SATURDAY 06 JANUARY 2024

SAT 00:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55lstd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 00:06 The Real Story (w3ct4q7v)

Is the world losing faith in democracy?

2024 will be the world's biggest election year ever. From the United States to the UK, Taiwan to India, South Africa to Mexico, it's estimated countries representing nearly half the world's population will head to the polls in some form of election this year. But how much faith do people around the world still have in democracy?

In South Africa this year's election will be a defining one. 40 years since a post-Apartheid electorate voted in Nelson Mandela, the nation is dogged by corruption and voter apathy with less than half expected to turn out. So are South Africans seeking an alternative to democracy and what might that be?

Meanwhile in India there are some concerns the world's largest democracy is slipping into authoritarianism. Prime Minister Modi is a key player on the global stage with grand ambitions for India, but his premiership has been dogged by allegations of an anti-Muslim stance. So what does his continued popularity reveal about the state of democracy in a nation where over a billion people are eligible to vote in the general election?

In some Western nations too, there is a palpable dissatisfaction with democracy. In the US, former President Trump's refusal to accept the 2020 election result led to the deadly attack on Congress - a sign for current leader Joe Biden that democracy is under threat, not just abroad but at home too.

So as we enter a record-breaking year for elections, is democracy itself on the line?

Shaun Ley is joined by:

Ziyanda Stuurman, senior analyst for Africa at the Eurasia

Debasish Roy Chowdhury is a journalist and co-author of the book 'To Kill A Democracy: India's Passage To Despotism'.

Lilliana Mason is associate professor of political science at Johns Hopkins University and author of " Uncivil Agreement: How Politics Became Our Identity".

Professor Steven Levitzsky from Harvard University in the US and author of 'How Democracies Die' Ben Ansell, Professor of Comparative Democratic Institutions at Nuffield College, Oxford University

Photo: Pro-Trump protesters wave banners outside the Capitol, Washington, January 6, 2021 Credit: REUTERS/Shannon Stapleton

Produced by Pandita Lorenz and Max Horberry

SAT 01:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55lxki)

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SAT 01:06 Business Matters (w172yzrz3gtxfyv)

US jobs growth remains strong

Hiring defied forecasts as the US economy added 216000 jobs in December. The Treasury Secretary says the country is achieving a 'soft landing.' We take a deep look at the figures.

Guyana seems to have found a new partner to exploit its recent crude discoveries in the Essequibo region: India. We listen to the implications this might have on the dispute between this South American nation and Venezuela over the oil-rich territory.

Roger Hearing discusses these and more business stories with two guests on opposite sides of the world: Dante Disparte. Chief Strategy Officer and Head of Global Policy for Circle, in Washington, and Rachel Puppazoni, business reporter with ABC News Australia, in Perth.

(Picture: A 'now hiring' sign on the window of a FedEx office in Washington, DC, Picture credit; JIM LO SCALZO/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trdf55byv)

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SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s21ws9dl1)

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SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct4tlh)

Alison Mitchell and Jim Maxwell are in Sydney for David Warner's final Test match for Australia before he retires. They discuss who will replace him as opener and Charu Sharma tells us if he thinks Warner is the best Australian to play all three formats of the game.

How can Test cricket remain a valued form of the game? The Stumped team debate how they would save Test cricket and discuss the viability of the format after South Africa announced seven uncapped players in their squad to face New Zealand next month, including captain Neil Brand. Plus Jim shares his thoughts on the World Test Championship.

Women's Bangladesh captain Nigar Sultana joins us as Bangladesh prepare to host the Women's T20 World Cup in October. She discusses their domestic structure and what impact hosting the tournament will have for the country.

Photo: Pat Cummins of Australia lifts the ICC World Test Championship Mace during day five of the ICC World Test Championship Final between Australia and India at The Oval on June 11, 2023 in London, England. (Credit:Getty Images)

SAT 03:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55m51s)

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SAT 03:06 The Fifth Floor (w3ct4v13)

Rushdi Abualouf: family, work and wa

The BBC's Gaza correspondent Rushdi Abualouf reported from Gaza for more than 20 years, but last November he and his family left for the safety of Istanbul. He tells us about the challenges of his new life, and the chaos, death and destruction of his final weeks in Gaza, as Israel retaliated for the Hamas cross-border assault of 7 October.

The Brazilian bat rediscovered after 100 years

A bat discovered in part of Brazil's Atlantic Forest in 2018 has been officially confirmed as a species which hadn't been seen for more than a century. It was originally documented by an English zoologist in 1916. André Biernath of BBC Brasil tells us why its rediscovery is so important in understanding Brazilian

Building a future in Mozambique, five years after Cyclone Idai In March 2019, Cyclone Idai made landfall in Mozambique, killing over one and a half thousand people and affecting 3 million people across three countries. The BBC's Nomsa Maseko travelled to Beira, one of the worst affected areas, soon after it hit, and now she's returned for a documentary called Building a future for cyclone-hit Mozambique. She tells us what

Taboo-busting women in Indian-administered Kashmir A group of women in Indian-administered Kashmir have joined forces in order to break taboos. BBC Urdu joined them in a visit to a hareesa restaurant, a place usually only frequented by men. Riyaz Masroor tells us why these women formed the group, and what they thought of the hareesa.

Presented by Irena Taranyuk

(Photo: The BBC's Rushdi Abualouf reporting from Gaza in November 2023. Credit: BBC)

SAT 03:50 Witness History (w3ct4x8h)

What the 1989 solar storm did to Ouebec

On 13 March 1989, the Canadian province of Quebec suffered a nine-hour electricity blackout.

Much of the state's infrastructure was damaged, but the power companies couldn't find any obvious cause

Physicist Aja Hruska was one of the only people in the country that knew the answer to Quebec's problem. A solar flare ejected by the sun had hit the earth's magnetic field, creating electrical

And the damage could have been avoided if her warnings had been properly acknowledged.

A ia shares her memories of that day with Eva Runciman.

(Photo: A solar flare erupts from the sun. Credit: Photo 12/Universal Images Group/Getty Images)

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SAT 05:32 Kalki Presents: My Indian Life (w3ct4kg6) Kalki Presents: My Indian Life

The River Man

Siddharth is walking India's longest river - taking it slowly to understand the way water and people flow differently. Another chance to hear how he follows India's rivers for thousands of kilometres on foot, to gain a deeper understanding of environmental change and the lives of people who live nearby. For him, slow travel is the best travel. #MyIndianLife

SAT 05:50 More or Less (w3ct5b7j)

How much money do the 'Ndrangheta mafia make?

The 'Ndrangheta are one of Italy's biggest and most dangerous criminal gangs. One piece of research suggested they have an annual turnover of €53bn - more than McDonalds and Deutsche Bank combined

But is that number realistic? Professor Anna Sergi and Professor Francesco Calderoni help us figure out what kind of number makes sense.

Reporter: Perisha Kudhail Series producer: Tom Colls Sound mix: Neil Churchill Editor: Richard Vadon

(Picture: Human hands with strings controlling diagram. Credit: Boris Zhitkov/Getty Images)

SAT 06:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55mj95)

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SAT 06:06 Weekend (w172z37n6qxprjs)

UN warns against humanitarian aid set-back in Gaza

Sunday marks exactly three months since hundreds of heavily armed Hamas gunmen crossed the border from Gaza attacking communities in southern Israel and killing at least 1,200 people. The US Secretary of State Antony Blinken is making his fourth trip to the region since then - so can he prevent conflict spreading?

Also in the programme: this weekend, Bangladesh will hold a general election with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expected to win a fourth term in office; and the Brazilian World Cup winning manager and former player Mario Zagallo has died aged 92

Joining presenter Paul Henley are Ivan Vejvoda, a political scientist at the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna and a former foreign policy adviser to two Serbian prime ministers, and Arzu Geybullayeva in Istanbul, who is an Azerbaijani columnist and writer with a special focus on human rights and press freedom in her home country.

(Picture: Internally displaced Palestinians in the city of Rafah -23 Dec 2023 Mandatory Credit: Photo by HAITHAM IMAD/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

SAT 07:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55mn19)

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SAT 07:06 Weekend (w172z37n6qxpw8x)

President Biden launches campaign to win second term

The race to the White House has officially begun ahead of presidential elections in November. President Joe Biden has criticised Donald Trump, saying the Republican presidential candidate uses the language of Nazi Germany to demonise immigrants. Mr Trump accused the president of fear-

mongering.

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SAT 08:06 Weekend (w172z37n6qxq011)

Will Blinken's Middle East diplomacy make any difference?

It's been three months since Israel began its war on Hamas after their attacks on October 7th. Washington has helped with military aid to Israel but has also expressed its concern for the large number of Palestinian civilian deaths.

Also in the programme: Mario Zagallo, the Brazilian World Cup winning manager, has died aged 92; and accounts of Ukrainians who say they are spying on the Russian military in

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(Picture: Palestinians walk past the rubble of a house destroyed by an Israeli strike in Rafah. Credit: Ibraheem Abu Mustafa/ Reuters)

SAT 09:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55mwik)

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SAT 09:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5b2y)

Covid-19 four years later

It's four years since we reported the first cases of an outbreak of a mysterious viral pneumonia in the city of Wuhan in China. Within months, what become known as Covid-19, had spread around the world affecting most people in some way.

The disease led to the creation of this programme. Since March 2020 - shortly after the World Health Organisation declared a pandemic - we began our first conversations. Four years on, we thought we would take the opportunity to return to Covid-19 and reunite some of the people we have spoken with over the

Our conversations feature three doctors - in India, Italy and the US - who treated Covid-19 patients in the early days of the pandemic. Two of them, including Dr Tsion Firew in New York, are now stepping back from frontline medicine, "People are leaving critical care after they witnessed those brutal months of Covid," she tells us. "I'm burnt out, so many of my other colleagues are burnt out, so I'm taking a break for the next few

Host James Reynolds also catches up with three former guests who have long Covid to find out how they are getting on. And we bring together people whose lives have changed for the better as a result of the pandemic. It's not something they usually talk about openly!

A Boffin Media production in partnership with the OS team.

(Photo: Brooke Young Russell in Maryland in the US with her son and husband Credit: Brooke Young Russell)

SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s21wsb7sv)

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SAT 09:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5b9s)

How far would you go for your dream?

Meet the man who cycled 9,000 kilometres, from Guinea to Egypt, to enrol at his dream university and the first black African woman to climb and summit Everest, Plus, could fake birds help us bring back real ones?

SAT 09:50 Over to You (w3ct4rqf)

The Reith Lectures: A tradition since 1948

The Reith Lectures are an annual tradition, started in 1948 by the BBC's first director general. In a special edition, we hear your thoughts on the programme, and we're joined by the man who gave this year's address. We also talk to the BBC executive who commissioned it.

Presenter: Rajan Datar Producer: Howard Shannon

A Whistledown production for the BBC World Service

SAT 10:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55n08p)

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SAT 10:06 Sportshour (w3ct4sb6)

The \$50,000 Spike Lee Air Jordans that are a force for good in Portland

Erin Holcomb from the Portland Rescue Mission tells Caroline Barker how a pair of anonymously donated retro Nike Air Jordan 3s led to a \$50,000 windfall for the charity.

The gold and red sneakers were one of only five pairs made for film director Spike Lee, who wore a pair when collecting his Oscar for the movie BlacKkKlansman. The shoes sold at auction for more than double the original estimate of around \$20,000.

Preet Chandi joins us from the South Pole after she became the world's fastest woman to complete a solo unsupported ski expedition to the South Pole. The British Army officer tells us she passed the time by visualising her upcoming wedding and explains how you go to the toilet in freezing temperatures in the wilderness.

And - we hear from the BBC's tennis correspondent Russell Fuller and Canadian professional tennis player Vasek Pospisil about how heavy tennis balls are contributing to player injury.

Image: A photo of the gold Nike Air Jordan 3s which were donated to Portland Rescue Mission. (Photo by Aaron Ankrom - Portland Rescue Mission)

SAT 11:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55n40t)

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SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trdf56fp0)

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SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s21wsbh96)

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SAT 11:32 Health Check (w3ct4pf3)

2024 in global health

A treaty to help the world cope with the next pandemic, new ways to treat undernutrition and a last goodbye to polio. Could these be some of the health advances that 2024 will bring? Claudia asks global health journalist Andrew Green for his predictions.

Monica Lakhanpaul, professor of integrated community child health at University College London joins Claudia in the studio to discuss new evidence showing that a vaccination for winter virus RSV could cut hospital admissions in children by more than 80%.

And a mobile phone app which has been used to screen people's coughs in Kenya for signs of TB.

Plus Claudia speaks to British journalist Mike Powell who was diagnosed a year ago with kidney failure as he prepares for transplant.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond Producer: Clare Salisbury Assistant Producer: Jonathan Blackwell Editor: Holly Squire

SAT 12:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55n7rv)

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SAT 12:06 World Book Club (w3ct4xlp)

Antonio Muñoz Molina: In the Night of Time

Antonio Muñoz Molina answers questions from around the world on his novel In the Night of Time. The panoramie portrait of Spain on the brink of civil war follows the life of Ignacio Abel, master builder and architect, as he navigates an illicit love affair with an American woman as the darkness of war surrounds him

Recorded in the prestigious Museo Nacional del Prado in Madrid.

(Photo: Antonio Muñoz Molina, Credit: Elena Blanco)

SAT 13:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55ncj2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 13:06 Newshour (w172z09v4hck0rh)

Hezbollah launches rockets into Israel

Hezbollah has launched a barrage of rockets at northern Israel, calling it a preliminary response to the killing of a top Hamas official in Beirut. The Israeli military said there'd been at least forty launches, and that it had responded

Also on the programme: A British surgeon describes desperate scenes in hospitals in Gaza. A nun providing aid to the northern Tigray region of Ethiopia. And a former police officer on duty at the US Capitol remembers the January 6th attacks in 2021.

(Picture: IDF says it struck southern Lebanon targets after rocket sirens sounded in northern Israel, Kiryat Shmona. Credit: Atef Safadi/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

SAT 14:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55nh86)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w172z1l4vm7nt7f)

Live Sporting Action

It's FA Cup third round weekend and joining Lee James on Saturday Sportsworld will be nine-time winner Rachel Yankey and runner-up Nigel Reo-Coker.

Lee will be chatting to the pair about Saturday's fixtures and asking Rachel what her favourite memory is from her nine cup victories. There will be live commentary of Gillingham versus Sheffield United and updates from the Tyne-Wear derby between rivals Newcastle United and Sunderland.

With the Africa Cup of Nations only a week away, Sportsworld's preview to the tournament continues with former Democratic Republic of Congo captain Gabriel Zakuani, former Cameroon defender Geremi as well as Sportsworld's John Bennett, George Addo and Nishat Ladha joining Lee.

We'll also hear from current Burkina Faso forward Edmond Tapsoba. There will be an update from the United Cup Tennis as well as the ATP and WTA tournaments from Brisbane and Auckland, Plus it's the last week of the NFL regular season

Photo: A fan of Kidderminster Harriers holds up a Tin foil FA Cup Trophy during the Emirates FA Cup Third Round match between Kidderminster Harriers and Reading at Aggborough Stadium on January 08, 2022 in Kidderminster, England. (Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 18:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55nz7q)

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SAT 18:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trdf578wx)

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SAT 18:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s21wscbj3)

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SAT 18:32 Kalki Presents: My Indian Life (w3ct4kg6) [Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 today]

SAT 18:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct4sjz)

Vanderlei de Lima and the sabotaged Olympic marathon

In the 2004 Athens Olympics, Brazilian Vanderlei de Lima was leading the Men's Marathon with six kilometres to go. What happened next shocked the millions of fans watching and propelled Vanderlei into becoming a universal role model for sportsmanship

He relives those last kilometres with Uma Doraiswamy.

(Photo: Vanderlei de Lima being attacked by Cornelius Horan. Credit: Jiro Mochizuki/ AFP via Getty Images)

SAT 19:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55p2zv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 19:06 The Inquiry (w3ct4wf1)

Are orcas OK?

Something strange started happening in early 2023 in the waters off south-western Europe, where the Mediterranean sea meets the Atlantic ocean. Orcas began slamming into the sides of fishing and sailing vessels. The killer whales then dived underneath to locate and destroy the rudders used to steer the boats. Once finished, the orcas departed, leaving shocked crews and thousands of dollars of damage behind. Some of the attacks were over in a matter of minutes, but others lasted hours

It's very unusual behaviour for this particular mammal, but orcas are under a lot of threat from man-made hazards. Factors like underwater noise pollution, overfishing, toxic waste and climate change to name a few are making orca life extremely difficult. Could all of this have caused this change in

Contributors:

Billy Heaney, zoologist, wildlife tour guide and presenter Dr Jeremy Kiszka, professor of biology at Florida International University in Miami

Hannah Strager, marine biologist and director of exhibitions at the Whale Museum in Norway

Nicola Hodgins, researcher with the global charity Whale and Dolphin Conservation

Presenter: Charmaine Cozier

Producers: Anoushka Mutanda-Dougherty, Jill Collins, Matt

Toulson

Editors: Tara McDermott and Tom Bigwood

Researcher: Matt Toulson Sound designer: Nicky Edwards Production co-ordinator: Jordan King

Image: An orca showing its teeth (Credit: Marcos del Mazo/LightRocket via Getty Images)

SAT 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s21wscg87)

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SAT 19:32 World of Wisdom (w3ct5llp)

Finding love in an arranged marriage

In this first edition of the year a man from Uzbekistan wants to understand how to find love in his arranged marriage. He believes in the life-long commitment he has made but finds it difficult to connect in a deep way to the partner he has married. After over a decade together he feels that he does not share the values and interests of his wife. Sufi imam Jamal Rahman offers advice.

Presenter: Sana Safi

Producers: Zoe Gelber and Charlie Taylor

SAT 20:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55p6qz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct4vm5)

Michael Mann on his new film Ferrari

Nikki Bedi talks with film-maker Michael Mann - famous for films as varied as Ali, The Last of the Mohicans, Manhunter and Heat - about his latest film Ferrari, starring Adam Driver and Penelope Cruz.

And Nikki is joined by writer and cultural critic Anna Bogutskaya to discuss Bradley Cooper and Carey Mulligan in their film Maestro.

America Ferrera talks about her role in Barbie and her journey as a Latina actor in the world of TV and film.

Plus, the ever-glamorous, ever singing superstar Cher tells how autotune has changed pop music forever.

Presenter: Nikki Bedi Producer: Oliver Jones

(Photo: The new Ferrari 250TR prototype. Credit: Louis Klemantaski/Klemantaski Collection/Getty Images)

SAT 21:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55pbh3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 21:06 Newshour (w172z09v4hckzqj)

Doctor in Gaza: "The wards are overflowing'

Doctor Graeme Groom is a British orthopaedic surgeon, who's been travelling to Gaza for many years - and is currently volunteering at The European Hospital in the southern city of Khan Younis. We got through to him just before he went into

Also in the programme: US aviation regulators have ordered the grounding of 171 Boeing planes worldwide after an Alaska Airlines aircraft lost part of its fuselage mid-air; and one day before Bangladesh goes to the polls, at least 14 polling stations have been set on fire.

(Photo: A Palestinian girl who was wounded in an Israeli strike in which her parents and three of her siblings were killed, is comforted by her grandmother at The European Hospital, in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip, January 6, 2024. Reuters/Arafat Barbakh)

SAT 22:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55pg77)

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SAT 22:06 The Newsroom (w172z2sxypkkgg4)

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SAT 22:20 Sports News (w172z1kbdwn0hn8)

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

SAT 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s21wscthm)

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SAT 22:32 Assignment (w3ct4m85)

Bones that speak

In 2016, the Philippines' newly elected president, Rodrigo Duterte declared there was one, common enemy: the drugs trade. What followed was a bloodbath. Addicts, alleged traffickers - and so many who happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time - were gunned down in the streets by the security services. Often, the police claimed there had been a shoot-out and they had shot back in self-defence. The government put the number of people killed in the 'war on drugs' at 6,252 – that figure doesn't include the thousands killed

Now some of those victims are speaking from beyond the grave. Many were poor, and their families couldn't afford a permanent resting place in a cemetery. Instead, they rented a burial spot. And, as those short leases have come up for eviction, a Catholic priest, Father Flavie Villanueva, offers families help to exhume and cremate the bodies. But before cremation, the remains are examined by one of only two forensic pathologists in the Philippines, Dr Raquel Fortun.

Dr Fortun has assessed the skeletal remains of dozens of victims of the 'war on drugs'. Her findings often contradict police narratives. For Assignment, Linda Pressly reports on these efforts to uncover the truth of what happened under President Duterte. But she also hears how, under a new president since 2022 - Ferdinand Marcos Jr - the killings on the streets have continued.

Producer: Tim Mansel Presenter: Linda Pressly Studio mix by James Beard Production Coordinator: Gemma Ashman

Editor: Penny Murphy

SAT 23:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55pkzc)

(Image: Dr Fortun. Credit: Tim Mansel/BBC)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 23:06 Music Life (w3ct4mgv)

Taking your music seriously with Penguin Café, Johnny Borrell, Douglas Dare and Judi Jackson

Arthur Jeffes of Penguin Café, Johnny Borrell, Douglas Dare and Judi Jackson discuss taking your own music seriously when starting out, selling out, and whether it's OK to re-hash your previous work

Musician, composer and band leader Arthur Jeffes formed Penguin Cafe in 2009, bringing together a talented and disparate group of musicians initially to perform his father Simon Jeffes' legacy of world renowned Penguin Cafe Orchestra music, 12 years after his untimely death in 1997. Since then, they have continued to perform the music of Penguin Cafe Orchestra alongside their own compositions, and have released five albums to date. The most recent, Rain Before Seven..., came out in the summer

Douglas Dare's piano-led music creates an elegant minimalist sound. He released his debut album Whelm in 2014, which was made on a battered grand piano, then followed it up in 2016 with Aforger. In 2020, he released his third album, Milkteeth.

British musician Johnny Borrell is best known as the frontman of the band Razorlight. The band have gone through several lineup changes, with him the sole permanent member. In betwee the band's activities, he released a solo album in 2013, and currently has a new project called Jealous Nostril.

Singer Judi Jackson grew up in Roanoke, Virginia, playing piano and singing in the church choir. After moving to London, she released her debut EP, and in 2020 won vocalist of the year at the Jazz FM awards. Last year she released her full-length debut album, Grace. Her live show includes her own interpretations of songs from jazz greats, along with her original soul-infused music.

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SUN 00:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct4sjz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55ptgm)

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SUN 01:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct4wkm)

Timing is everything

As the new year arrives for much of the world, Marnie and pals look at a few time-related oddities. From the abolition of the leap second, to how some people feel they can actually see time stretching before them, to a festival of lunar-loving worms.

On the anniversary of the invention of the word "robot", we discuss EU AI legislation and its parallels with science fiction of a century ago, regal handedness, Arctic golf courses and the time-capsule of all humanity, stuck to the side of the Voyager Probes.

Presented by Marnie Chesterton with Meral Jamal, Andrada Fiscutean, plus Prof Anie Schutze of Texas A&M University Produced by Tom Bonnett, with Alex Mansfield and Dan Welsh

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[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

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SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct4nv1)

Running out of road for a two-state solution

cale Harter introduces insight, wit and analysis from BBC correspondents and writers around the world.

Tom Bateman has been the BBC's Middle East Correspondent for six and a half years; now he's moved on to report from Washington DC and reflects on how far American foreign policy goals can be pursued as Israel's war on Hamas continues - and whether the United States underestimated the power of

Linda Pressly travels to Manila to meet a priest and a pathologist who are trying to uncover the truth about the war on drugs which raged in the Philippines under former President Rodrigo Duterte. Many thousands of alleged drug dealers and users - as well as many innocents caught in the crossfire - were killed, and their remains may hold clues to how they really met their deaths.

Bernardo Arevalo came to prominence as a campaigner against endemic corruption in Guatemala, and won its presidential election last year. But ever since then, he's been beset by a blizzard of lawsuits trying to stop him being inaugurated. Rory Sullivan examines the political vendettas pursued through Guatemala's court system

And in the Aegean Sea, Heidi Fuller Love hears why the island of Antikythera is emptying out - and what's being done to try and keep it populated. Why should such an apparently idyllic spot, settled thousands of years ago, be increasingly deserted during the 21st century?

Producer: Polly Hope Editor: Richard Vadon

Production Co-Ordinator: Gemma Ashman

(Image: Route 443, the road to Ben Gurion International Airport, Credit; Menahem Kahana/AFP via Getty Images)

SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s21wsdizd)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:32 The Explanation (w3ct4z78)

What does the World Bank do?

The World Bank was originally established after World War Two with the goal of eradicating poverty and establishing shared prosperity. With new challenges such as health crises, climate change and the establishment of the Asian Development bank, the World Bank's purpose is under greater scrutiny than ever before, but has its core mission changed? Michelle Fleury, the BBC's North America business correspondent, talks to Claire Graham about the origins and purpose of the World Bank, and the current challenges it faces as it tries to support sustainable development throughout the world.

SUN 04:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct4sjz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

SUN 05:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55q9g4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trdf58m3b)

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

SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s21wsdngi)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct63cx)

Will the unicorns of the sea fall silent?

The term "narwhal" derives from the old Nordic for "nár hvalr", meaning corpse + whale, which, for these animals, is quickly becoming prophetic. Climate change, with its accompanying increase in human marine activity, has led to the Arctic Ocean becoming noisier. As narwhal rely on sound to communicate and navigate their surroundings, this could result in the extinction of populations like East Greenland's narwhal by as soon as 2025. This is the canary in the coalmine moment for the deep-sea mammals, along with the people who rely on

Mary-Ann Ochota investigates how this issue is at once political, cultural, and environmental by talking to the scientists, traditional hunters, and activists, who are all seeking a solution.

Music by Siobhan McDonald, Chris Bean and Jonathan Nangle Nunavut hunters voiced by Francis Quinn Producer: Jacob Dabb

(Image: A male and female narwhal, Monodon monoceros, have been digitally created and added to this underwater image of the oceans surface. Credit: David Fleetham/Getty Images)

SUN 06:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55qf68)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 06:06 Weekend (w172z37n6qxsnfw)

Israel-Hamas war: 3 months on

The war between Israel and Hamas began exactly three months ago today, when Hamas attacks in southern Israel left 1,200 people dead. The heavy bombardment of Gaza since then has killed more than 22,000 Palestinians

Also in the programme: there's tight security at voting stations in Bangladesh for a general election that's being boycotted by most opposition parties; and

how did a British art student's lost portfolio turn up in Pakistan?

Joining presenter Paul Henley are Yasmeen Serhan, a US-born foreign affairs writer for Time magazine, and Olly Haynes, a British freelance journalist and writer who covers 'social

(Picture: Israeli soldiers operate in the Gaza Strip amid the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas, in this handout picture released on January 6, 2024. Israel Defense Forces/Handout via REUTERS THIS IMAGE HAS BEEN SUPPLIED BY A THIRD PARTY)

SUN 07:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55qivd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 07:06 Weekend (w172z37n6qxss60)

Blinken continues diplomacy in Jordan and Qatar

The US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, is meeting the leaders of Jordan and Qatar today, in the hope of limiting the spread of war across the Middle East, Israel's war on Ham began exactly three months ago today after Hamas attacks left 1,200 people dead in southern Israel. More than 22,000 Palestinians have been killed since then.

Also in the programme: presidential elections are being held in Taiwan next Saturday and the results could have a huge impact on the country's relations with China; and what explains the success of 16-year-old darts prodigy Luke Littler?

Joining presenter Paul Henley are Yasmeen Serhan, a US-born foreign affairs writer for Time magazine, based in London and Olly Haynes, a British freelance journalist and writer who covers 'social movements'.

(Picture: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrives in Amman, during his week-long trip aimed at calming tensions across the Middle East, in Jordan January 6, 2024. REUTERS/Evelyn Hockstein/Pool)

SUN 08:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55qnpj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 08:06 Weekend (w172z37n6qxswy4)

Arson attacks in Bangladesh before general election

At least 14 polling stations in Bangladesh have reportedly been set on fire a day before the general election. The main opposition, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, is urging people to boycott the polls and join a two-day strike.

Also in the programme: a reports shows thousands of Afghan women and young girls are joining online study programmes despite the Taliban's government ban on female education; and are advanced running shoes making life too easy for athletes?

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(Picture: Firefighters and local people work together to extinguish fire after a passenger train caught fire, ahead of the general election, in Dhaka, Bangladesh, January 5, 2024. REUTERS/Mohammad Ponir Hossain REFILE - OUALITY

SUN 09:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55qsfn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct4nv1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today]

SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s21wsf4q1)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service

SUN 09:32 Outlook (w3ct4rc4)

My escape, thanks to a Russian mail-order bride

As a film-obsessed gay teen Wes Hurley was thrilled to move to the US from Russia. But his mother's new husband was moody and homophobic. How they ended up bonding, after a surprise

This episode is presented and produced by Saskia Edwards. It was first broadcast in August 2019.

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(Photo: Wes Hurley with his mother Elena. Credit: Wes Hurley/Nathan Miller)

SUN 10:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55qx5s)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:06 Music Life (w3ct4mgy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:06 on Saturday]

SUN 11:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55r0xx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trdf59bl3)

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SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s21wsfd69)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:32 The Explanation (w3ct4z78)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct5b7i)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

SUN 12:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55r4p1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5b2y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]

SUN 12:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s21wsfhyf)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:32 World of Wisdom (w3ct5llp) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:32 on Saturday]

SUN 13:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55r8f5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 13:06 Newshour (w172z09v4hcmxnl)

Al-Jazeera journalists killed in Israeli drone strike

The eldest son of Al Jazeera's senior correspondent in Gaza is among the latest casualties of Israel's offensive, weeks after he lost his wife and two other children and his cameraman in previous airstrikes. We speak to one of Hamza Al-Dahdouh's Al-Jazeera colleague, Ali Hashem, and put the accusation to an Israeli spokesperson.

Also on the programme: Polls have closed in Bangladesh after an election marred by violence and a boycott of voting. We speak to a senior opposition leader about why his party is boycotting the poll.

And we ask why US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin's hospitalisation was kept secret from the White House for four days.

(Picture: Al Jazeera journalist Wael Al-Dahdouh hugs his daughter and son as they attend the funeral of his son, Palestinian journalist Hamza Al-Dahdouh, January 7, 2024. Credit: REUTERS/Mohammed Salem)

SUN 14:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55rd59)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:06 Music Life (w3ct4mgy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:06 on Saturday]

SUN 15:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55rhxf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 15:06 Sportsworld (w172z1l4vm7rtwn)

Live Sporting Action

Delyth Lloyd presents Sportsworld as the FA Cup third round continues. There will be the latest from the big games of the day, with holders Manchester City in action, as well as Arsenal

We'll look ahead to the Asian Cup which is about to start in Qatar, and concentrate on the final round of regular season matches in the NFL with play-off spots still to be decided.

Photo: The official FA Cup match ball by Mitre during the Emirates FA Cup Third Round match between Burnley and Huddersfield Town at Turf Moor on January 8, 2022 in Burnley, England. (Credit: Getty Images)

SUN 19:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55rzwy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trdf5b9k4)

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SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s21wsgc5b)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:32 In the Studio (w3ct4yg7)

Manal AlDowayan

Internationally renowned Saudi artist Manal al-Dowayan is midway through an ambitious public installation that will be shown in the Valley of Arts, in the desert of north-west Saudi Arabia. She has just returned from collecting stories and drawings from the inhabitants of AlUla, and is starting to transform them into her own artwork. Titled Oasis of Stories. the project pays tribute to the local people of AlUla. She will carve their drawings into her installation, just like their ancestors carved petroglyphs to tell their own stories thous of years ago.

Manal gives Melissa Gronlund a sense of the importance of storytelling and being a memory keeper in a changing society. She also talks about her early work challenging the restrictions on women in Saudi Arabia, such as I Am, which questioned the way women were only allowed to perform certain roles in Saudi society. Melissa hears how one of the country's most established artists is navigating Saudi Arabia's new cultural scene

Producers: Ashley Byrne, Melissa Gronlund and Danielle

A Made in Manchester production for BBC World Service

Image: Manal AlDowayan's participatory workshops in AlUla (2023), part of Oasis of Stories for Wadi AlFann (Courtesy of Royal Commission for AlUla)

SUN 20:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55s3n2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct4wkm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:06 today]

SUN 21:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55s7d6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 21:06 Newshour (w172z09v4hcnwmm)

Al Jazeera accuses Israel of targeting journalists

Following the death of the eldest son of Al Jazeera's senior correspondent in Gaza, the news network has issued a statement calling the killing of Hamza al-Dahdouh and the journalists travelling with him as a targeted 'assassination'. We get the response from Mark Regev, a spokesperson for the Israeli prime minister.

Also on the programme: the ruling Awami league in Bangladesh have won an election boycotted by the opposition - we speak to a special envoy to the prime minister; and we hear all about the Hollywood stars gearing up for the Golden Globe Awards with our Los Angeles Correspondent, Emma Vardy.

(Picture: Brother of Palestinian journalist Hamza al-Dahdouh, the son of Al Jazeera journalist Wael al-Dahdouh, attends his

funeral, after Hamza was killed in an Israeli strike, in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip. Credit: REUTERS/Ibraheem Abu

SUN 22:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55sc4b)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:06 The Newsroom (w172z2sxypkncc7)

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SUN 22:20 Sports News (w172z1kbdwn3dkc)

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

SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s21wsgqdq)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:32 Outlook (w3ct4rc4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 today]

SUN 23:00 BBC News (w172z2r7m55sgwg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:06 The Climate Ouestion (w3ct5bl5)

Will 'sustainable' fuels transform air travel?

The future of flying might depend on used cooking oil, plants and green electricity. Sustainable aviation fuels, known as SAF, are made from less carbon-intensive processes and renewable sources. Airlines are touting them as the key to decarbonising

The aviation industry has pledged to move from 2.5% of all global CO2 emissions to net zero by 2050 - with these alternative fuels being the cornerstone of the strategy. However, there's little SAF actually being produced, it, and it's much more expensive than fossil fuels. Can the technologies really take off?

Climate Ouestion host Graihagh Jackson investigates, with reporting from the BBC's Monica Miller in Malaysia and

Presenter: Graihagh Jackson Producer: Osman Iqbal Researcher: Octavia Woodward Editor: Simon Watts Sound engineer: Tom Brignell

SUN 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s21wsgv4v)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5b9s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

SUN 23:50 Over to You (w3ct4raf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

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MON 00:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgxfwr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 00:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct4nv1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52lt54)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 00:32 The Explanation (w3ct4z78)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 on Sunday]

MON 00:50 More or Less (w3ct5b7j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

MON 01:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgxkmw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 01:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpggw92)

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MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52lxx8)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service

MON 01:32 Happy News (w3ct5hvp)

Art student's lost work recovered thousands of kilometres away

Grace Hart's artwork was accidentally thrown away, only to end up in the Pakistani city of Lahore. Also: the jewellery store owners in Hawaii helping to restore precious items damaged in wildfires. And, the teenage darts player, 'Luke the Nuke', taking the sport to new audiences.

MON 02:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgxpd0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpgh016)

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MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52m1nd)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 02:32 CrowdScience (w3ct4y56)

Will electric cars help solve noise pollution?

Noise pollution from vehicles in the public space has a huge impact on human health. But as the world switches to quieter electric-powered means of transport there's a debate about whether we will actually see any noticeable improvement to our quality of life.

Discovering more than just engineering solutions to the problem, CrowdScience visits one of the world's loudest cities, Mumbai in India. It's a place where noise has become a way of life. But is that all about to change?

Presenter: Alex Lathbridge

Producer: Richard Walker

Production Co-ordinator: Jonathan Harris Editor: Richard Collings

MON 03:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgxt44) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 03:06 The Documentary (w3ct5mbd)

An octopus's garden

The octopus is prized as the most intelligent of all marine species - immortalised in stories, poems and songs worldwide. In Madagascar it is also a vital source of income. Hazel Healy takes a journey into a pioneering Madagascan closure system, which is enabling one particular species of octopus to flourish and protecting incomes for the most vulnerable. She learns how the system was first developed, and how it is inspiring other coastal communities in Kenya and Indonesia

Hazel talks to conservationists, fisher folk and community leaders, and learns how the exceptional rapid growth and short life span of one shallow-dwelling reef octopus species means that it can be fished heavily if the fishing is carefully managed and monitored. The system works by periodically closing a portion of a village's octopus gleaning grounds so that the octopus is free to reproduce. At any communally agreed time. up to a quarter of a community's fishing area may be closed for three months. During this time, the area is carefully patrolled against poachers. The result is a dramatic increase in octopus landings and improved fishing incomes when those areas are reopened. 'Fish less, earn more,' is the mantra of people locally who support the system.

But this is also challenging for those who rely on fishing to survive from day to day. How are communities managing these different needs and finding alternative incomes during the closure periods? What are the key factors which might mean the system will succeed or fail? And how has the system had similar impacts in other parts of the world?

Finally, Hazel learns how the success of the system has sparked greater support for ambitious marine management efforts more widely, including the creation of permanent marine reserves in Madagascar.

Producer: Sarah Cuddon

Music by The Enchanted Cinema

A Falling Tree production for BBC World Service

(Photo: A local resident in Madagascar. Credit: Madagascar Film and Photography)

MON 03:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52m5dj)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 03:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5b9s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

MON 03:50 Over to You (w3ct4rqf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

MON 04:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgxxw8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpgh7jg)

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MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52m94n)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct4twk)

How to raise a teenage boy

Sana Safi meets two parenting experts who help women navigate their relationship with their teenage sons.

Rosalind Wiseman is the best-selling author of 9 books, including Queen Bees & Wannabes, which became the inspiration for the movie Mean Girls, and Masterminds & Wingmen, in which she discusses the joys and challenges of raising young men. Rosalind also co-founded Cultures of Dignity, an organisation that partners with communities to bring social and emotional learning to all.

Phinnah Chichi Ikeji is a British-Nigerian family coach. She's the founder of Parenting Teens Solutions and Empowering the next generation, two organisations helping parents and teachers understand today's teenagers. Her book is called The Parenting Teens Navigation System.

Produced by Alice Gioia

(Image: (L) Rosalind Wiseman (R) Phinnah Chichi Ikeji.)

MON 05:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgy1md)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 05:06 Newsday (w172z07d5kvrsky)

Palestinians must be able to stay in Gaza - Blinken

The US Secretary of State Antony Blinken is travelling around the Middle East to try to prevent the war in Gaza from spreading in the region. He condemned statements by some Israeli ministers, who called for the resettlement of Palestinians elsewhere.

Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has won re-election for a fourth term, after the poll was boycotted by the main opposition party.

Hollywood's awards season has kicked off, with big wins at the Golden Globes for the movie "Oppenheimer" and the TV show "Succession".

And the remarkable story of a survivor of the Holocaust, who started a band and tours the world calling for peace.

MON 06:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgy5cj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 06:06 Newsday (w172z07d5kvrxb2)

Health workers forced to leave Gaza's Al-Aqsa hospital

International medical aid groups evacuate from the Al-Aqsa hospital, Gaza's last-functioning hospital in the centre of the strip, due to safety concerns.

NASA is gearing up for the launch of an American moon lander mission which is the first of its kind commercial project.

Congressional leaders in the United States have have reached a deal over the total amount of federal spending to avoid a partial government shutdown. But no deal for Ukraine funding yet.

And in Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will stay in office for another term. But questions are being raised on the manner in which polls have been conducted when major opposition parties have boycotted the polls.

MON 07:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgy93n)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 07:06 Newsday (w172z07d5kvs126)

Palestinians must be able to stay in Gaza - Blinken

The US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, is travelling around the Middle East to try to prevent the war in Gaza from spreading in the region.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky wants billions of dollars in frozen Russian assets to be repurposed for Ukraine.

More than 170 Boeing 737 Max 9 planes are to remain grounded in the US after part of the plane's fuselage came free during a flight last week.

And evidence of rape, torture and forced abortions by TB Joshua the late founder of one of the world's biggest Christian evangelical churches has been uncovered by the BBC.

MON 08:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgvdvs)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct4p43)

Stephen Cave: Should we want to live forever?

Stephen Sackur speaks to philosopher Stephen Cave, director of the University of Cambridge Institute for Technology and Humanity. He is at the centre of a growing debate about the merits of extending human longevity. Is it wise to seek to live forever?

MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52ms45)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct4mvq)

How to fix the US budget

Twice in 2023, the American government faced the prospect of having to shut down because politicians in congress couldn't agree on a budget to fund it. Each time, a shutdown was narrowly averted – by last minute, short-term deals.

Now, a third deadline is looming in mid-January. It leaves politicians — with fierce disagreements over what services the government should pay for, and how — little time to reach an agreement.

We look at the impact of this uncertainty on businesses, and ask, in an election year, what can be done to bring the chaos to an end?

Presented and produced by Rob Young

(Image: An employee walks past a sign at the entrance of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History during a 35-day partial government shutdown in Washington, DC, January 28, 2019. Credit: Getty Images)

MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct4xbs)

The world's first lesbian couple to get married

On 1 April 2001, the Netherlands became the first country in the world to legalise gay marriage.

Four couples were chosen to take part in a collective wedding at midnight which was broadcast on TV.

Hélène Faasen and Anne-Marie Thus tell Dan Hardoon about the wedding they thought they'd never have.

(Photo: The four happy couples cut the cake. Credit: Marcel Antonisse/ANP/AFP/Getty Images)

MON 09:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgyjlx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 09:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpghv83)

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MON 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52mww9)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 09:32 CrowdScience (w3ct4y56)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

MON 10:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgync1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct4w67)

Hindenburg disaster and wingsuits

Max Pearson presents a collection of this week's Witness History episodes from the BBC World Service. Our guest is Barbara Waibel, author of a book on the Hindenburg and Director of Archives at the Zeppelin Museum in Friedrichshafen, Germany. She tells us about the history of airships.

We begin with some remarkable archive of the Hindenburg airship disaster in 1937. Then British scientist Jonathan Shanklin describes how he discovered the hole in the ozone layer in 1985.

In the second half of the programme we hear from a NASA scientist who worked on the Voyager space probe which took the famous 'Pale Blue Dot' photo of Earth. A physicist from Quebec remembers when a solar flare plunged the Canadian province into darkness. And we hear the exciting and dangerous story of the invention of the winsuit.

Contributors:

Barbara Waibel - Author and Director of Archives at the Zeppelin Museum in Friedrichshafen, Germany. Jonathan Shanklin - Scientist who discovered the hole in the ozone layer.

Candice Hansen - NASA scientist.

Aia Hruska - Physicist from Ouebec.

Aja Hruska - Physicist from Quebec.

Jari Kuosma - Inventor of the commercial wingsuit.

(Photo: Hindenburg airship. Credit: Corbis via Getty Images)

MON 11:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgys35)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 11:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpgj2rc)

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MON 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52n4ck)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 11:32 The Conversation (w3ct4twk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

MON 12:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgywv9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct4qh2)

Love in the time of revolution, part 1

When they were younger, José Pepe Mujica and Lucía Topolansky separately joined a left-wing insurgency set on overthrowing Uruguay's increasingly repressive government. They wouldn't meet for years but they were on the same mission. Each went underground, cutting ties to friends and family while their group, the Tupamaros, carried out bank heists to fund the uprising. Initially romanticised as 'Robin Hood' guerillas, their movement gradually became more violent. The law soon caught up with them both, but neither were prepared to stay behind bars for long and their audacious prison escapes would break world records.

Presenter: Andrea Kennedy Producer: Louise Morris

Dubbers were Elizabeth Rhodes and Fede di Lorenzo

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(Photo: José Pepe Mujica and Lucía Topolansky. Credit: LatinContent/Getty)

MON 12:50 Witness History (w3ct4xbs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

MON 13:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgz0lf)

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MON~13:06~The~Newsroom~(w172z2trrpgjb7m)

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MON 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52ncvt)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 13:32 CrowdScience (w3ct4y56)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

MON 14:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgz4bk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 14:06 Newshour (w172z09vhrnyskz)

BBC uncovers abuse by late Nigerian pastor

A BBC investigation has uncovered evidence of rape, torture and forced abortions by the late TB Joshua, one of Nigeria's most influential pastors. We hear from one of his victing

Also in the programme: US Secretary of State Antony Blinken says Palestinians must not be pressured into leaving Gaza, after some Israeli ministers call for Palestinians to leave; we speak to an MP from the ruling coalition. And after multiple awards at the Golden Globes we speak to the director of hit TV drama

(IMAGE: TB Joshua, Nigerian evangelical pastor and founder of the Synagogue Church of All Nations in Lagos, Nigeria; CREDIT: Getty Images)

MON 15:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgz82p)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct4p43)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

MON 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52nmc2)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct4zfd)

Boeing 737 Max 9 planes to stay grounded while inspections

The firm's shares plunge as its newest model is in the spotlight after a door panel flew off during an Alaska Airlines flight. We get the latest.

US Congress leaders have agreed to a \$1.6tn spending level for the rest of 2024 ceiling as they seek to avoid a partial government shutdown. We look into the details.

And German farmers blockade roads in protest against subsidy cuts, with more than 500 tractors and trucks parked up by Berlin's Brandenburg Gate. We hear about their reasons

(Picture: An inspector looks at the panel that blew out of the Alaska Airlines aircraft. Picture credit: NTSB HANDOUT/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

MON 16:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgzctt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 16:06 BBC OS (w172z0w7jk4xfhf)

Hezbollah commander killed in Israeli drone attack

A senior commander with the Islamist Hezbollah movement, Wissam Tawil, has reportedly been killed in an apparent Israeli drone attack in southern Lebanon. Reports suggest a car was targeted in the Khirbet Selm area, which veered off the road before catching fire. Meanwhile, the US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, has been holding talks with the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia on the latest leg of his diplomatic mission to the Middle East. We get more details from our regional editor in the newsroom

We speak to a scientist from a team that has managed to unicate with a humpback whale called Twain

A BBC investigation has uncovered evidence of rape, torture and forced abortions by one of the Nigeria's most influential pastors. We hear from a victim and speak to our reporter, who has been working on the story.

We bring the main talking points on social media about The Golden Globe Awards on Sunday.

Presenter: James Revnolds.

(Photo: Wissam Tawil was the deputy head of a unit within Hezbollah's elite Radwan force, Credit; Hezbollah)

MON 17:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgzhky)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 17:06 BBC OS (w172z0w7ik4xk7k)

Franz Beckenhauer has died

Franz Beckenbauer, one of Germany's greatest football players, who captained the national team to World Cup victory in 1974 has died at the age of 78. We hear from a German football fan

who met Franz Beckenbauer.

Israel has killed a Hezbollah commander in Lebanon as fears grow of a wider Middle East conflict. The US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, is holding talks with the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia on the latest leg of his diplomatic mission to the Middle East. We speak to our correspondent and hear from an MSF project co-ordinator who has just returned from Gaza.

German farmers have blocked city centres and motorways with tractors in protest at plans to slash agricultural subsidies. We hear more from our correspondent in Germany

One of the guests who attended a now-infamous Christmas party in Russia has been summoned to a military conscription office. We get more from BBC Monitoring.

We talk about a rescue operation in Slovenia, where a group of five people have been trapped in a cave since Saturday.

(Photo: 1974 FIFA World Cup in Germany final in Munich: Germany 2 - 1 Netherlands - Captain Franz Beckenbauer raising the trophy at the award ceremony. Credit: Sepp Maier, Paul Breitner/Getty Images)

MON 18:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgzmb2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 18:06 Outlook (w3ct4qh2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

MON 18:50 Witness History (w3ct4xbs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

MON 19:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgzr26)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 19:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpgk1qd)

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

MON 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52p3bl)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct4sv1)

2024/01/08 GMT

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

MON 20:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgzvtb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct4nv1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52p72q)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct65r1)

The Life Scientific: Sarah Blaffer Hrdy

Our primate cousins fascinate us, with their uncanny similarities to us. Studying other apes and monkeys also helps us figure out the evolutionary puzzle of what makes us uniquely human. Sarah Blaffer Hrdy's work brings a female perspective to this puzzle, correcting sexist stereotypes like the aggressive, philandering male and the coy, passive female.

Sarah is professor emerita of anthropology at the University of California, Davis, and studies female primate behaviour to create a richer picture of our evolutionary history, as well as what it means to be a woman or a parent today. Her overarching aim is to understand the human condition, a goal she initially planned to pursue by writing novels. Instead, she found her way into science: her ground-breaking study of infanticide among langur monkeys in northern India overturned assumptions about these monkeys' murderous motivations. Later in her career, she looked into reproductive and parenting strategies across species. We humans are primed by evolution, she believes, to need a lot of support raising our children. And that is a concern she found reflected in her own life, juggling family commitments with her career ambitions as a field researcher, teacher, and science writer.

MON 21:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfgzzkg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 21:06 Newshour (w172z09vhrnwmsw)

Aid agencies withdraw staff from Gaza hospitals

The Al Agsa hospital in central Gaza is on the verge of shutting down. We hear from a doctor from an aid agency who had to leave the hospital behind.

Also on the programme; tribute have been paid to the German footballing legend Franz Beckenbauer who has died at the age of 78. And we meet the writer of the TV drama which has shone a light on what has been called the most widespread injustice in British legal history. And which has placed enormous political pressure on the UK Prime Minister Rishi

(Picture: Patients in Al Agsa Hospital in central Gaza. Credit: Reuters)

MON 22:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh039l)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 22:06 The Newsroom (w172z2sy9yvw3jh)

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

MON 22:20 Sports News (w172z1kbs4vb4qm)

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

MON 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52pgkz)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct4zhn)

Boeing 737 Max 9: United Airlines finds loose bolts

United Airlines has reported loose bolts on their Boeing 737 MAX 9 planes. Presenter Roger Hearing will be looking at what this means for the company going forward.

We get a sneak preview of the latest in gadgetry and gizmos at the tech trade fair in Las Vegas

And golfing veteran Tiger Woods has ended his sponsorship deal with Nike after 27 years. A deal reported to be worth £500 million dollars

(Picture: The recovered fuselage plug area of Alaska Airlines Flight 1282 Boeing 737-9 MAX Credit: Reuters)

MON 23:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh071q)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 23:06 HARDtalk (w3ct4p43)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

MON 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52plb3)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 23:32 The Conversation (w3ct4twk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

THESDAY 09 IANHARY 2024

TUE 00:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh0bsv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct4w67)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh0giz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 01:06 Business Matters (w172yzrzgr49zy9)

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(Picture: A United Airlines Boeing 737 MAX 9 jetliner is grounded at Luis Munoz Marin International Airport in San Juan, Puerto Rico January 7, 2024. Credit: Reuters)

TUE 02:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh0l93)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpgkwy9)

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TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52pykh)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:32 The Documentary (w3ct6946)

The approach

Adriana Brownlee is a mountaineering pioneer. The British woman became the youngest female to summit K2 - the second-highest mountain on Earth - in 2022. But mountains are changing and becoming more unpredictable because of climate change. High mountain areas are warming faster than the rest of the planet, meaning glaciers are shrinking and permafrost holding mountain faces together are disappearing. How are mountaineers like Adriana adapting and what implications are there for communities living in the foothills of these mountains?

Adriana investigates by visiting Chamonix in France, the mountaineering capital of Europe and home to Mont Blanc. She learns that the disappearing glacier there is an inescapable symbol of our warming planet. After speaking to other mountaineers, glaciologists and meteorologists, she asks herself if she is doing enough as a mountaineer to prevent the planet from warming further.

Image: Adriana Brownlee (Credit: Adriana Brownlee)

TUE 03:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh0q17)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct4qh2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Monday]

TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct4xbs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh0tsc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

${\it TUE~04:06~The~Newsroom~(w172z2trrpgl4fk)}$

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TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52q61r)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct4yg8)

Poet Fred D'Aguiar

The poet, novelist and playwright Fred D'Aguiar was born in Britain, grew up in Guyana and now lives in Los Angeles. There he came across the story which became his most recent collection of poems, For the Unnamed. It was originally entitled For the Unnamed Black Jockey Who Rode the Winning Steed in the Race Between Pico's Sarco and Sepulveda's Black Swan in Los Angeles, in 1852. That tells us what we know: the horses' names, who owned them, where and when the race was run, and that the winning jockey was black. His name, though, was not recorded.

Fred D'Aguiar recovers and re-imagines his story, in several voices – including the horses. In this edition of In the Studio Julian May meets D'Aguiar on the cusp. For The Unnamed is written and D'Aguiar explains how he is now preparing it for publication and his way of proof-reading. He is also feeling his way towards his next project, beginning a series of poetic studies of people he has known, people he has lost and people who inspire him. This is, tentatively, entitled Lives Studied.

D'Aguiar reveals his processes, how he begins, rising very early, taking his dog, Dexter, for a walk, drinking a coffee, then setting to. He speaks quickly, so writes always in longhand with a pen, to slow thought down, to consider. He speaks too of his reading and influences, for instance Robert Lowell and his collection 'Life Studies'. For D'Aguiar the practice of writing is

integral to his existence - writing is living.

Presenter and Producer: Julian May

(Photo: Fred D'Aguiar. Credit: Courtesy of Fred D'Aguiar)

TUE 05:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh0yjh)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 05:06 Newsday (w172z07d5kvvph1)

Another airline finds 'loose bolts' on Boeing aircraft

Another airline has found loose parts on some of its grounded Boeing 737 MAX 9 fleet, days after a window and chunk of fuselage fell off an Alaska Airlines flight mid-air. Hundreds of aircraft have been grounded. We bring you the latest.

Ecuador has ordered the security forces to take control of the country's prisons, as thousands of soldiers and police search for the country's most powerful drug lord who has escaped from a maximum security jail.

The US Secretary of State Antony Blinken is due to meet Israeli leaders shortly, as Washington tries to prevent the Gaza conflict from growing into a regional war. We find out the details from an Israeli diplomatic correspondent.

And we talk to a Korean animal protection worker as South Korea's parliament votes on a bill to ban the consumption of dog meat.

TUE 06:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh128m)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 06:06 Newsday (w172z07d5kvvt75)

Hundreds of aircraft grounded as loose bolts discovered

Two airlines say they have found loose parts on some of their Boeing 737 MAX 9 fleet, days after part of the fuselage blew out of an Alaska Air aircraft mid-flight. Hundreds of planes have been grounded. We ask if the jets are safe to get on.

In the Middle East- the US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, continues his latest diplomatic tour - can he succeed in deescalating tensions in the region?

And Bosnia's majority-Serb region is marking a holiday that's been declared unconstitutional by the country's highest court. We tell you the reason behind it and the consequences.

Also, why has Cuba announced a five-fold increase in fuel prices? Our correspondent gives us all the details.

TUE 07:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh160r)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 07:06 Newsday (w172z07d5kvvxz9)

Talks in the Middle East amid fears of regional war

The US Secretary of State Antony Blinken is meeting Israeli leaders today, as Washington tries to prevent the Gaza conflict from growing into a regional war. But what is life like currently in Gaza itself? We speak to the charity, Save the Children.

The South Korean parliament has passed a landmark bill to ban the killing and selling of dogs for their meat. We get the latest.

Two airlines say they have found loose parts on some of their Boeing 737 Max 9 fleet. This comes only days after part of the fuselage blew out of an Alaska Air aircraft mid-flight.

And we hear about the Cuban spying case that has shocked the world.

TUE 08:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh19rw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:06 The Documentary (w3ct5mbf)

Building a future for cyclone-hit Mozambique

Five years after reporting on one of Mozambique's worst cyclones, the BBC's Nomsa Maseko returns to the city of Beira to meet the people on the frontline of climate change. With scientists predicting that such storms will become more powerful and dangerous because of global warming, work is underway to build the resilience to extreme weather, from builders learning techniques to construct stronger houses, to volunteers educating people in how to evacuate safely. The future of life and livelihoods in this region hangs in the balance, but these people want to help their communities adapt.

Presenter: Nomsa Maseko Producer: Rob Wilson Editor: Tara McDermott

(Photo: Jose at a finished house)

TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52qp18)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct4n4r)

What is a digital twin city?

Almost 60% of the world's population live in cities. And this trend is expected to continue - by 2050 nearly 7 of 10 people will live in urban environments.

Although more than 80% of global GDP is generated in cities, there are challenges: increasing carbon emissions and environmental pollution, traffic congestion and urban vulnerability, exposed by natural disasters such as floods and storms.

The creation of a digital twin - a digital representation of a real city, infrastructure or even a whole country - could help decision-makers simulate real situations, allowing them to make better decisions. Situations like floods and other extreme weather events.

We look into the technology and find out what the benefits and limitations are...

And the former foreign minister of Tuvalu, Simon Kofe, explains how climate change has forced his country to consider preserving their whole statehood and culture in the metaverse.

Produced and presented by Ivana Davidovic

(Image: A digital representation of Singapore. Credit: Singapore Land Authority)

TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct4xhb)

The mystery of France's lost king

The fate of Louis-Charles, son of the last king of France, was for years shrouded in rumour.

The little boy was said to have died in prison in 1795. But for years, rumours spread that he had been swapped with an imposter.

It wasn't until a team of scientists took DNA samples from the heart of the imprisoned boy in 2000 that the mystery could be laid to rest.

In 2021, Prof Jean Jacques Cassiman and historian Deborah Cadbury told Claire Bowes about the extraordinary tale.

(Photo: Drawing of Louis-Charles being separated from his mother Marie Antoinette in 1793. Credit: Universal History Archive/Universal Images Group/Getty Images)

$\it TUE~09:00~BBC~News~(w172z2r7zfh1fj0)$

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

$\it TUE~09:06~The~Newsroom~(w172z2trrpglr56)$

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TUE 09:30 BBC News Summary (w17zz2s2f52qssd) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

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TUE 09:32 The Documentary (w3ct6946)

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TUE 10:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh1k84)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 10:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct4vm5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

TUE 11:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh1p08)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 11:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpglzng)

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TUE 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52r18n)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 11:32 In the Studio (w3ct4vg8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

TUE 12:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh1srd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 12:06 Outlook (w3ct4qxm)

Love in the time of revolution, part 2

José "Pepe" Mujica and Lucía Topolansky were part of a leftwing insurgency set on overthrowing Uruguay's increasingly repressive government, but didn't meet for years.

When their paths finally did cross they fell for each other quickly, but their joy was shortlived, and they faced arrest — thirteen brutal years of separate detention followed. When they were granted amnesty by a newly democratic Uruguay, they found their way back to each other and married, but neither was prepared to leave their ideals behind. Lucía and Pepe entered the political fray, all the way up to the presidency.

Ukranian opera singer Sergiy Ivanchuk's career was almost scuppered when he was shot while rescuing civilians from the Russian invasion. His injuries almost cost him his voice, as he told Outlook in April 2023. Now physically recovered, Outlook caught up with Sergiy again after a performance at London's Royal Opera House to hear how he found emotional healing through singing.

Presenter: Andrea Kennedy

Producer: Louise Morris & Harry Graham Dubbing by Fede di Lorenzo and Elizabeth Rhodes

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(Photo: José Pepe Mujica and Lucía Topolansky. Credit: Louise

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TUE 13:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh1xhj)

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TUE 13:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpgm74q)

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TUE 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52r8rx)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 13:32 Discovery (w3ct65r1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Monday]

$\it TUE~14:00~BBC~News~(w172z2r7zfh217n)$

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 14:06 Newshour (w172z09vhrnyph2)

Dozens reported killed in Gaza as Blinken urges protection for civilians

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken is on his fourth visit to the Middle East in three months to ensure the Israel-Gaza war does not spread into a regional conflict.

Also in the programme: Gabriel Attal, 34, has been named France's next prime minister, becoming the youngest person ever to hold the office; and South Korea passes a law banning the slauehter and sale of doe meat.

(Picture: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (R) meeting with the US Secretary of State Antony Blinken at the Kirya military base in Tel Avi. Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

TUE 15:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh24zs)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 15:06 The Documentary (w3ct5mbf)

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TUE 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52rj85)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct4zqf)

Boeing 737 Max 9: how the incident will affect airlines?

The recent dangerous Boeing 737-9 Max grounding has significantly impacted the reputation of manufacturer and airline companies. Alaska Airlines has cancelled more than 200 fliehts.

Tim Jeans, former CEO at Monarch airlines will explain how this incident will affect Boeing's reputation and the work of global airlines.

(Picture: United Airlines. Picture credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

TUE 16:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh28qx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 16:06 BBC OS (w172z0w7jk50bdj)

2023 was the hottest year on record

The year 2023 has been confirmed as the warmest on record, driven by human-caused climate change and boosted by the natural El Niño weather event. We speak to our climate editor and hear from people who experienced extreme heat in 2023.

We talk about the diplomatic mission by the US Secretary of State in the Middle East and hear from displaced people in Gaza

We have a follow-up to the BBC investigation into TB Joshua, the charismatic pastor of a Nigerian megachurch accused of sexual crimes and abuse on a mass scale across three continents. Now, the BBC has found new evidence that TB Joshua hid dead bodies and intimidated families to cover up his role in a building collapse where 116 people died. Our reporter from the BBC investigations team explains.

After a story about a US woman whose sepsis infection led to a quadruple amputation attracted a lot of attention in the US, we talk to two people who also developed sepsis and had to have amputations.

Presenter: James Reynolds

(Photo: Extreme heat warnings issued for Southern and Western US, Atlanta, USA - 18 Jul 2023, Credit: ERIK S LESSER/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

TUE 17:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh2dh1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 17:06 BBC OS (w172z0w7jk50g4n)

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With the top US diplomat Antony Blinken in Israel for talks, scores of people have been reported killed in Gaza. We speak to our correspondent and hear from displaced people in Gaza.

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Norway has become the first country in the world to open up part of its seabed for mining, despite warnings on the environmental impact. We explain the plan.

Security forces in Ecuador are trying to re-establish order in at least six jails where riots broke on Monday, sparked by the escape of the notorious gang leader known as Fito. We get more details from our Latin America regional editor.

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(Photo: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken meets Israel's President Isaac Herzog, during his week-long trip aimed at calming tensions across the Middle East, at David Kempinski Hotel, in Tel Aviv, Israel, January 9, 2024. Credit: Evelyn Hockstein/Pool/Reuters)

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TUE 20:06 The Documentary (w3ct6946)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52s3zt)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:32 Tech Life (w3ct4tr1)

Tech Life in Las Vegas

Las Vegas plays host to CES - one of the biggest consumer tech trade shows in the world. Alasdair Keane is there for Tech Life, reporting on the latest innovations and devices. Also, video gaming is big business in Africa. Tech Life presenter Shiona McCallum finds out how big the business is. And a new substance has been discovered which could solve a problem with rechargeable batteries.

(Photo: Sphere logo. Credit: Greg Doherty/Getty Images)

TUE 21:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh2wgk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 21:06 Newshour (w172z09vhrnzjpz)

2023 was hottest year ever

Global average temperatures for 2023 were the hottest ever recorded according to figures from the European climate monitoring organisation, Copernicus.

Also in the programme: Ecuador gripped by gang violence; and US Senator Chris Van Hollen on the Israel/Gaza war.

(Picture: Extreme hot weather and high ocean temperatures in Florida, Miami Beach, USA - 30 Jul 2023, Credit: Photo by CRISTOBAL HERRERA-ULASHKEVICH/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

TUE 22:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh306p)

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TUE 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52sch2)

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TUE 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct4zsp) Hooded gunmen burst onto live TV set in Ecuador

Hooded gunmen have burst onto a live TV set in Ecuador, a day after the country's president declared a state of emergency following the disappearance of a powerful gang leader from prison. Roger Hearing will be bringing us the latest.

The World Bank's latest report is predicting the worst half decade of growth in 30 years as many economies are set to grow more slowly in 2024 and 2025. We find out what this means for use

And Norway has become the first country in the world to open up part of its deep sea bed for commercial-scale mining.

(Picture: Armed attackers take over a television channel in Ecuador during a live broadcast. Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

TUE 23:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh33yt)

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TUE 23:06 The Documentary (w3ct5mbf)

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TUE 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52sh76)

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WED 00:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh37py)

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(Picture: Armed men interrupt live programming at TC Television station, Guayaquil, Ecuador. Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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WED 02:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5bl5)

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WED 03:06 Outlook (w3ct4qxm)

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WED 03:50 Witness History (w3ct4xhb)

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WED 04:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh3qpg)

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WED 04:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpgp1bn)

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WED 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52t2yv)

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WED 04:32 World of Secrets (w3ct6ccr)

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hots ring out at a church guarded by gunmen in Lagos Nigeria. Behind the blacked-out windows and high walls are secrets. In a pub in Oxford, England, a woman comes to us with a story. Presenters Charlie Northcott and Yemisi Adegoke investigate the cult of TB Joshua, a story of miracles, manipulation and abuse.

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WED 05:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh3vfl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 05:06 Newsday (w172z07d5kvyld4)

Ecuador: Gunmen storm TV station

Police in Ecuador have ordered the evacuation of the government compound over security concerns, after the president said the country was in a state of "internal armed conflict"

Donald Trump has asked a Georgia judge to throw out the election fraud case against him, arguing that he is protected by presidential immunity.

And 2023 has been confirmed as the world's hottest year on

WED 06:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh3z5q)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 06:06 Newsday (w172z07d5kyvq48)

Ecuador: 'No negotiations with criminal gangs'

The head of the armed forces in Ecuador says there will be no negotiations with the criminal groups responsible for a wave of violence in the country.

Disruption expected across Germany as train drivers stage 3-day walkout

And Lebanon's caretaker prime minister Najib Mikati says his country is ready for talks on long-term stability on its southern border with Israel

WED 07:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh42xv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 07:06 Newsday (w172z07d5kvytwd)

Ecuador's military chief has ruled out negotiations with the criminal groups responsible for a wave of violence in the

Disruption expected across Germany following protests and strikes by farmers, hauliers and railway worker

And saving the world's second rarest primate, the singing caovit gibbon.

WED 08:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh46nz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct4p8m)

Alicia Kearns: How much will 2024 test the West?

Stephen Sackur talks to Alicia Kearns, Conservative MP and chair of the UK's House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee. She has long warned of the threat to democracies posed by authoritarian regimes, led by China. With a host of elections looming, is 2024 going to severely test the West?

WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52tkyc)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct4n98)

Food security in Puerto Rico

The Caribbean island imports around 90% of its food and by law only US ships can be used to transport it - which pushes up the price.

We speak to islanders who think that needs to change, and are pushing for Puerto Rico to become more self sufficient.

Weather events like Hurricane Maria, which left many without power and water for months, have brought the issue to the forefront once again.

We meet a new generation who are leading the way, using new technology to try and make it easier, and cheaper, for people to buy local and rely less on imports

Produced and presented by Jane Chambers

(Image: Puerto Rican farmer Fernando Maldonado. Credit: Jane Chambers)

WED 08:50 Witness History (w3ct4xkl)

Russian ballerina defects to the West

In 1970, Natalia Makarova became the first female ballet star to defect to the West from Russia

The dancer claimed asylum during a UK tour, nine years after another Russian dancer, Rudolf Nureyev, had defected.

Natalia later joined the American Ballet Theatre in New York. She wouldn't return to her home country for almost 20 years.

Jane Wilkinson has been looking through the archive to discover the reasons behind her defection.

(Photo: Natalia Makarova in New York, 1980, Credit: Brownie Harris/Corbis via Getty Images)

WED 09:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh4bf3)

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WED 09:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpgpn29)

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WED 10:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh4g57)

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WED 10:06 World Book Club (w3ct4xlp)

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WED 11:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh4kxc)

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WED 11:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpgpwkk)

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WED 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52ty5r)

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WED 11:32 World of Secrets (w3ct6ccr)

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WED 12:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh4pnh)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 12:06 Outlook (w3ct4r4d)

Stories from a hospice: The people I carry with me

Kathryn Mannix is a pioneer in palliative care in the UK: forging a path in a medical field that didn't exist when she qualified as a doctor in the 1980s. For decades, Kathryn has helped patients live their best lives right to the end, by treating the symptoms of life limiting illnesses. She kept diaries throughout her career, often of the people and cases that particularly affected her. And many years later, she shared those stories in the ground-breaking book, With the End in Mind: Dying, Death and Wisdom in an Age of Denial.

Presenter: India Rakusen Producer: Helen Fitzhenry

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(Photo: Kathryn Mannix leaning against a mossy stone wall, smiling. Credit: Craig Fordham)

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WED 13:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh4tdm)

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WED 13:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpgq41t)

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WED 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52v5p0)

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WED 13:32 Tech Life (w3ct4tr1)

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WED 14:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh4y4r)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 14:06 Newshour (w172z09vhrp1ld5)

Ecuador army moves against criminal gange

The armed forces in Ecuador say there will be no negotiations with the criminal gangs behind a wave of violence. President Daniel Noboa authorised the military to "neutralise" a number of armed groups after gunmen stormed a television studio in Guayaquil during a live broadcast.

Also today: US Secretary of State Antony Blinken talks to the Palestinian Authority as Israel continues to pound Gaza; and how a TV drama sparked calls for justice and forced the British government to make changes in the real world.

(Photo: Soldiers in an armoured vehicle patrol the city's historic centre following an outbreak of violence a day after Ecuador's President Daniel Noboa declared a 60-day state of emergency following the disappearance of Adolfo Macias, leader of the Los Choneros criminal gang, from the prison where he was serving a 34-year sentence, in Ouito, Ecuador, January 9, 2024. Credit: REUTERS/Karen Toro TPX)

WED 15:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh51ww)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct4p8m)

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WED 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52vf58)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct4zvy)

Red Sea: US and UK navies repel largest Houthi attack

US military say the Iran-backed group launched at least 21 drones and missiles overnight. Almost 15% of global seaborne trade passes through this route. We take a look at the consequences for the shipping industry.

German train drivers have started a three-day nationwide strike adding strain to the transport sector, which is seeing motorways blocked by farmers' protests. We get the latest from our correspondent.

And the UK's prime minister, Rishi Sunak, has announced a new law to compensate victims of what has been called the country's "biggest miscarriage of justice".

(Picture: Royal Navy destroyer HMS Diamond in the Red Sea. Picture credit: REUTERS)

WED 16:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh55n0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 16:06 BBC OS (w172z0w7jk5379m)

Ecuador declares war on armed gangs

Ecuador's president has ordered that criminal gangs are to be "neutralised" after days of violence culminated in an attack on a television studio. The armed forces say there will be no negotiations with the gangs. We explain what's behind the wave of violence and speak to people in Ecuador.

We explain Britain's post office scandal which has been described as one of the worst miscarriages of justice in the country. We also hear from some of the people who were wrongfully convicted.

UK and US forces have repelled the largest attack yet by the Houthi rebels in the Red Sea. Our defence correspondent

We talk to a man in the US who received a small gift hag to mark his 27 years as a Burger King employee, without never missing a day of work. We find out how his story went viral and what happened next.

(Photo: Soldiers in an armoured vehicle patrol the city's historic centre following an outbreak of violence a day after Ecuador's President Daniel Noboa declared a 60-day state of emergency. Quito, Ecuador, January 9, 2024. Credit: Karen Toro/Reuters)

WED 17:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh59d4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 17:06 BBC OS (w172z0w7ik53c1r)

Britain's post office scandal

Nine victims of the Post Office Horizon scandal have shared their stories of despair, loss and shame with BBC. We hear from some of them and explain the scandal which has been described as one of the worst miscarriages of justice in the

We hear a story of a couple in Gaza who had to have their wedding in a bomb shelter after their house was destroyed.

We talk to the father of Omer Wenkert, a 22-year old Israeli man, who was abducted from Supernova music festival by

Ecuador's president has ordered that criminal gangs are to be "neutralised" after days of violence culminated in an attack on a television studio. We get the latest from BBC Mundo.

Presenter: James Reynolds

WED 18:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh5f48)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 18:06 Outlook (w3ct4r4d)

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WED 18:50 Witness History (w3ct4xkl)

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WED 19:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh5iwd)

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WED 19:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpgqvil)

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WED 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52vx4s)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct4t1t)

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

WED 20:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh5nmj)

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WED 20:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5bl5)

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WED 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52w0wx)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct4pf4)

Are outcomes better with female surgeons?

A recent study from Canada has found that patients treated by female surgeons have a lower likelihood of adverse postoperative outcomes (death, hospital readmission or major

complications) at 90 days and one year following surgery. The same research team also found in another recent study that there are lower 30-day, 90-day and 1-year post-surgery health care costs for patients treated by female surgeons compared with those treated by male surgeons. Claudia Hammond discusses these findings with two of the researchers from the University of Toronto, Dr. Chris Wallis and Dr. Angela Jerath.

Claudia is joined by medical journalist Clare Wilson from New Scientist to discuss deaths related to hydroxychloroquine, which was prescribed in hospitalised patients with Covid-19 in many countries despite of the low-level evidence

We also hear how the re-imagining of cult American TV series, Sesame Street, can improve the health of Syrian children living as refugees in Jordan.

Claudia and Clare also discuss a study which suggests that hearing aids may prevent or delay the onset and progression of dementia, and another study into how ancient DNA reveals the reasons for high multiple sclerosis rates in Europe.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond Producer: Jonathan Blackwell Editor: Holly Squire

WED 21:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh5scn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 21:06 Newshour (w172z09vhrp2fm2)

Ecuador vice minister: 'It's going to be bloody

The president of Ecuador, Daniel Noboa, has said that his country is at a state of war after the deadly attacks, kidnappings and prison riots that shocked the country in the past few days. The government says the violence is a reaction to the president's plan to build a new high security prison for gang leaders. We hear from Esteban Torres Cobo, a vice-minister in the

Also on the programme: the daughter of the Nigerian megachurch leader TB Joshua tells us how she too became of a victim of his abuse; and the Oregon school teacher who found the panel that blew off an Alaska Airlines planes in his back

(Image: Police officers stand outside of El Inca prison amid the ongoing wave of violence around the nation in Onito. Ecuador. on 10 January 2024. Credit: Reuters/Toro)

WED 22:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh5x3s)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 22:06 The Newsroom (w172z2sy9yw1xbp)

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WED 22:20 Sports News (w172z1kbs4yhyjt)

BBC Sport brings you all the latest stories and results from

WED 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52w8d5)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct4zy6) Ecuador's exports caught in the crossfire

How is the crisis in Ecuador affecting the country's economics

can it maintain the exports that provide most of its income? Roger Hearing will be taking a look at this.

There are moves being made by UK politicians to take action against Fujitsu, the company that made the faulty software that led to the false convictions of hundreds of post office

And the dog ate my money - we hear from the US official who can rebuild chewed banknotes.

(Picture Image: Fresh produce with tags showing the prices in Ecuador's legal tender the U.S. dollar, in Quito. Credit: Reuters)

WED 23:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh60vx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 23:06 HARDtalk (w3ct4p8m)

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WED 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52wd49)

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WED 23:32 World of Secrets (w3ct6ccr)

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THU 00:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh64m1)

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THU 00:06 World Book Club (w3ct4xlp)

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THU 01:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh68c5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 01:06 Business Matters (w172yzrzgr4hsrh)

Exports in Ecuador are caught up in the crisis

Roger Hearing will be taking a look at how the crisis in Ecuador is affecting the country's economics - can it maintain the exports that provide most of its income?

Also the Austrian heiress with millions of Euros she doesn't want, sets up a panel to give it away.

And the dog ate my money - we hear from the US official who can rebuild chewed banknotes

(Picture Image: A woman shops in an almost empty market following a wave of violence around the nation. Credit: Reuters)

THU 02:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh6d39)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 02:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpgrprh)

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THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52wrcp)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 02:32 Assignment (w3ct4m86)

The struggle for Barbuda's future

Campaigners on the tiny Caribbean island of Barbuda are locked in a battle over its development by foreign investors who are building exclusive resorts for wealthy clients. The development of Barbuda into a high-end tourist destination is supported by the government of Antigua and Barbuda, who say it's essential to create jobs and for the economic future of the island. But others argue that it will fundamentally change the island's ecology and unique way of life. Caroline Bayley travels to Barbuda for Assignment to speak to both sides in the heated debate over the island's future.

Photo: The pristine coastline on Barbuda's south coast, which has become the main focus for new luxury developments (BBC)

Reporter: Caroline Bayley Producer: Alex Last Sound mix by Rod Farquhar Production Coordinator: Gemma Ashman Series Editor: Penny Murphy

THU 03:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh6hvf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 03:06 Outlook (w3ct4r4d)

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THU 03:50 Witness History (w3ct4xkl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh6mlk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 04:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpgry7r)

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THU 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52wzvy)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct4v7x)

The preservers

Humans have preserved food to make it last longer for thousands of years. In this programme Ruth Alexander learns about different methods of food preservation used around the world, including pickling, dehydrating and canning.

Food historian and writer Darra Goldstein in the US explains the history of this art. Yukari Sakamoto is a trained chef and sommelier who leads food tours in Tokyo, she explains why people in Japan take the idea of a well stocked pantry seriously. And Usha Prabakaran in Chennai, India talks about her love of the Indian pickle and its role in Indian cuisine.

There are some important safety considerations if you want food to last longer, particularly if you want to store it at room temperature. There is a risk of botulism if food is not heated to the correct temperature for the correct amount of time, particularly for foods that are low in acid. Ruth hears about the laboratory testing done by Carla Schwan, Director at the National Home Food Preservation Centre based in Georgia, United States which tests recipes that can be used safely for home preserves.

Canning – storing food in glass jars and heating it – has seen a resurgence recently. Some enthusiasts refer to themselves as 'rebel canners', which in general refers to people wanting to use recipes other than those that have been lab tested and approved. The 'Canning Diva', Diane Devereaux a food preservation educator and blogger in the United States explains what motivates rebel canners, and the recipes she thinks are missing for consumers.

If you'd like to contact the programme, you can email the foodchain@bbc.co.uk.

Presented by Ruth Alexander.

Produced by Beatrice Pickup.

(Image: a selection of foods preserved in jars of different shapes and sizes. Credit: Getty Images/BBC)

THU 05:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh6rbp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 05:06 Newsday (w172z07d5kw1h97)

WHO: 'Let more aid in to Gaza'

The head of the World Health Organization has called on Israel to allow the delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza, saying it is currently almost impossible to reach those in need.

In Ecuador, more than 300 suspected gang members have been arrested under the state of emergency that prompted a wave of deadly violence across the country.

And the last debate between Republicans vying to challenge Joe Biden in November's US presidential election has taken place.

THU 06:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh6w2t)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU~06:06~Newsday~(w172z07d5kw1m1c)

ICJ hears genocide case against Israel

The UN's International Court of Justice in the Hague is set to hear a case brought by South Africa today in which it accuses Israel of committing genocide against Palestinians in Gaza.

Ecuador's armed forces say they have arrested more than 300 suspected gang members since the president declared a state of emergency, triggering a wave of deadly violence.

And Poland's president says he will not rest until the former interior minister and deputy are freed from prison.

THU 07:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh6zty)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 07:06 Newsday (w172z07d5kw1qsh)

SA's genocide case against Israel at ICJ

The UN's International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the Hague is set to hear a case brought by South Africa today, in which it accuses Israel of committing genocide against Palestinians in Gaza.

Ecuador's armed forces say they have arrested more than 300 suspected gang members since the president declared a state of emergency, triggering a wave of deadly violence.

And the US has made the long-awaited decision to allow Bitcoin to be part of mainstream investing funds.

THU 08:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh73l2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct4wf2)

Why is the US Army struggling to recruit new soldiers?

In 1973 America ended a draft that had been in effect since before it entered the second World War, and for the last fifty years the US Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines have been an all-volunteer military.

But, recently, of the four major branches which make up the US armed services, only the Marines have achieved their target for new recruits. And the biggest force, the Army, has been struggling most of all. In the past two years its missed its recruiting target by several thousand.

In this edition of the Inquiry, Sandra Kanthal looks at the myriad reasons the American Army is failing to enlist enough new soldiers, and why this may affect what impact it can have on global security.

Guests

Nora Bensahel – Professor of the Practice at the School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University Mark Cancian - Senior Advisor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies

Peter Feaver – Professor of Political Science and Public Policy, Duke University and author of Thanks For Your Service: The Causes and Consequences of Public Confidence in the US Military

Beth Asch - Senior Economist, The Rand Corporation

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Image Credit: Bo Zaunders\Getty

THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52xgvg)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct4n07)

The race to secure semiconductor supply chains

Semiconductors hit the news during the Covid-19 pandemic, as issues with supply chains led to shortages of cars and soaring prices.

Since then, geopolitical tensions have impacted the industry. 90% of the world's most advanced chips are made by TSMC in Taiwan.

Now, countries all over the world are investing billions of dollars into the industry, so that manufacturing of these chips can happen in more places and alleviate some of the problems supply chains have faced in the last few years.

In today's episode, we visit a new semiconductor fabrication plant in the UK - the first to develop a low-cost, flexible semiconductor, as companies, and nations, race to diversity the industry.

(Picture: Two workers in PPE inside the Pragmatic semiconductor plant in Durham, England. Credit: Pragmatic)

Produced and presented by Hannah Mullane

THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct4xf2)

The first World Laughter Day

On the 11 January 1998 in Mumbai, India, the first World Laughter Day took place.

It was the idea of Dr Madan Kataria, a medical doctor who wanted to test the theory that laughter is the best medicine.

He tells Gill Kearsley how this unusual event started

(Photo: World Laughter Day in Mumbai in 2016. Credit: Arijit Sen/Hindustan Times via Getty Images)

THU 09:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh77b6)

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THU 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52xlll)

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THU 09:32 Assignment (w3ct4m86)

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THU 10:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh7c2b)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct4wkn)

Super corals and science diplomacy

Could geopolitical tensions around the Red Sea affect research into the region's heat-resistant super corals? Also on the program, what an ocean that used to lie under the Himalayas can tell us about evolution, the fruit chat continues with the latest chapter in the bananadine saga, and how looking to the past could help create the shipping of the future.

THU 11:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh7gtg)

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THU 11:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpgssgn)

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THU 11:32 The Food Chain (w3ct4v7x)

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THU 12:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh7lkl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct4qpv)

Unmasking my best friend

It all started when a woman helped him when he was locked out of his building's swimming pool. She was magnetic and full of fun and soon they became inseparable. But things weren't quite as rosy as they seemed. Four years into their friendship Johnathan started pulling at the edges of her story, it all began to unravel and he'd have to start playing detective in a bid to bring her down.

Presenter: India Rakusen Producer: Edgar Maddicott

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THU 12:50 Witness History (w3ct4xf2)

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THU 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52y2l3)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 13:32 Health Check (w3ct4pf4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Wednesday]

THU 14:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh7v1v)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 14:06 Newshour (w172z09vhrp4h98)

International Court of Justice hears case accusing Israel of genocide

Lawyers for the South African government have told the court that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza and wants to destroy the territory. We'll hear a response from the Israeli government and examine the potential impact of the case.

Also in the programme: two of Sweden's most senior defence officials are urging the country to prepare itself for the possibility of war with Russia; and the extra-ordinary new plants and fungi discovered by scientists last year. (Photo: South Africa's Minister of Justice, Ronald Lamola, speaking to the press outside the International Court of Justice following the first day of the case accusing Israel of genocide)

THU 15:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh7ysz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 15:06 The Inquiry (w3ct4wf2)

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THU 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52yb2c)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct4zkx)

US regulator green-lights bitcoin ETF

The Securities and Exchange Commission approves spot Bitcoin exchange-traded funds for the first time. We look at the consequences this could have for crypto fans.

Inflation in the US rose higher than expected in December. We find out why.

And Spanish multinational Grifols is suing a short-seller fund that published allegations that led the firm to lose a fifth of its market value this week. We look into the details.

(Picture: A bitcoin is seen in an illustration picture taken at La Maison du Bitcoin in Paris. Picture credit: REUTERS)

THU 16:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh82k3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 16:06 BBC OS (w172z0w7jk5646q)

South Africa's genocide case against Israel

The South African government has launched a court case against Israel, accusing them of genocide against the Palestinians in Gaza and demanding an immediate end to Israel's offensive. We hear from our correspondent in the Hague, Netherlands, where the International Court of Justice is situated for the latest on the case. We also hear reaction from Israel to the charges and we get an update on the humanitarian situation in Gaza.

We hear from Papua New Guinea where a state of emergency has been declared after at least 15 people were killed in rioting. Shops and cars were torched and supermarkets looted after police went on strike on Wednesday over a pay cut the authorities say was a mistake.

We continue hearing from people who have contracted Sepsis, a serious condition that happens when the body's immune system has an extreme response to an infection. We hear from Cindy Mullins, a nurse and mother from Kentucky whose story when viral. After complications with a kidney stone her Sepsis infection led to a quadruple amputation, but she is on the road to recovery.

(Photo: Ronald Lamola, Minister of Justice of South Africa, speaks to the press before the International Court of Justice (ICI) after the first day of the hearing of the genocide case against Israel, brought by South Africa, in The Hauge, The Netherlands, 11 January 2024 Credit:

EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

THU 17:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh8697)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 17:06 BBC OS (w172z0w7jk567yv)

Iran's Navy seizes US oil tanker in Sea of Oman

Iran's navy have seized an oil tanker in the Sea of Oman. Armed masked men boarded the St Nikolas and changed the vessel's course towards an Iranian port. Iranian state media say it follows a court order authorising the move. We have the latest on this story from our Security correspondent.

We go to Ecuador, where at least 10 people have been killed since a state of emergency began on Monday. It was declared after a notorious gangster vanished from his prison cell. After days of violence, masked gunmen broke into public television channel TC's live studio during a broadcast and threatened staff. Our correspondent is in the port city of Guayaquil covering the story.

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Scientists at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew in London have revealed their top discoveries of new plants and fungi in 2023. They include a palm tree that grows largely underground and a red-flowered orchid that grows on the top of an extinct volcano.

(Photo: An Iranian military ship takes part in an annual drill in the coastal area of the Gulf of Oman and near the Strait of Hormuz, Iran, 13 December, 2022. Credit: Reuters)

THU 18:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh8b1c)

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THU 18:06 Outlook (w3ct4qpv)

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THU 18:50 Witness History (w3ct4xf2)

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THU 19:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh8fsh)

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THU 19:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpgtrfp)

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THU 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52yt1w)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct4sx9)

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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 (w172z2r7zfh8kjm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 20:06 Assignment (w3ct4m86)

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THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52yxt0)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 20:32 Science In Action (w3ct4sdh)

Seeking supernovas

The James Webb Space Telescope has revealed the clearest ever view of the stunning Cassiopeia A supernova, complete with a weird feature called 'the green monster'. Professor Dan Milisavljevic, an astronomer at Purdue University, tells us all about his research into this space-based beauty.

Professor Tamara Davis from the University of Queensland has been turning her eye to far more distant supernovas, and explains how they have given us new insight into the Universe's expansion.

Moving on to human history, William Barrie from the University of Cambridge tells us about a new study that explores the reason for high levels of multiple sclerosis in northern Europe.

And going further back in time, researcher Ethan Mooney has studied a sample of fossilised skin, which may be the oldest ever discovered.

Presenter: Roland Pease

Producer: Alice Lipscombe-Southwell

Editor: Martin Smith

Production co-ordinator: Jana Bennett-Holesworth

(Photo: Cassiopeia A Supernova. Credit: Nasa, ESA, CSA, STScI, Danny Milisavljevic, Purdue University, Ilse De Looze, UGent, Tea Temim, Princeton University)

THU 21:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh8p8r)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 21:06 Newshour (w172z09vhrp5bj5)

Israel responds to ICJ hearing

Israel's prime minister has described accusations of genocide against his government as being based on hypocrisy and lies.

Benjamin Netanyahu was speaking after South Africa began a case at the International Court of Justice, alleging that Israel was attempting to destroy Gaza. Mr Netanyahu said listening to the first day of arguments was like being in "an upside down world". He insisted that his country was in fact battling genocide by Hamas. Israel will outline its defence at the court in The Hague on Friday.

Also in the programme: Iran seizes an oil tanker in the Gulf of Oman; and Germany's Chancellor condemns alleged far-right meeting.

(Photo: Members of the Israeli delegation hold a press conference after the end of the genocide case at the International Court of Justice (ICJ). CREDIT: EPA/ROBIN ITTRECHT)

THU 22:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh8t0w)

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THU 22:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpgv3p2)

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THU 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52z598)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct4zn5)

Middle East: Commercial shipping safety concerns

The Iranian Navy says it is behind the seizure of an oil tanker in the Gulf of Oman in which armed masked men boarded a ship and changed the vessel's course towards an Iranian port. The incident comes at a time of heightened concern for ships travelling through the Gulf and the Red Sea. Roger Hearing discusses what this means for how companies involved in international trade manage the risks and security of doing business.

The US aviation regulator, the FAA, has announced it is launching a formal investigation into the Boeing 737 MAX 9 after a cabin panel blew off an Alaska Airlines flight while it was in mid-air last week. We look at what the investigation will cover.

And Joe Tidy, the BBC's Cyber Security correspondent, looks at the popularity of passkeys and why they're becoming the preferred option for signing into websites over having to remember individual passwords.

(Picture credit: Sayeed Hassan/Getty Images.)

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The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 23:06 The Inquiry (w3ct4wf2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

THU 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52z91d)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 23:32 The Food Chain (w3ct4v7x)

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FRI 00:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh91j4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct4wkn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh9588)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 01:06 Business Matters (w172vzrzgr4lpnl)

US and UK launch strikes against Houthi rebels in Yemen

As the UK and the US launch air strikes against Houthi rebel targets in Yemen we bring you the latest as attacks are reported on the capital Sanaa, the Houthi Red Sea port of Hudaydah, the city of Dhamar, and the north-western Houthi stronghold of Saada.

Presenter Roger Hearing is also joined by Stefanie Yien Thio, Joint Managing Partner at TSMP Law in Singapore, and Alexander Kaufman, Senior Reporter for the Huffington Post in New York to discuss the business stories from around the world.

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(Picture credit: Mohammed Hamoud/Getty Images.)

FRI 02:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh990d)

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FRI 02:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpgvlnl)

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FRI 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52zn8s)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:32 Tech Life (w3ct4tr1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Tuesday]

FRI 03:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh9drj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 03:06 Outlook (w3ct4apy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Thursday]

FRI 03:50 Witness History (w3ct4xf2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh9jhn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpgvv4v)

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FRI 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f52zws1)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct4pkn)

Facing death in Kenya

In Kenya, palliative care - which involves end of life care for terminally ill patients - is often treated with suspicion. There's a deep taboo around speaking about the death of a person before it happens, which is thought to be like welcoming it. Some feel that taking up end of life care indicates that you've lost faith in the power of a healing God to cure your illness.

But serious and complex illnesses like cancer are becoming more common in Kenya, and end of life care is a much-needed service for people facing death. In Eldoret, Western Kenya, a group of Christians have made it their life's work to defy the stigma, and to help those with terminal illnesses find peace in their final days.

Kimbilio Hospice, run by a Christian charity called Living Room International, was established by Pastor David Tarus over a decade ago. The hospice provides specialist medical care to ease symptoms at the very end of a patient's life, but often they first have to convince patients' families that it's OK to accept the facility's help. BBC Africa reporter Esther Ogola visited the hospice to see what exactly that entails.

Presenter: Esther Ogola

Producer: Mary Goodhart / Esther Ogola Series Producer: Rajeev Gupta

Editor: Helen Grady

Production Coordinator: Mica Nepomuceno

FRI 05:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh9n7s)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 05:06 Newsday (w172z07d5kw4d6b)

UK and US strike Houthi sites in Yemen

The United States and Britain have carried out military strikes against Houthi rebel targets in Yemen.

China has warned voters in Taiwan to make the "right choice", two days before presidential elections on the self-ruled island which Beijing claims.

And excitement builds in Ivory Coast for this year's African Cup of Nations.

FRI 06:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh9rzx)

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FRI 06:06 Newsday (w172z07d5kw4hyg)

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FRI 07:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfh9wr1)

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FRI 07:06 Newsday (w172z07d5kw4mpl)

Houthis: 'US and UK will regret air strikes'

A Houthi leader, Mohammed al-Bukhaiti, has warned that the US and the UK will soon realise the strikes on Yemen were what he called "the greatest folly in their history".

The US backs Ecuador's president as he grapples with wave of bloodshed caused by powerful drug gangs.

And excitement builds in Ivory Coast for this year's African Cup of Nations.

FRI 08:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfhb0h5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct4nzl)

Sir Nicholas Winton: A Holocaust hero

Another chance to listen to Stephen Sackur's 2014 interview with the late Sir Nicholas Winton, the man who saved more than 600 mostly Jewish children from Nazi persecution. Nine years after his death, a major film has been released about his remarkable story. What motivated him?

Image: Sir Nicholas Winton, pictured in 2015 (Credit: Jeremy Selwyn/Evening Standard via Getty Images)

FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f530crk)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct4mq6)

Business Daily meets: Michele Arnese

It's widely recognised that we are bombarded with fast-paced imagery in the modern world, whether it's social media videos, or digital billboards in city spaces.

But there has been a similar explosion in sound, says advertising entrepreneur Michele Arnese. He thinks brands can only compete with the help of artificial intelligence (AI).

Dougal Shaw speaks to the Italian tech entrepreneur who trained as a classical musician, but founded an advertising company that helps companies stand out with distinctive sounds.

(Picture: Michele Arnese of Amp looking at AI-generated music with a colleague.)

Presented and produced by Dougal Shaw

FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct4x8j)

Gürtel scandal: Spain's Watergate

For two years, José Luis Peñas risked his life making secret recordings that revealed one of Spain's biggest corruption scandals.

It forced the ruling party from power and brought down Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy in 2018.

José Luis Peñas speaks to Ben Henderson.

(Photo: Mariano Rajoy (right) moments after resigning. Credit: Pierre-Philippe Marcou/Pool via Getty Images)

FRI 09:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfhb479)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 09:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpgwfwh)

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FRI 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f530hhp)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 09:32 Science In Action (w3ct4sdh)

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FRI 10:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfhb7zf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 10:06 The Real Story (w3ct4q7w)

What will decide the 2024 US election?

On Monday voters in Iowa begin the nationwide process of deciding which candidates will be on the ballot in November's US presidential election. Most expect it to once again be a competition between Joe Biden and Donald Trump. Control of the House of Representatives, the Senate and various state governments will also be decided. So, how is this year's election cycle likely to unfold, which issues will dominate, and how will this election differ from those we've seen before?

Shaun Ley is joined by:

Julia Azari, a professor of political science at Marquette University, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin Julia Manchester, a reporter for The Hill John Prideaux. US Editor for The Economist

Produced by Paul Schuster and Max Horberry

(Photo: A voter casts her ballot at a polling station on Election Day in Falls Church, Virginia, U.S., November 7, 2023. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque)

FRI 11:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfhbcqk)

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FRI 11:06 The Newsroom (w172z2trrpgwpcr)

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FRI 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f530qzy)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 11:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct4pkn)

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FRI 12:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfhbhgp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 12:06 The Fifth Floor (w3ct4v14)

Discovering the real TB Joshua

A BBC Africa Eye investigation has found evidence of widespread abuse and torture by the late TB Joshua, founder of the Synagogue Church of All Nations in Lagos, which has followers around the world. The team was supported by Nigerian investigative journalist Adejuwon Soyinka, who tells us when the pastor first came to his attention and what he discovered about him.

Secret trains and Russian prisoners

The disappearance of imprisoned Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny, and his reappearance three weeks later in the so-called 'Polar Wolf' Arctic penal colony, has shed light on Russia's long history of secret trains and penal colonies, as BBC Russian's Oleg Boldyrev reports.

Election protests in Serbia: the bigger picture
Serbia has seen weeks of protests after alleged voting
irregularities during parliamentary and local elections last
month, won by the ruling party. President Aleksandar Vučić has
rejected calls for an international probe, but the opposition
coalition Serbians Against Violence continues to dispute the

results, as BBC Serbian's Aleksandar Miladinović explains.

Sindh's sibling rappers

Two siblings from Sindh in Pakistan have been using rap to tackle taboo topics rarely discussed in their communities, including menstruation, domestic violence and religion. Shumaila Khan of BBC Urdu met them.

Presented by Irena Taranyuk

(Photo: Nigerian pastor TB Joshua. Credit: Pius Utomi Ekpei/AFP via Getty Images)

FRI 12:50 Witness History (w3ct4x8j)

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FRI 13:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfhbm6t)

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FRI 13:32 Science In Action (w3ct4sdh)

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FRI 14:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfhbqyy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 14:06 Newshour (w172z09vhrp7d6c)

US and UK strike Houthi targets in Yemen

For the last three months or so, Yemen's Houthi militia have been attacking commercial ships sailing through the Red Sea. Early on Friday, the US and UK military hit back. We'll hear from a Houthi supporter how the militia may now respond.

Also on the programme: Israel argues its case at the International Court of Justice against the charge of genocide in Gaza by South Africa; and Newshour's Celia Hatton is in Taiwan as people there prepare to vote in an election with huge significance for relations with China.

(Photo: RAF Typhoons launched from RAF Akrotiri to conduct strikes against Yemen's Houthi rebels, who have been targeting merchant vessels in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. Credit: MoD Crown/Getty Images)

FRI 15:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfhbvq2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct4nzl)

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FRI 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f5316zg)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct4z8w)

Red Sea crisis: What does it mean for the shipping industry?

The freight sector is having to choose between the risk of an attack or an expensive and long diversion. How will this impact business?

Voters in Taiwan go to the polls for a presidential election that could have significant implications for the country's economic future. We look into the details.

And the car rental company Hertz has announced plans to sell off 20,000 electric vehicles and replace them with fossil fuel cars. We explain why.

(Picture: Container ship crosses the Gulf of Suez towards the Red Sea before entering the Suez Canal. Picture credit: REUTERS)

FRI 16:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfhbzg6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 16:06 BBC OS (w172z0w7jk5913t)

Yemen: Your questions answered

US and UK forces have carried out air strikes against Houthi rebel targets in Yemen. Strikes were reported in the capital

Sanaa, Hudaydah, Dhamar and the north-western Houthi stronghold of Saada. Western forces took the action after cargo ships in the Red Sea were attacked by the Houthis - an Iran-backed rebel group which controls a large part of Yemen. We bring you the latest developments, and our regional experts answer listener questions about the ongoing conflict and its wider implications.

We continue to report from the International Court of Justice in the Hauge, where South Africa has brought a case against Israel, alleging that it is committing genocide in Gaza. Today Israel gives its defence, saying South Africa is distorting the truth. We explain the background to the case and speak to our correspondent in South Africa to get reaction to proceedings.

We speak to the inventor behind the Millennium Camera, which will take the world's slowest photo, with an exposure time of over a thousand years. Based in Tucson, Arizona, it will provide future inhabitants there with a time capsule of what's changed and what hasn't.

We look ahead to the Africa Cup of Nations football tournament, which kicks of in the Ivory Coast tomorrow. Our reporter there gives us a preview of what to look out for as 24 of the continent's finest teams battled it out for glory.

Presenter: James Revnolds

(Photo: RAF Typhoon aircraft taking off from RAF Akrotiri in Cyprus to join the US-led coalition conducting air strikes against military targets in Yemen. Credit: Sgt Lee Goddard/MOD/Crown Copyright/PA Wire)

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FRI 17:06 BBC OS (w172z0w7jk594vy)

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Health officials in Gaza say more than 150 Palestinians have been killed in the past 24 hours as Israel continues its offensive against Hamas. We speak to the Head of Mission for the medical charity Médecins Sans Frontières in the Palestinian Territories, who gives us an update and assessment of the the situation. We also speak to our correspondent in Israel.

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Presenter: James Reynolds

(Photo: A man holds a gun during a protest against the recently announced operation to safeguard trade and to protect ships in the Red Sea, in Sana'a, Yemen, 22 December 2023. Credit: Osamah Yahva/EPA)

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FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct4srs)

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BBC sports correspondents tell the story behind today's top

sporting news, with interviews and reports from across the

FRI 20:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfhcgfq)

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FRI 20:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5b2z)

Graduate unemployment

The pandemic, an economic downturn and the cost of living crisis have all taken their toll on the global job market. In China, millions of young people are struggling to find a job and in India 42% of graduates under the age of 25 are unemployed.

Host James Reynolds hears from graduates from India, the United States, Nigeria, South Africa and Ghana who either can't find work or have changed direction from what they studied in order to find success, be it from English via waitressing to financial education, or economics to fashion.

These are stories about resilience and overcoming rejection, with many companies not even responding to job applications.

23-year-old Privanka, from India, lives in the UK after obtaining her degree and then her Masters in London in 2022. She recently signed up with a graduate coach to improve her chances of employment.

"I've probably had, out of 800 applications, maybe five interviews so far," Priyanka says, "So it's a very, very tough market for an entry level candidate."

A Boffin Media production in partnership with the BBC OS team.

(Photo: Graduate Awurama Kena-Asiedu who struggled to find employment before starting her own business. Credit: Awurama Kena-Asied)

FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f531tq3)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct4v57)

Can Planting Trees Solve the Climate Crisis?

Our question this week comes from a father and his two young boys.

They want to know whether it's possible to plant enough trees to soak up all the extra carbon we are putting into the atmosphere?

The quest to find answers takes us to a remote re-forestation project in the Carpathian Mountains in Romania which could be a model for other projects looking to tackle the climate crisis through reforestation

We speak to experts to find out how much tree planting and reforestation can do in helping combat the climate crisi

Presenter: Caroline Steel Producer: Margaret Sessa-Hawkins Editor: Richard Collings

FRI 21:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfhcl5v)

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FRI 21:06 Newshour (w172z09vhrp87f8)

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

FRI 22:00 BBC News (w172z2r7zfhcpxz)

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FRI 22:06 The Newsroom (w172z2sy9yw7q4w)

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FRI 22:20 Sports News (w172z1kbs4yprc0)

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

FRI 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172z2s2f53226c)

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