10/19 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 (w172z2r254jf8fs)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 20:06 Assignment (w3ct4m7p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw43mq5)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 20:32 Science In Action (w3ct4scz)
Alarm at Campi Flegrei, Italy

Accelerating seismic tremors are raising concerns for the thousands of people living atop a volcanic hot spot close to Naples, Italy. Volcanologist Alessandro Pino has been keeping a watchful eye on the developing situation.

We stay in Naples where, almost 2000 years ago, the eruption of Mount Vesuvius buried Pompeii, including thousands of scrolls turned to charcoal by the immense heat. This hasn't stopped people from trying to read the scrolls, destroying hundreds in the process. Now, computer scientist Brent Seales has deployed AI and papyrologists worldwide to decipher the burnt text.

And from ancient scrolls to rainforest soundscapes, ecologist Zuzana Buřivalová has also been using AI to untangle the vast array of life heard in forests, old and new, as a tool to measure biodiversity.

Presenter: Roland Pease
 Producer: Ella Hubber
 Editor: Martin Smith
 Production Co-ordinator: Jana Bennett-Holesworth

(Image: A view of the fumaroles Pisciarelli in Agnano quarter of the Campi Flegrei, a volcano near Naples. Credit: Salvatore Laporta/KONTROLAB/LightRocket/Getty Images)

THU 21:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jfd5x)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 21:06 Newshour (w172z09npgqb1fb)

Israel air strike kills Hamas security chief

Jehad Mheisen is the latest of a series of Hamas commanders killed in the course of the Israeli offensive against Gaza. The two Hamas leaders accused of coordinating the attacks on October 7th are still presumed alive.

Also on the programme: We hear from Palestinian surgeon Dr Ghassan Abu Sittah on the latest conditions at the biggest medical facility in the Gaza strip, and the US State Department official who resigned in protest at Washington sending billions of dollars of arms to Israel.

(Image: A Palestinian inspects the rubble of a destroyed building following an Israeli air strike in Gaza City. Credit: Shutterstock.)

THU 22:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jthy1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 22:06 The Inquiry (w3ct4wdk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

THU 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw43w6f)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 22:32 The Food Chain (w3ct4v7d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

THU 23:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jfm5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 23:06 The Newsroom (w172z2srhnx9mx2)

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

THU 23:20 Sports News (w172z1k4yvrp36)

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

THU 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw43zyk)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct4zmn)

Powell: US may still need tough decisions to control inflation

The US Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell acknowledged recent signs of cooling inflation, but said that the central bank would be "resolute" in its commitment to its 2% mandate. Powell says inflation is still too high and lower economic growth is likely needed to bring it down

This comes as September saw a 13-year low in existing house sales in the US due to a combination of rising mortgage rates and limited supply that made homes unaffordable for many first-time buyers.

(Picture: bananas with price tag are displayed for sale in a grocery store on October 12, 2023 in Los Angeles, California. Photo Credit: Mario Tama/Getty Images)

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FRI 00:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jfrf9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct4wk4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jfw5f)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 01:06 Business Matters (w172yzrsng5rdkr)

Biden addresses nation as Israel-Hamas war continues

US President Joe Biden has delivered a national primetime address from the White House. The speech has touched on US support for Israel and Ukraine, among other issues of national security. Biden's began his address saying: "We're facing an inflection point in history."

Rahul Tandon discusses this and more of the business news from around with Stephanie Hare, a researcher of technology and politics based in London, and Andy Xie who is independent economist in Shanghai and formerly worked for Morgan Stanley & the World Bank.

(Picture: US President Joe Biden addresses the nation on the conflict between Israel and Gaza and the Russian invasion of Ukraine from the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, DC, on October 19, 2023. Photo Credit: Jonathan Ernst/POOL/AFP via Getty Images)

FRI 02:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jfxk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydj09kr)

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FRI 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw44c5y)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:32 Tech Life (w3ct4tqj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Tuesday]

FRI 03:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jg3np)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 03:06 Outlook (w3ct4qpb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Thursday]

FRI 03:50 Witness History (w3ct4xdk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jg7dt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydj0k20)

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FRI 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw44lp6)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct4pk4)

My journey beyond death

Following a dramatic train accident, David Ditchfield was dragged under a speeding train in Cambridgeshire and nearly lost his life. As he lay in hospital, just before being taken into surgery, he had an extraordinary spiritual experience characterised by overwhelming love, white light and spiritual beings The experience awakened a previously hidden talent for painting and music. Despite his vision of angelic beings and a white tunnel of light, he doesn't view his life-changing spiritual awakening as a religious experience. He tells his remarkable story and meets the founder of Near Death Experience UK who too had a profound spiritual awakening while in a critical condition. Together, they share the astonishing changes they underwent and explore how their experiences relate to formal religion.

Producer: Vishva Samani
 Series Producer: Rajeev Gupta
 Editor Helen Grady
 Production Coordinator: Mica Nepomuceno

FRI 05:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jgc4y)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 05:06 Newsday (w172z076c8x933h)

Biden pushes for more US aid to Israel in televised speech

US President Joe Biden has delivered a televised address on the US response to Hamas's attack against Israel. He said he would ask US Congress for billions of dollars for Israel and Ukraine, saying abandoning US allies was "just not worth it".

After two weeks of Israel's blockade of Gaza, humanitarian

organisations are hoping the crucial Rafah crossing on its southern border with Egypt will open today to allow in aid.

Elsewhere, an election is taking place this weekend in inflation-ravaged Argentina where the controversial right wing presidential candidate is leading the polls.

Plus, how AI has unlocked the mystery of the ancient scrolls which survived the eruption of Mount Vesuvius 2000 years ago.

FRI 06:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jggx2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 06:06 Newsday (w172z076c8x96vm)

Food and medicine run low in Gaza as aid waits at border crossing

As conflict in Gaza continues, humanitarian agencies are hoping crucial aid vehicles will be able to cross from Egypt into Gaza from today.

A widely-touted ground operation into Gaza by the Israeli army is yet to get underway.

The regional impacts of the crisis is growing, communities on Lebanon's border with Israel have fled from their homes.

And in Ukraine, a government minister tells the BBC his country's farming sector is in crisis, as the effects of Russia's ongoing invasion continue to be felt.

FRI 07:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jgh6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 07:06 Newsday (w172z076c8x9blr)

On Egypt-Gaza border, vital aid waits to reach Palestinians

Gaza remains under siege as aid might be entering today through one of the Egypt crossings. The United Nations Agency for Palestinian refugees said Palestinians need aid now, they have been waiting for almost two weeks since Israel began air strikes.

President Biden has made an impassioned appeal to convince Americans of the need to support Israel and Ukraine offering billions of dollars of military aid. He said abandoning US allies was "just not worth it"

And in other news, authorities in Niger say they have foiled an attempt by the deposed former president, Mohamed Bazoum, to escape from custody.

FRI 08:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jgqdb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct4nz2)

Adam Smith: How does the US navigate its multiple interests?

Stephen Sackur speaks to US Democratic Party congressman Adam Smith. The Biden mission to the Middle East at a time of war and spiralling regional tension was always a gamble. How does the US navigate its multiple interests at this time of maximum danger?

FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw452nq)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct4mpp)

Business Daily meets: Andre Schwammlein

Andre Schwammlein once wanted to be a pilot – but ended up behind the wheel of a bus and train company instead.

The chief executive and co-founder of Flix – the driving force behind Flixbus and Flixtrain - says he was never much of a traveller, but now leads a company that has changed the way millions of people cross countries and continents.

In just 10 years, Flixbus has gone from German startup to global brand - even taking a piece of American heritage: Greyhound.

In this edition of Business Daily, Theo Leggett finds out how the transport entrepreneur got started, the reasons behind the company's success, and his plans for growth.

(Picture: André Schwämmlein. Credit: Getty Images)

Presented and produced by Theo Leggett

FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct4x80)

Osmondmania

On 21 October 1973, American heartthrobs The Osmonds were met by hysterical crowds when their plane landed at London's Heathrow Airport.

A surge by some of the 10,000 fans caused a viewing balcony to collapse.

Eighteen people were injured. Four fans were treated in hospital. The term "Osmondmania" was used across the newspapers.

Donny Osmond shares his memories of it with Josephine McDermott.

(Photo: Fans wait for The Osmonds on the viewing balcony at Heathrow Airport before the collapse)

FRI 09:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jgv4g)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 09:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydj14sn)

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FRI 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw456dv)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 09:32 Science In Action (w3ct4scz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Thursday]

FRI 10:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jgywl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 10:06 The Real Story (w3ct4q7c)

Is Indian democracy being undermined?

Earlier this month police in Delhi raided the homes of several prominent journalists in connection with an investigation into the funding of news website NewsClick. Officials are reportedly investigating allegations that NewsClick got illegal funds from China - a charge it denies, the case is currently in the Indian supreme court. Are the raids an attempt by the government to "muzzle" free speech, as some activists say - or simply a straightforward police investigation into the funding of news website NewsClick? Critics say the harassment of journalists, nongovernmental organisations, and other government critics has increased significantly under the current administration. In addition to this, Prime Minister Modi's premiership has been dogged by persistent allegations over his political party's anti-Muslim stance. Has Modi's re-definition of India as a Hindu nation intensified discrimination against minorities? India is known as the world's largest democracy - over one billion people are eligible to vote in its general election in 2024. But is democracy now under threat in India?

Shaun Ley is joined by:

Lisa Mitchell - Professor of anthropology & history in the Department of South Asia Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Author of a recent book: 'Hailing the State: Indian Democracy between Elections'.

Debasish Roy Chowdhury - journalist and co-author of the book 'To Kill A Democracy: India's Passage To Despotism'.
Tripurdaman Singh - a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London

Also featuring:

Swapan Dasgupta - national executive member of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
Hartosh Singh Bal - the Executive editor of Caravan News Magazine

Produced by : Rumella Dasgupta & Ellen Otzen

This programme has been edited since originally broadcast

(Photo : Journalists protesting in Delhi this week, Credit : Vipin Kumar/Hindustan Times via Getty Images)

FRI 11:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jh2mq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 11:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydj1d8x)

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FRI 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw45fx3)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 11:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct4pk4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

FRI 12:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jh6cv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 12:06 The Fifth Floor (w3ct4v0m)

Israel Gaza conflict: the war of words

With constant new developments in Israel and Gaza, we find out how BBC Monitoring is reporting and analysing news from the heart of the conflict. Joel Greenberg from the team in Jerusalem tells us about the war of words between Israeli and Palestinian media; Kian Sharifi analyses what's being said on Iranian state media and social media; and Alex Wright has been looking at online jihadist sources to see how they are exploiting the conflict.

Feeling the heat in Brazil

Parts of Brazil have just come through an intense heatwave and are braced for another – and it's not even the summer season yet. For BBC Brasil, Julia Braun has been to two contrasting neighbourhoods in Sao Paulo to see how differently the heat is experienced, according to where you live.

Dars - the BBC's distance learning for children in Afghanistan
As a result of the Taliban exclusion of girls aged over 11 from education in Afghanistan, BBC Afghan decided to bring the classroom to their homes. Dars - which means lessons - is a multi-platform series in Pashto and Dari, and a second season has just been launched. We find out more from producer Mariam Aman.

The return from the brink of Kazakhstan's saiga antelope
The rare saiga antelope of Kazakhstan has turned into a success story - and caused a headache for farmers. Twenty years ago, numbers were critically low, but a successful rehabilitation programme has led to a population of close to two and a half million. Now the animals are moving onto farmland in search of food, and farmers are complaining. Elbek Daniyarov of BBC Monitoring shares the story.

(Photo: A map of the Gaza Strip under a magnifying glass.
Credit: Pawel.Gaul/Getty Images)

FRI 12:50 Witness History (w3ct4x80)

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FRI 13:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jhb3z)

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FRI 13:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydj1ms5)

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FRI 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw45pdc)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 13:32 Science In Action (w3ct4scz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Thursday]

FRI 14:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jhf3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 14:06 Newshour (w172z09npgqd33j)

UN Secretary General urges aid to be allowed into Gaza

The UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, has appealed for dozens of trucks on the Egyptian border to be allowed into Gaza immediately to deliver essential supplies of food, water and medicine.

Also in the programme: US President Joe Biden claims Hamas and Russia both want to "annihilate a neighbouring democracy"; and the Sydney Opera House is 50 years old today.

(Photo: United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres visits Rafah border crossing. Credit: Reuters/Amr Abdallah Dalsh)

FRI 15:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jhkm7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct4nz2)

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FRI 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw45xwm)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct4z8c)

Argentina elects: what's at stake for the country's economy?

Voters in Argentina are preparing to go the polls on Sunday to elect the country's next president. Inflation is running at 140% and one candidate, Javier Milei, is pledging to get rid of the peso and dollarise the economy if he succeeds. We get insight into the issue from journalist Natalio Cosoy, with reports from Buenos Aires and San Pedro city assessing the opportunities and challenges on an urban and rural front.

German influencer Sam Dylan gives his opinion on news that the European Commission has outlawed the sale of some microplastics - including most glitter - over concerns its polluting the oceans.

In Australia, the national government in Canberra has decided to allow a Chinese company continued ownership of the port of Darwin - under a 99 year lease.

(Picture: Argentina flag with ballot box - stock photo. Credit: Getty Images)

FRI 16:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jhpcc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 16:06 BBC OS (w172z0w1q86fr0z)

Israel-Gaza conflict: Gaza awaits aid deliveries

Israel's bombardment of Gaza shows no sign of letting up as aid continues to be blocked on the border with Egypt. The latest strikes have flattened a complex of twenty five apartment buildings. Visiting aid workers, the UN Secretary-General spoke of being broken-hearted at seeing the long lines of relief trucks. We hear from residents in Gaza about how they are coping.

We speak to our correspondent in Jerusalem and hear from people who are being evacuated of the northern Israeli city of Kiryat Shmona as clashes continue with Hezbollah fighters across the border with Lebanon.

We find out about the arrest of a former justice ministry official in Haiti suspected of ordering the assassination of President Jovenel Moise in 2021.

We speak to two Afghan refugees in Pakistan about the order for all unauthorised asylum seekers to leave the country by November.

Presenter: James Reynolds

(Photo: A general view of the volunteers' camp with humanitarian aid from Egyptian NGOs for Palestinians, in front of the Rafah crossing from the Egyptian side, while trucks carrying humanitarian aid for Palestinians await for it to open to enter Gaza. Credit: Stringer/Reuters)

FRI 17:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jht3h)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 17:06 BBC OS (w172z0w1q86fvs3)

Tensions grow at Lebanon border

For days, tensions have been high along the Lebanese border with Israel, with frequent exchanges of fire between heavily armed militants in Lebanon and the Israeli army. We hear a message from a listener in Beirut and hear the latest from our correspondent there, Hugo Bacheqa.

The Palestinian President, Mahmoud Abbas, has confirmed he'll join several world leaders at a summit in Cairo on Saturday aimed at achieving a ceasefire in Gaza. Our security correspondent Frank Gardner explains what could be next in the search for diplomatic relations between the countries.

Ghanian authorities say flooding after heavy rains has forced almost 26,000 people from their homes. We hear voice messages from those affected, and our reporter in the Ghanaian capital Accra, Thomas Naadi, gives the latest debrief.

We speak to two Afghan refugees in Pakistan after the government there ordered all unauthorised asylum seekers to leave the country by November.

Presenter: James Reynolds

(An Israeli tank seen in position near Israel's border with Lebanon in northern Israel, October 19, 2023. REUTERS/Lisi Niesner)

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FRI 19:06 The Newsroom (w172z2tkydj2c7y)

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FRI 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw46dw4)

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FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct4sr8)

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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 (w172z2r254jj5bw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5b2g)

Teenagers in Gaza and Israel

The past two weeks have brought suffering to thousands. In recent days, there have been warnings of a humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza amid continual bombardment. In Israel, the discovery of bodies continues in the communities near the border, following the attack by Hamas on October 7th. It's a reflection of this region that many of those caught up in this conflict are young people. Host James Reynolds hears from teenagers, on both sides.

In Gaza, roughly half the population is under 18, and although communications are very difficult, young people have been sending us voice messages when they have enough internet. Sanabel (16) is sheltering with her family. In her messages, she said: "No one cares about us. They think we are terrorists. We are truly suffering."

In Israel, thousands have been preparing militarily for the country's aim of eliminating Hamas. For the majority, turning 18 means joining the army. Neta (18) is preparing to be a soldier for Israel. "Enlisting into a time where a war is happening is hard, but it makes me want to do a bigger role and it makes me want to do more in my service," she says.

We also hear from two mothers, Rehaf in Gaza, and Keren in Israel, who are both trying to protect their young children from the realities now taking place.

Keren's family have no TV, and she guards her younger children's access to the internet and social media. Rehaf, with the noise of explosions nearby, attempts to offer reassurance: "I try to tell them this sound is from a wedding ceremony or something. I tell them this is normal. There is no problem," she says. "[But] they understand now, they know what's happening, and they know we're lying to them."

(Photo: An Israeli Iron Dome battery stands ready in an undisclosed location in Israel. Photographed on the 17/10/2023 Lee Durant, Senior Journalist BBC News.)

FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw46jm8)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct4y4q)

Which is healthier, farmed or wild salmon?

Salmon farming is a massive global industry. Just off the coasts of countries like Norway or Chile, hundreds of millions of these fish swim around inside big ocean nets. They provide crucial proteins and fatty acids to many people's diets, but are they more or less healthy than their wild cousins? That's what CrowdScience listener Jodie wants to know. For presenter Marnie Chesterton, answering this question means visiting a Scottish salmon farm and collecting dispatches from the ocean around Alaska; it means a closer look at what the salmon themselves are eating; and it means moving beyond nutrition to explore the health of the environment as well. What problems do salmon farms solve, what problems do they cause, and could moving onto land be the future for this field?

(Photo: Atlantic Salmon jumping out of the water. Credit: Kevin Wells)

FRI 21:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jj930)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 21:06 Newshour (w172z09npgqdybf)

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

FRI 22:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jjdv4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 22:06 HARDtalk (w3ct4nz2)

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FRI 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw46s3j)

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FRI 22:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct4pk4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

FRI 23:00 BBC News (w172z2r254jjj18)

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FRI 23:06 The Newsroom (w172z2srhnxjdjt5)

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FRI 23:20 Sports News (w172z1k4yvzvl09)

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

FRI 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2rwlw46wvn)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct4zbn)

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