

SATURDAY 13 APRIL 2024

SAT 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpwz0c)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 00:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q1l)

Beyoncé, banjos and dancing chemistry

Beyoncé's new album tops the charts with a reappraisal of who can do country music and the Unexpected Elements team has a hoedown. Panellist Christine Yohannes unearths new research that changes our understanding of the origins of cowboys. Chhavi Sachdev has a thing or two to teach Beyoncé as she reveals why the banjo has its characteristic twang and we meet a man with powerful chemistry - TikTok dance sensation Dr Andre Isaacs from the College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts tells presenter Marnie Chesterton how dancing in his lab helps explain click chemistry.

We also hear how new species could be given names that refer to the locations they're found in, we discuss whether mining is causing the Earth to shrink and, of course, eclipses make an appearance. We shed some light on how an eclipse over 100 years ago helped prove Einstein's theory of relativity.

SAT 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpwzfrh)

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SAT 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfcp979pxc)

Iran and Israel tensions escalate

On today's programme we discuss the likelihood and nature of an Iranian attack on Israel.

Also, find out why a hunger strike has begun on the island of Tenerife in response to the damaging effects of tourism on the Canary Islands.

Plus, we head to Argentina and find out how they are grappling with high inflation.

And finally, find out how an American Farm Grows \$1,700-Per-Pound White Truffles...

[Image credit: Reuters]

SAT 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpwzkhm)

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SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbfq6crrwry)

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SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0gpwzxs0)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct5wgf)

Who is the toughest player in men's cricket?

Charu Sharma, Jim Maxwell and Nikesh Rughani are joined by Richard Sydenham who has written a book exploring what makes a cricketer tough and the physical and psychological aspects of it. He shares the stories from former players and what helped inform his 22 player list. Plus the Stumped team devise their own list.

21 year old Mayank Yadav won the player of the match award on his IPL debut for Lucknow Super Giants. Charu and Nikesh debate if he should be picked in the India T20 World Cup squad and the pressures surrounding the young player.

Photo: Australian cricketer Steve Waugh during the 4th Test Match between the West Indies and Australia in Jamaica, May 1995. (Photo by Clive Mason/Getty Images)

SAT 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpwz7r)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 03:06 Outlook (w3ct698j)

Outlook Mixtape: Big waves, blue birds and a band of mothers

The stories we love from Outlook this week.

For three decades, Hawaiian surfer Garrett McNamara travelled the world in search of ever bigger waves. Then he was invited to visit Nazaré, a small fishing town in Portugal, where he found the biggest and most powerful wave of them all. And when he surfed it, he made history.

Juan Villalba-Macías has spent decades trying to protect wildlife. He's gone undercover to scupper million-dollar, animal-trafficking deals. He's also rescued two stolen parrots, the last of their kind born in the wild, in the midst of a dictatorship. (Film clip from Rio/ Carlos Saldanha/ Blue Sky Studios & 20th

Century Fox Animation)

Sofia Gatica was devastated when she lost her newborn baby to a mysterious illness, but she started to notice that she wasn't alone in her suffering. Sofia went door to door in her neighbourhood of Ituzaingó on the outskirts of Córdoba, Argentina, mapping out who was sick. She noticed a pattern and asked, was there a connection to the soybean fields next door? As Clayton Conn reports, Sofia formed a group called The Mothers of Ituzaingó who began a dangerous quest for answers.

Erika Cheung knew how to work hard, growing up in a one-bedroom trailer, she dreamed of pursuing her passion for science and helping others. So Erika was thrilled to land her first job out of university at a booming tech company promising a revolution in healthcare. Fronted by the glamorous and wealthy Elizabeth Holmes, Theranos claimed to have the technology to be able to tell from a few drops of blood whether someone had a range of diseases. That was not true. And it took Erika, one of their most junior employees, to blow the whistle – at great personal risk.

Presenter: Asya Fouks

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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty images)

SAT 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5y9d)

Hiroo Onoda, Japan's last WW2 soldier to surrender

Hiroo Onoda was an Imperial Japanese Army intelligence officer who spent nearly 30 years in the Philippine jungle, believing World War Two was still going on.

Using his training in guerilla warfare, he attacked and killed people living on Lubang Island, mistakenly believing them to be enemy soldiers.

He was finally persuaded to surrender in 1974 when his former commander, Yoshimi Taniguchi, found him and gave him an order.

In a televised ceremony, Hiroo presented his sword to the then Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos.

President Marcos returned the sword and gave him a full presidential pardon and told him he admired his courage.

Hiroo died in January 2014 at the age of 91.

This programme was produced and presented by Vicky Farncombe, using BBC archive.

(Photo: Hiroo Onoda steps out of the jungle. Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpwzsw)

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SAT 04:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q1l)

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SAT 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbfq6crrvsa4b)

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SAT 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0gpwz90d)

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SAT 05:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct6nwy)

Moving on

Mary receives a menacing message and decides to leave her home.

Mary has lived in Florida ever since her university days. It's where she fell in love, met her Taiwanese husband, and had two children. With hopes of her children growing up and going to college in Florida, Mary thinks she'll live there for the rest of her life.

But that all changes when, at 40 years old, Mary receives a menacing message that makes her move her Asian-American family 2,000 miles across the country. Race, neighbours and starting a new life at 40 – what happens when you no longer feel welcome in your home town?

Letter writer: Mary

Namulanta Kombo is creating a "handbook to life" for her daughter with letters of advice and stories to help her navigate her life ahead. If you've got something you'd like to share with your daughter or daughters everywhere, please send Namulanta your letter: email us at deardaughter@bbc.co.uk, send us a Whatsapp on +44 800 030 4404, or go to www.bbcworldservice.com/deardaughter and click on "Send us your letters"

SAT 05:50 More or Less (w3ct5tpx)

Tackling The Three-Body Problem

Netflix has a big new show named after and inspired by a classic problem in astrophysics, 'The Three Body Problem', where predicting the course and orbits of three or more celestial bodies proves near impossible.

But how faithful is the Netflix show - and original novel - to the actual physics?

Dr Anna Lisa Varri from the University of Edinburgh explains what we can and can't say about the complex and beautiful motions of planets, stars and moons, and brings a dose of scientific facts to science fiction.

Presenter: Kate Lambie

Producer: Nathan Gower

Sound Engineer: Graham Puddifoot

Editor: Richard Vadon

(UIG/Science Photo Library/ Credit: Getty images)

SAT 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpw01h4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 06:06 Weekend (w172zcww9phz9cz)

US President Joe Biden expects Iran to attack Israel 'sooner rather than later'

The US say the threat from Iran is real and imminent, but President Biden has asked Iran not to retaliate against Israel after last week's deadly attack in Syria. Israel has not taken responsibility for the strikes against the Iranian consulate in Syria but is generally believed to have been behind it.

Also in the programme: US Vice President Kamala Harris says Donald Trump is responsible for the loss of abortion rights in Arizona; a warning from a former British commander: this could be the year Ukraine loses its war against Russia.

Joining presenter Celia Hatton are Jade McGlynn, an author and Research Fellow at the Department of War Studies at King's College London and Daniel Susskind, an economist at Oxford and King College London who is also an author.

(Picture: U.S. President Joe Biden delivers virtual remarks in the White House in Washington, U.S. April 12, 2024. Credit: Reuters).

SAT 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpw0578)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 07:06 Weekend (w172zcww9phzf43)

US urges Iran not to attack Israel

President Biden has urged Iran not to retaliate against Israel after last week's deadly attack in Syria. Some international airlines are avoiding Iranian airspace amid fears that Teheran is preparing to launch an attack on Israel.

Also in the programme: New attacks on a major power plant near Kyiv as Russia's war on Ukraine continues; and the Israel-Hamas war has put a strain on Gaza's medical care system as only ten out of 26 hospitals in Gaza are still moderately running.

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(Picture: U.S. President Joe Biden delivers virtual remarks in White House in Washington, U.S. April 12, 2024. Credit: Reuters).

SAT 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpw08zd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 08:06 Weekend (w172zcww9phzjw7)

Israel prepares for Iranian attack

Also in the programme: the growing demand for the weight-loss drugs Wegovy and Ozempic after it allegedly helped celebrity

Kim Kardashian lose weight to fit into a dress; and we discover the more radical side of one of America's great writers Maya Angelou.

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(Picture: A man stands near the rubble, after a suspected Israeli strike on Monday on Iran's consulate, in Syrian capital Damascus, Syria. April 2, 2024. Credit: Reuters).

SAT 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx0dqj)

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SAT 09:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rbc)

Sudan's war: One year on

Sudan has experienced a year of civil war. It's been described by the United Nations as "one of the worst humanitarian nightmares in recent history". Over the past 12 months, we've heard from people in Sudan living through the violence and destruction. More than 14,000 people have died and more than 8 million people have been driven from their homes.

In this edition, with Luke Jones and James Reynolds, we hear from Omnia, a recent college graduate, whose been separated from her family for a year. Her life stopped when the fighting began: "I have experienced displacement four times. I have experienced living in a war zone under bombings and shelling and mass shootings. Life has changed completely from what it was. But I would also say it's a year of resilience and strength that I did not know I had in me."

Another of our guests is Samreen. She is an aid worker in Sudan, herself displaced by the war. She describes how overwhelmed she can be by requests for help: "Knowing that you're an aid worker, they ask you for stuff, they ask you to flee the country, they ask you to get to other safer locations, they ask you to help them in asylum seeking and there's so little that we can do."

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

(Photo: Asmaa Credit: Asmaa)

SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0gpx0hprzx)

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SAT 09:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v08)

The woman who snuck into the Boston Marathon

In 1966, Bobbi Gibb was told women couldn't run marathons... but she did it anyway. Plus, the lesbian couple who thought they'd never be able to get legally married, but ended up being the first in the world to do so.

SAT 09:50 Over to You (w3ct5tsh)

Listener bugbears on truncating news interviews

We hear listeners' bugbears about one aspect of news programmes that really annoys them: why do live interviewees sometimes get abruptly cut short by the interviewer? We go behind the scenes to reveal the pressures of live news production with one of the BBC's news editors, Karen Martin.

Plus, a listener tells us what he likes so much about his favourite programme: Weekend.

Presenter: Rajan Datar

Producer: Howard Shannon.

A Whistledown production for the BBC World Service

SAT 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx0jgn)

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SAT 10:06 Sportshour (w3ct5q9f)

Tottenham, YouTube and being authentic

Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper Bára Votíková tells Sportshour's Caroline Barker about how she balances her football career alongside being one of the Czech Republic's best known and most followed content creators. She tells us about using her social media platforms to advocate for gay rights, and how she deals with the haters.

New Zealand pole vaulter Eliza McCartney is about to take a leap of faith ahead of the Paris Olympics. Since winning bronze at the 2016 Games in Rio, the 27-year-old has suffered many years of injury frustration. However 2024 brought silver at the

World Athletics Indoor Championships in Glasgow - her first international podium finish in six years, since taking Commonwealth silver on the Gold Coast. She tells us about life on the road with a massive stick!

When French midfielder Aurelien Tchouameni was asked earlier this season by his team Real Madrid to play a match for them in central defence, all he needed to help him prepare for the game was a virtual reality headset in his living room. But, does the technology really work and how can it help improve players skill set? Sportshour's Andy Jones tried the new tech out to see if he could go from his messy living room to just plain old Messi.

Photo: Barbora Votikova, celebrates the UEFA Women's Champions League quarter Final First Leg match between Bayern Munchen and Paris Saint-Germain March 22, 2022 (Credit Arthur Thill ATPImages/Getty Images)

SAT 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx0n6s)

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SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6crvsvm3)

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SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0gpx0h5)

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SAT 11:32 Health Check (w3ct5t8c)

How we hope

Claudia Hammond presents a special edition of Health Check from the Northern Ireland Science Festival, where she's joined by a panel of experts to discuss the psychology of hope.

With a live audience in Belfast's Metropolitan Arts Centre, Claudia speaks to Dr Karen Kirby, senior lecturer in psychology at the University of Ulster; Dr Kevin Mitchell, associate professor of genetics and neuroscience at Trinity College Dublin; and author Sinéad Moriarty.

Topics include the role of hope in medical scenarios, if we can learn to be hopeful, and how we can hold onto hope in the modern world. We also hear questions from our audience, including whether or not we should all just lower our expectations.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond

Producer: Dan Welsh

SAT 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx0ryx)

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SAT 12:06 World Questions (w3ct5yyc)

Jordan

Gaza, The West Bank and women's rights in Jordan. As war continues in neighbouring Israel, members of the public from around the Kingdom of Jordan raise questions for political leaders and key figures to debate. Jonny Dymond presents.

The panel:

Senator Alia Hatoug Bouran: Former Ambassador to the United States

Hadeel Abdel Aziz: Director of the Centre for Legal Aid in Jordan

Senator Mohammed Al Momani: Former Government Spokesman

Oraib Al Rantawi: Director of the Al Quds Centre for Political Studies

Producer: Charlie Taylor

(Photo: Panoramic view of the city of Amman. Credit: Manuel Romaris/Getty Images)

SAT 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx0wq1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 13:06 Newshour (w172zb8sxyfyf60)

Stabbing attack in a Sydney leaves 6 dead

A man has fatally stabbed six people at a Sydney shopping centre on Saturday. The police said the attacker "acted alone" that there is "no continuing threat" to the public.

Also in the programme: as India's general election starts next week with PM Narendra Modi expected to win a third term, we ask what his victory could mean to the world; and the efforts to keep a language known as Vlski alive.

(Photo: Tactical Response officers are seen outside Westfield Bondi Junction after a stabbing attack inside a shopping centre. Credit: EFE).

SAT 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx10g5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w172zbfmr11r9km)

Live Sporting Action

Sportsworld brings live match commentary of Manchester City versus Luton Town from the Etihad Stadium at 1400 GMT.

Lee James is joined by the former Fulham, Everton, Liverpool and England striker Natasha Dowie and the former Tottenham, Fulham and Republic of Ireland defender Stephen Kelly to discuss Saturday's six Premier League games.

We'll also look ahead to Sunday's two Women's FA Cup semi-finals with Natasha, as well as discussing the day's action at tennis's Monte Carlo Masters and rugby union's Women's Six Nations, and look ahead to the third round of action at golf's Masters at Augusta.

Photo: Kevin De Bruyne of Manchester City and Reece Burke of Luton Town challenge for the ball. (Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx1hfp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 18:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6crvtpv0)

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SAT 18:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0gpx1hqv2)

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SAT 18:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct6nwy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 today]

SAT 18:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wd5)

The first transgender pro golfer

It's 20 years since Mianne Bagger became the first transgender athlete to play in pro golf tournament.

The Danish golfer made history by competing at the 2004 Women's Australian Open. It was a landmark moment for trans sport and made headlines around the world.

In 2021, Mianne Bagger spoke to Robbie Wojciechowski.

(Photo: Bagger at the 2004 Women's Australian Open. Credit: Getty Images.)

SAT 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx1m5t)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 19:06 The Documentary (w3ct6qt9)

Forward Thinking: Jocelyn Bell Burnell

In 1967, Jocelyn Bell Burnell discovered a previously unknown kind of star, the Pulsar. A Nobel prize followed, but not for Jocelyn; her male boss took the honour. Jocelyn has never been bitter about the award, but says that today things should have moved much further than they have. More women are working in space research, but is it enough?

In conversation with Nuala McGovern, she argues that different perspectives are essential for moving the science forward. One of these is a more global, inclusive vision to exploring the cosmos. India and China have prestigious space programmes, and the low-key space missions of Japan and South Africa collaborate with international partners from around the world. We discuss how global enthusiasm for space research can be used to propel change.

Jocelyn Bell Burnell is professor of astrophysics at the University of Oxford.

This is the second of a series of four programmes from the Oxford Literary Festival, presented by Nuala McGovern, produced by Julian Siddle.

Recorded in front of an audience at Worcester College Oxford.

SAT 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx1qxy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qj6)

Nathan Sawaya's exhibition Art of The Brick

Nikki Bedi is joined by Nathan Sawaya whose exhibition Art of The Brick is travelling the world.

With cultural commentator Leila Latif, they discuss...

The inspiration behind British actor Dev Patel's new action thriller Monkey Man...

Anne Hathaway and Jessica Chastain talking about their psychological thriller Mothers' Instinct.

Singer-songwriter Norah Jones considers the side effects of fame (or how to avoid it).

And filmmaker Sam Taylor Johnson talks about her Amy Winehouse biopic.

Presenter: Nikki Bedi

(Photo: Lego brick Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton at the 'Art of The Brick' exhibition in London. Credit: Nicky J Sims/Getty Images)

SAT 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx1vp2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8sxyzfzq5v)

Haiti announces transition council as gang violence rages

The long-awaited political council has been put in charge in Haiti where armed gangs remain in control of the capital. We speak to a member of the new group nominally in charge.

Also on the programme: The Israeli military says Iran has launched a wave of drones towards Israel; and the interpreter for the Japanese baseball star, Shohei Ohtani, has surrendered to authorities after he was accused of stealing \$16 million from the player.

(Photo: Police officers take part in an operation on the surroundings of the National Penitentiary following a fire. Credit: Reuters)

SAT 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx1zf6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 22:06 The Documentary (w3ct6qpd)

El Salvador's missing children: Part one

During El Salvador's brutal civil war, hundreds of children were separated from their families. Some were seized by soldiers during military operations against left-wing rebels, and later found living with new families in Europe and North America. Others were given up for adoption by mothers forced into poverty or displaced by the conflict. Now, three decades on, some of those adopted are trying to piece together their lives and find their birth relatives.

Former BBC correspondent in Central America, Mike Lanchin, follows the dramatic stories of two women who were adopted from El Salvador as young children during the war, which ended in 1992. Mike meets Jazmin, raised in France, who wonders why her adoptive parents never explained the circumstances of her adoption. Jazmin asks: could she be one of the war-time missing children? With the help of Salvadoran investigators using DNA testing, Jazmin is hoping to find a living birth relative. But will she succeed?

Meanwhile in San Salvador, Mike speaks to two sisters who managed to locate the son of one of their younger siblings who was killed during the war. The son has been living in the US, totally unaware of his Salvadoran family's long search for him.

Producers: Mike Lanchin and Philippa Goodrich
Editor: Kristine Pommert
A CTVC production for BBC World Service

(Photo: Families of missing children hold up placards bearing their photos. Credit: Yuri Cortez/Getty Images)

SAT 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0gpx1zfbpl)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 22:32 This Is Africa (w3ct5y4p)

Charisse C

Charisse C is on a mission to promote African music in the UK.

As she explains in this edition of TIA, as a young woman raised in the UK by parents from Zimbabwe and South Africa, when

she began to hear Amapiano, and through it southern African culture being expressed and embraced, it was a big moment for her. She has now built a career in music, first working as a journalist, then as a DJ, radio show host, and record label owner.

Now Charisse C has launched herself as a recording artist. She has a new four track EP called Evergreen produced by Kwamzy.

SAT 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx235b)

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SAT 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6crvv9kn)

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SUN 00:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct6nwy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

SUN 00:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wd5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

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SUN 01:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6crvvk1x)

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SUN 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0gpx2bnl)

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SUN 01:32 Hollywood Exiles (w3ct6d1k)

8. The un-Americans

Hollywood producers gather at the Waldorf Hotel to plot strategy. They push back against allegations of "subversive" content. Motion Picture Association of America president Eric Johnston makes the case that movies are a force for moral good. He also calls for a hardline: he pushes studios to purge communists and sympathizers from their payrolls. This marks the beginning of the so-called "blacklist" era in Hollywood. Screenwriter Norma Barzman recalls this as a repressive period, when creative people were self censoring their political beliefs

Archive:

Recordings of House Unamerican Activities Committee by Paramount Newsreels
The Hollywood Ten, directed by John Berry, 1950
Dalton Trumbo interviewed for Hollywood on Trial, directed by David Helfern, Corinth Films, 1976

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SUN 02:32 Health Check (w3ct5t8c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:32 on Saturday]

SUN 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx2l4v)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 03:06 World Questions (w3ct5yyc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx2pwz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5shh)

What happened to the Chibok girls?

Pascale Harter introduces stories from Nigeria, the USA, Estonia and the Tibet Autonomous Region of China.

Ten years ago, the armed group known as Boko Haram abducted 276 girls from a secondary school in northeastern Nigeria. The country - and the world - called for their release, and urged the Nigerian government to "Bring Back Our Girls". But a decade later, more than 90 of them are still missing, and even among those who returned, many say their lives after the ordeal are still extremely difficult. Yemisi Adegoke went back to Chibok with one of the first young women to escape captivity.

Like many countries along Russia's long border in eastern Europe, Estonia has been beefing up its military service regime - and increasing the demands made on its young recruits. Nick Beake joined them on some of the exercises being held in the country's freezing forests to hear what they want - and fear - for their nation.

Rates of suicide have risen to an all-time high across the United States in recent years - with a particularly large number of cases among young people. The parents, partners and friends left behind are struggling to understand the causes, while colleges are working to try and prevent more deaths, says Will Vernon.

And in China, new policies on education and "national language" are eroding the basis of Tibetan culture, according to some families and activists. Increasingly, children from Tibetan-speaking families are sent to boarding school, where all teaching is in Mandarin Chinese. Micky Bristow explores what this may mean for the future of Tibetan.

Producer: Polly Hope
Editor: Bridget Harney
Production Co-Ordinator: Katie Morrison

(Image: On the road outside Chibok Secondary School, Borno state, northern Nigeria. Photographer: Wahal El Saadi)

SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0gpx2pwz)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:32 The Global Jigsaw (w3ct6qpc)

How drones have changed war

Drones have reshaped the battlefield in Ukraine - and created new challenges, raising concerns about the nature of future warfare. Drone technology has many iterations from Iran's Shaheds and Turkey's Bayraktars to the home-made war drone. We look into the history, the geopolitics and the worrying prospect of this tech teaming up with AI.

Producer: Kriszta Satori
Presenter: Krassi Twigg

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SUN 06:06 Weekend (w172zcwv9pj2692)

UN security council meeting over Iranian attack on Israel

President Biden says the US "helped Israel take down nearly all of the incoming drones and missiles" from Iran. The attack

from Iran is a form of retaliation following the bombing of an Iranian consulate in Syria which Israel is believed to be responsible for.

Also in the programme: Nigeria is the first country in the world to roll out a new vaccine against meningitis; Sudan is facing the world's largest displacement crisis with more than eight million people displaced internally and outside of the country.

Joining presenter Celia Hatton are Rachel Shabi, a journalist, author, and broadcaster and Matthew Gould, Chief Executive Officer of the Zoological Society of London and a former British diplomat.

(Picture: An Iranian man celebrates after the IRGC attack on Israel, in Tehran, Iran, April 14, 2024. Credit: Reuters).

SUN 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx324c)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 07:06 Weekend (w172zww9pj2b16)

Iran launches drone and missile attack on Israel overnight

President Biden says the US "helped Israel take down nearly all of the incoming drones and missiles" from Iran. The attack from Iran is a form of retaliation following the bombing of an Iranian consulate in Syria which Israel is believed to be responsible for.

Also in the programme: Nigeria is the first country in the world to roll out a new vaccine against meningitis; Sudan is facing the world's largest displacement crisis with more than eight million people displaced internally and outside of the country.

Joining presenter Celia Hatton are Rachel Shabi, a journalist, author, and broadcaster and Matthew Gould, Chief Executive Officer of the Zoological Society of London and a former British diplomat.

(Picture: An Iranian man celebrates after the IRGC attack on Israel, in Tehran, Iran, April 14, 2024. Credit: Reuters).

SUN 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx35wh)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 08:06 Weekend (w172zww9pj2fsb)

Israel Defence Forces ready to counter any more attacks

Israel says it has intercepted the vast majority of more than 300 drones and missiles launched by Iran with the help of its allies. Some of the strikes are believed to have come from Iraq and Yemen. Following Iran's attack, US President Biden has said he will call a meeting of G7 leaders to "co-ordinate a united diplomatic response".

Also in the programme: We hear from an author who has been a victim of online romance fraud and 18-year-old Emily Nash who has a memory like an encyclopaedia

Joining presenter Celia Hatton are Rachel Shabi, a journalist, author, and broadcaster and Matthew Gould, Chief Executive Officer of the Zoological Society of London and a former British diplomat.

(Photo: Israeli Air Force F-15 Eagle pictured following interception mission of Iran attack. Credit: Reuters).

SUN 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx39mm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5shh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today]

SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0gpx3n0)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xmk)

Food double-acts: TV chefs

What's the secret behind the on-screen chemistry shared by some TV chef duos?

The recent death of Dave Myers, one half of 'The Hairy Bikers' with Si King, has prompted this programme celebrating successful food friendships. Dave and Si made food shows and cookbooks that took their fans all over the world, and off-screen they were close friends.

In this programme Ruth Alexander speaks to two chefs who have found success in food with a good friend.

Ruth Rogers, co-founder of The River Cafe restaurant in London, talks about her partnership with the late Rose Gray, who died in 2010. Together they presented 'The Italian Kitchen' for Channel 4 in the UK in 1998.

Italian chef Gennaro Contaldo talks about his long friendship and work with the late chef Antonio Carluccio, and the TV series they made together for the BBC, 'Two Greedy Italians' in 2011 and 2012. Gennaro also talks about his friendship with the chef Jamie Oliver to whom he's been a mentor.

Presented by Ruth Alexander.

Produced by Beatrice Pickup.

(Image: Ruth Rogers and Rose Gray plating dishes at The River Cafe restaurant in London. Credit: Maurice ROUGEMONT/Getty Images/ BBC)

SUN 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx3fcr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tvr)

How literacy can change a life

Learning to read empowers people, reduces poverty and increases their job chances. Yet more than 700 million adults are illiterate, the majority of them women. We look at innovations to help adults learn how to read from flatpack classrooms in flood-prone regions of Bangladesh, to an app teaching tens of thousands in Somaliland. Plus how adults in the UK are improving their reading skills thanks to an army of volunteer teachers using a method developed in prison.

Presenter: Myra Anubi
Reporter/producer: Claire Bates
Series producer: Jon Bithrey
Editor: Tom Bigwood
Sound mix: Andrew Mills

(Image: Jahura Begum, Shabnur Akhter, Rashida Begum at Friendship class in Bangladesh, Friendship)

SUN 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0gpx3fcr)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69h9)

A journalist's life in Israel

What is it like to work in Jerusalem right now? BBC journalist Shaina Oppenheimer shares her experience of living in Israel and monitoring the conflicting narratives published on Israeli and Palestinian media. Plus, BBC Mundo's Alicia Hernandez explains why Equatorial Guinea is the only African country which has Spanish as one of its official languages and shares the unusual local Spanish words she discovered.

Produced by Caroline Ferguson and Alice Gioia

(Photo: Faranak Amidi. Credit: Tricia Yourkevich)

SUN 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx3k3w)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6crvrwj6)

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SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0gpx3k3w)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:32 The Global Jigsaw (w3ct6qpc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct5tpx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

SUN 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx3nw0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:06 The Documentary (w3ct6qt9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:06 on Saturday]

SUN 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx3sm4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 13:06 Newshour (w172zb8sxyg1n33)

Israel says Iran confrontation 'not over yet' after shooting down drones from Tehran

Israel says it and its allies have intercepted the vast majority of more than 300 drones and missiles launched by Iran. Israel's Minister of Defence, Yoav Gallant, has said the confrontation with Iran is "not over yet". Iran said the attack "achieved all its objectives" and added it would use greater force if Israel responded in kind. In a programme dominated by this story, we hear from Israel, Iran and the United States.

(Photo: Israeli Air Force F-15 Eagle is pictured at an air base, said to be following an interception mission of an Iranian drone and missile attack on Israel, in this handout image released April 14, 2024. Israel Defense Forces/Handout via Reuters. This image has been supplied by a third party. Image blurred at source)

SUN 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx3xc8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wrg)

Can fertilisers go green?

Ammonia has revolutionised the way we produce our food, helping us to grow much, much more... But it's also helping to grow global greenhouse gas emissions too.

Synthetic fertilisers are actually responsible for around 5% of the planet-warming gases going into the air - that's more than deforestation.

In this episode, Graihagh Jackson examines this challenge that modern agriculture poses to the climate, and finds out whether it's possible to cut emissions from fertiliser use without cutting food production at the same time. She'll also be joined by local reporters in Kenya to hear about innovative projects aiming to tackle this problem and turn farming green.

Do you have a climate question you'd like answered? E-mail us: theclimatequestion@bbc.com

Presenter: Graihagh Jackson
Reporters in Kenya: Michael Kaloki and James Gitaka
Producer: Ben Cooper
Researcher: Octavia Woodward
Production co-ordinator: Brenda Brown
Sound engineer: Tom Brignell
Editors: Simon Watts and Sophie Eastaugh

SUN 14:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0gpx3xc8)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:32 Happy News (w3ct5sp9)

The centenarian stargazer

This week, we meet the 105 year-old man celebrating his 13th total solar eclipse. Also: the AI technology giving back a voice to the voiceless. And our intrepid reporter goes in search of the crookie.

SUN 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx413d)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 15:06 Sportsworld (w172zbnr111vb6v)

Live Sporting Action

Sunday Sportsworld has full commentary of a big game in the Premier League title race as Arsenal host Aston Villa. The former Arsenal defender Johan Djourou joins Delyth Lloyd to look ahead to the fixture and also what it means for the title race after the game.

While the title in England's top-flight looks like going the distance, it could all be decided in Germany this Sunday, and we look ahead to whether Bayer Leverkusen can win their first ever Bundesliga title?

The Sportsworld team will also look ahead to the final round of the Masters golf at Augusta, the final of the Monte Carlo tennis, and bring you the latest from the semi-finals of the Women's FA Cup in England.

Photo: General view of Villa Park during the Premier League match between Aston Villa and Arsenal FC at Villa Park on December 09, 2023 in Birmingham, England. (Credit: Aston Villa FC via Getty Images)

SUN 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx4j2x)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6crvqxh7)

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SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxfhtwc9)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tkd)

Making a splash with Ellie Simmonds

Public swimming pools are more than just concrete and water. Often, they are the heart of a community, a place to exercise, to meet people and connect. Paralympic gold medallist Ellie Simmonds explores what it takes to design and build a swimming pool, and asks why they are so important in a post-pandemic era.

We join award-winning Dutch architects VenhoevenCS as they sign off their biggest project to date - the aquatic centre for Paris 2024 - and begin planning and designing a brand-new public pool. Their lead architects will talk us through their plans for the new pool, looking at sustainability, accessibility and safety. We'll visit the site of the building and the offices, to eavesdrop on their planning meetings.

We'll also hear from British architect, author and swimming advocate Chris Romer Lee about the importance of public pools, and why he thinks more of us should be getting into the water.

A Spiritland production

Image: Ellie Simmonds (Credit: Anthony Devlin/Getty Images for the National Lottery) and the Hofbad swimming pool in Den Haag, the Netherlands, designed by VenhoevenCS

SUN 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx4mv1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q1l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 on Saturday]

SUN 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx4rl5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8sxyg2m24)

G7 leaders call for restraint after Iran's attack on Israel

A hastily arranged meeting of G7 leaders called by President Biden has urged restraint from all sides after Iran's missile and drone attack on Israel. Benjamin Netanyahu has been chairing a meeting of Israel's war cabinet. Iran says there will be a bigger response in the event of Israeli retaliation.

In tonight's programme, we bring you the latest from Tehran, Jerusalem and Washington.

(Photo: The Americans helped Israel greatly in defending against Iran's missile attacks, and in return want restraint. Credit: Reuters)

SUN 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx4wb9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5vrj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 today]

SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxfhv7lp)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v08)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

SUN 22:50 Over to You (w3ct5tsh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

SUN 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx502f)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6crvy6gr)

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SUN 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxfhvcbt)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69h9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:32 today]

MONDAY 15 APRIL 2024**MON 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf0gpx53tk)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 00:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5shh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxfhvh2y)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 00:32 The Global Jigsaw (w3ct6qpe)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 on Sunday]

MON 00:50 More or Less (w3ct5tpx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

MON 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz692vt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 01:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r152975)

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MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0tz692g37)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 01:32 Discovery (w3ct5rmd)

Wild Inside: The Bearded Vulture

Ominously called the lamb vulture, there are many myths and misconceptions surrounding the bearded vulture. Flying the mountainous ranges across central Asia and eastern Africa, with a wingspan of almost three meters, the bearded vulture is an impressive Old World vulture. Prof Ben Garrod and Dr Jess French are looking past the beautifully coloured plumage, and delving deep inside to learn what this bird of prey really eats and what keeps its great wings aloft.

MON 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz696kz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r152d9z)

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MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0tz696kvc)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 02:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rgw)

How do my ears sense direction?

How do we know where a sound is coming from?

Another chance to hear this ear-opening episode, exploring a question from CrowdScience listener Chileto. One day, he heard his son bounce a ball and instantly knew the direction it was travelling. How?

Anand Jagatia sets out to discover what makes left, right, up and down sound so different.

First, he gets blindfolded, so Alan Archer-Boyd, former auditory scientist and lead engineer at BBC R&D, can put his sound localisation skills to the test. It turns out that having two ears and pinnae, those flappy bits of cartilage on the side of your head, help a lot.

Professor Eric Knudsen shares how the barn owl's asymmetrical ears allow it to hunt mice, even in complete darkness.

And Anand uncovers how far he can push his own spatial hearing. Blind activist and researcher Thomas Tajo teaches him how to echolocate like a bat, and Dr Lore Thaler explains what is going on in the brain of experienced echolocators.

This programme was originally broadcast in March 2023.

Presented by Anand Jagatia
Produced by Florian Bohr for the BBC World Service

Image: Boy with hands at his ears
Credit: Silke Woweries/Getty Images

MON 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz69bb3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 03:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tvr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0tz69bb3)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 03:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v08)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

MON 03:50 Over to You (w3ct5tsh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

MON 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz69g27)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r152ngk)

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MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0tz69g2tm)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct5wz8)

Women saving lives at sea

Ella Al-Shamahi talks to two women from Wales and Goa rescuing people in trouble on the coast.

Vivienne Grey was one of the first women to become a crewmember at Little and Broad Haven RNLI in Wales when she started as a volunteer in 1990. She's been involved in more than 120 'shouts' on the lifeboat and is credited directly for saving the lives of eight people. She's now training coordinator at the lifeboat station and works part-time as a teacher. Vivienne also volunteers with the local Coastguard Rescue Team.

Ananyaa Bath is a lifeguard and lifeguard trainer in India. She works for Drishti Marine, a safety and life-saving service, which has 400 life-savers patrolling Goa's 103km coastline.

Produced by Jane Thurlow

(Image: (L) Vivienne Grey, credit RNLI. (R) Ananyaa Bath, credit Drishti Marine.)

MON 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz69kct)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 05:06 Newsday (w172zbxjctf3pgy)

Iran-Israel conflict: World leaders call for restraint

After Iran's airstrikes on Israel, the United Nations Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, warns that people in the Middle East "are confronting a real danger of a devastating full-scale conflict". So how will Israel respond and will it get US backing? We speak to a senior American politician.

A year since the civil war broke out in Sudan, millions of people are facing famine, as the country disintegrates beyond recognition. We go live to Port Sudan to speak to a senior UN official, as part of our comprehensive coverage of Sudan's war throughout the programme.

MON 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz69pkh)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 06:06 Newsday (w172zbxjctf3t2)

Sudan: One year since conflict began

Sudan's civil war enters its second year as more than eight million people are displaced and thousands killed. We go live there to get the latest on a conflict that the world seems to have forgotten.

Israel says Iran's missile attacks on the country on Saturday crossed every red line - we look at what this means and get reactions live from Israel. Also, world leaders call for restraint as Iran warns Israel against retaliation - what can Iran do and how far can it go? We speak to an Iranian analyst.

MON 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz69t9m)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 07:06 Newsday (w172zbjxtcf3xz6)

Sudan conflict: One year since civil war started

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And, we hear from the legendary writer Sir Salman Rushdie after the attack that left him blind in one eye.

MON 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz69y1r)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5szc)

Eddie Marsan: Do the arts neglect working-class people?

Stephen Sackur speaks to the actor Eddie Marsan, whose ability to play troubled, sometimes violent characters has made him a staple on stage and screen. He's a relative rarity, an actor with genuine working class roots. Is there a diversity problem in the performing arts when it comes to class?

MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8pt09b4)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z66)

Can you be sued for writing a bad review online?

We depend on online reviews for everything from hotel and restaurant bookings, to what products to buy, and as we hear in this programme, medical and cosmetic procedures.

If a customer feels unhappy with a service they've paid for, they might want to leave a bad review. But what happens if the company they're complaining about doesn't like it?

In the UK, a cosmetic surgery company, Signature Clinic, is taking some of its former patients to court after they posted negative reviews or comments on support groups. We hear from some of them.

(Image: A surgeon putting on surgical gloves. Credit: Getty Images)

Presented and produced by Ed Butler

MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ygl)

Egypt and the 'Cairo 52'

A group of men known as the 'Cairo 52' were arrested in Egypt in May 2001. They were on board the Queen Boat, a floating gay nightclub on the River Nile.

Omer, not his real name, was arrested and imprisoned for habitual debauchery.

There is no explicit law against homosexuality in Egypt and Omer was released early following the orders of US president at the time, George W Bush.

Omer speaks to Dan Hardoon about the arrest and its aftermath – in graphic detail.

(Photo: Some of the 'Cairo 52', dressed in white with their faces covered, being escorted by security into a court in Cairo. Credit: Marwan Naamani/Getty Images)

MON 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6b1sw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r153866)

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MON 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8pt0f28)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 09:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rgw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

MON 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6b5k0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct5nh)

The history of art heists

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

It's 30 years since Edvard Munch's painting, The Scream, was stolen from the national gallery in Oslo, Norway. We hear from the man who helped to recover it.

Our expert guest is historian and author, Susan Ronald, who explores the history of art heists in the 20th century.

Plus, a first hand account from Kampala terror attacks in 2010 and the mystery of St Teresa of Avila's severed hand.

Finally, we hear about the last World War II soldier to surrender. Hiroo Onoda was an Imperial Japanese Army intelligence officer who spent nearly 30 years in the Philippine jungle, believing World War Two was still going on.

Contributors:

Kuddzu Isaac - DJ and Kampala terror attack survivor
Charley Hill - Scotland Yard art detective and private investigator
Susan Ronald - historian and author
Sister Jennifer - the Mother Superior of the Church of Our Lady of Mercy, Ronda
Hiroo Onoda - Japanese WWII soldier
Christos and Ioanna Kotsikas - residents of Thessaly, Greece

(Photo: The Scream. Credit: Getty Images)

MON 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6b994)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r153hpg)

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MON 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8pt0nkj)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dl0)

Iran-Israeli attack: A turning point for the Middle East?

Israel says 99% of the missiles and drones fired by Iran on Saturday night were intercepted without hitting their targets. Iran said the assault was in response to a deadly attack on an Iranian diplomatic compound in Syria two weeks ago. Now all eyes are on how Israel will respond to Iran's unprecedented move. James Reynolds talks to the BBC's Chief International Correspondent, Lyse Doucet, who says the attack marks "a whole new chapter" in the relations between Iran and Israel. James is also joined by the BBC's security correspondent Gordon Corera, and Siavash Ardalan from BBC Persian, to discuss how the players at the centre of this confrontation might decide their next move.

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This episode was made by Richard Moran. The technical producer was Annie Smith. The assistant editor is Sergi Forcada Freixas and the senior news editor is Sam Bonham.

MON 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6bf18)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nvp)

The boy with red hair: 26 years searching for my stolen son

When Sara Méndez was kidnapped and imprisoned for her political activism during Uruguay's dictatorship, she was horrified to learn that her three-week-old baby son, Simon, had been vanished by agents of the military junta. After her release, she began a desperate search to find Simon. All she knew about him was that he had red hair. With so little to go on, the challenge was overwhelming but Sara wasn't giving up.

Reporter: Grace Livingstone
Producer: Maryam Maruf
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(Photo: Sara Mendez in 1996, holding up a photo of her missing baby Simon. Credit: Juan Angel Urruzola)

MON 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5ygl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

MON 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6bjds)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r153r5q)

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MON 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8pt0x1s)

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MON 13:32 The Conversation (w3ct5wz8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

MON 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6bnjj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 14:06 Newshour (w172zb8t96r8j0h)

Iran says it has shown 'restraint' following strikes on Israel

An Iranian spokesman said the strikes, involving more than 300 missiles and drones, were a limited act of self-defence. Israel's allies have been urging restraint. We hear from the Israeli government. We also hear from a view from Qatar, a country in the region which has retained diplomatic ties with both Iran and Israel.

Also on the programme: India's general election is underway. We head to Bengaluru, formerly known as Bangalore, in the southern state of Karnataka where President Modi's BJP party is hoping to make gains. And today sees former President Donald Trump's trial for allegedly concealing payments to the former porn star Stormy Daniels get underway in New York.

(Photo: Anti Western protesters in Tehran. Credit: Reuters)

MON 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6bs8n)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5szc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

MON 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8pt14k1)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zxs)

The costs of conflict for business in Israel

Israel's economy is struggling in the wake of conflict with Hamas in Gaza. We hear from a start-up in the EV sector how tensions between Iran and Israel will affect businesses.

Also, presenter Will Bain, looks at why Tesla is set to lay off more than 10% of its global electric vehicle workforce. And how Japan's biggest brewer Asahi plans to expand its production of zero and low-alcohol drinks.

(Picture: Man using laptop sitting on a wooden sunbed on the beach. Picture credit: Getty Images)

MON 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6bx0s)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbhz0f8zk34)

One year of war in Sudan

The civil war in Sudan has displaced more than eight million people, driving millions to the brink of famine and triggered waves of ethnic killings and sexual violence. We hear from people in the capital Khartoum and elsewhere in the country. We also speak to our correspondent in Port Sudan and get an analysis from our former Africa correspondent Catherine Byaruhunga.

Iran has rejected Western criticism of its attack on Israel involving hundreds of drones and missiles, insisting it had shown restraint. We answer audience questions about the weekend's attack with the help of our Chief International Correspondent Lyse Doucet and BBC World Affairs

Correspondent.

Jury selection is beginning in a courtroom in New York, where Donald Trump will become the first former US president to stand trial in a criminal case.

We bring an interview with Yahya Pandor, who set the first ever world record for a blind person running a marathon without a guide runner.

Presenter: James Reynolds.

(Photo: Displaced Sudanese families wait to receive food from a charity kitchen- the city of Omdurman, Sudan, April 6, 2024. Credit: El Tayeb Siddig/Reuters)

MON 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6c0rx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbhz0f8zuv8)

Israel considers its response to Iran's attack

Iran has sought to justify its unprecedented attack on Israel, telling Western countries they should appreciate its "restraint." France, Germany and Britain are among those urging Israel to avoid any escalation. We bring today's developments and answer audience questions about the weekend's attack. BBC Persian reporter explains how the story is being reported in Iran.

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(Photo: The remains of a rocket booster that, according to Israeli authorities critically injured a 7-year-old girl, after Iran launched drones and missiles towards Israel, near Arad, Israel, April 14, 2024. Credit: Christophe van der Perre/Reuters)

MON 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6c4j1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5nvp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

MON 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5ygl)

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MON 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6c885)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r154gnh)

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MON 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8pt1mj1k)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w35)

2024/04/15 GMT

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

MON 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6cd09)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5shh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8pt1r8p)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct5rmf)

Wild Inside: The Aphid

The tiny sap-sucking aphid, at just a few millimetres long, is the scourge of many gardeners and crop-growers worldwide, spreading astonishingly rapidly and inflicting huge damage as it

seeks to outwit many host plants' natural defences. With insights and guidance from aphid expert George Seddon-Roberts at the John Innes Centre, Norwich, some delicate dissecting tools, and a state of the art microscope, Professor Ben Garrod and Dr Jess French delve inside this herbivorous insect to unravel the anatomy and physiology that's secured its extraordinary reproductive success, whilst offering new clues as to how we could curtail its damaging impact in the future.

Co-Presenters: Ben Garrod and Jess French

Executive Producer: Adrian Washbourne

Producer: Ella Hubber

Editor: Martin Smith

Production Co-ordinator: Jana Bennett-Holesworth

MON 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6chrf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8t96r9c7d)

Donald Trump's hush-money trial begins in New York

Former US president Donald Trump begins what could be a six-week criminal trial in the US state of New York. The 77-year-old allegedly falsified business records to conceal hush-money payments to former adult film star Stormy Daniels. A pollster tells us what the trial's political consequences might be for Mr Trump, who is seeking re-election to the White House later this year.

Also in the programme: Israel's war cabinet meets for the second day following Iran's attempted strikes on the nation at the weekend. We hear from a journalist in Tel Aviv for updates; and as Sudan marks one year of war, donors gathered in Paris pledge €2billion in aid.

(Photo: Former US President Donald Trump attends trial in New York City. Credit: Michael Nagle/Pool via Reuters)

MON 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6cmhk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 22:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5szc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

MON 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8pt1zry)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 22:32 The Conversation (w3ct5wz8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

MON 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6cr7p)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r154yn0)

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MON 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8pt23j2)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct6001)

Tesla announces workforce redundancies

US electric car maker tesla has announced job cuts - is the ride getting rough for the global electric vehicle market?

Also how has a rise in consumer spend affected America's economy which is grappling with inflation?

Plus, the truth behind truth social continues as we look how Trump Media shares have been falling.

And finally, is America's immigration system broken? Our reporter Erin Delmore has been looking at the political and bureaucratic issues adding to America's labour shortage.

TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2024

TUE 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6cvzt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n1h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6czqy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbf1lkjq7wt)

Tesla announces global job cuts

US electric car maker tesla has announced job cuts - is the ride getting rough for the global electric vehicle market?

Also, should China face sanctions for buying oil from Iran? We speak to a Congressman from the US who thinks so

Plus, the truth behind truth social continues as we look how Trump Media shares have been falling.

And finally, is America's immigration system broken? Our reporter Erin Delmore has been looking at the political and bureaucratic issues adding to America's labour shortage.

[Image credit: REUTERS/Gonzalo Fuentes/File Photo]

TUE 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6d3h2)

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TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r1559wd)

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TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8pt2grg)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:32 Assignment (w3ct5msj)

Reggaeton: The pride of Puerto Rico?

Reggaeton's the soundtrack to Puerto Rico. The globally popular music reflects what's going on in the cultural and political scene of the Spanish-speaking Caribbean Island.

It started out as underground music in marginalised communities but was criticised for allegedly promoting violence and being too sexually explicit.

Reggaeton has since been used as an anthem to overthrow a local governor and a way to criticise the island's complex relationship with the United States.

It's also evolved from misogynist roots to reach new audiences in the LGBTQ community.

Jane Chambers travels to Puerto Rico to meet the people and hear the music which is both maligned and revered.

Presenter and Producer: Jane Chambers
Field Producers: Hermes Ayala and Yondy Agosto
Sound Mix: Neil Churchill
Production Coordinator: Gemma Ashman
Editor: Penny Murphy

(Image: Caroline Sanchez, community leader in Puerta de Tierra. Credit: Jane Chambers/BBC)

TUE 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6d776)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nvp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Monday]

TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ygl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6dbzb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r155kcn)

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TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8pt2q7q)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tkf)

Helle Nebelong: Designing a natural playground

Danish landscape architect Helle Nebelong is a pioneer of the natural playground movement. Natural playgrounds are made of natural materials, rather than plastics, but they also encourage creativity and independence rather than rule-based games.

In the Studio follows Helle as she faces her biggest challenge yet - designing one of America's largest natural playgrounds, at Colene Hoose School in Normal, Illinois.

Presenter: Poppy Sebago-Montefiore

Executive Producer: Stephen Hughes

(Image: Helle Nebelong. Credit: Courtesy of Helle Nebelong)

TUE 05:00 BBC News (w172zg0tz6dgg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 05:06 Newsday (w172zbjxtcf6ld1)

Zaporizhzhia power plant in Ukraine dangerously close to nuclear accident

Huge concerns about the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant in Ukraine. The head of International atomic energy agency warns that an accident could be imminent. We look at what is at risk. Donald Trump has said he is the victim of a scam trial at the end of the opening day of the first ever criminal trial of a US president. This unprecedented criminal trial saw half of a group of potential jurors ruled out within minutes on impartiality grounds. Protestors in Georgia demand the withdrawal of a controversial "foreign influence" bill - We go live to Tbilisi to get the latest

TUE 06:00 BBC News (w172zg0tz6dlgl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 06:06 Newsday (w172zbjxtcf6q45)

IAEA concerned about safety of Zaporizhzhia nuclear power station

The head of the United Nation's nuclear watchdog warns that the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power station in Ukraine is on the verge of a serious accident. Donald Trump's unprecedented criminal trial begins. He says trial was "nonsense" and an "assault on America". So how did day one go? Donors pledge more than two billion dollars to Sudan a year after war began there. If the money doesn't get to those who need it quickly, the UN says, then hundreds of thousands will die of famine. We will hear from inside Sudan from those already working to save lives.

TUE 07:00 BBC News (w172zg0tz6dq6q)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 07:06 Newsday (w172zbjxtcf6tw9)

Attacks on Ukraine's nuclear plant put world at risk

The head of the United Nation's nuclear watchdog, Rafael Grossi tells us that the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power station in Russian-occupied Ukraine is on the verge of a serious accident. Protestors in Georgia demand the withdrawal of a controversial "foreign influence" bill. We will hear from an opposition MP on why they think this bill threatens freedoms. Police in Australia have described a stabbing attack by a teenager in a church in Sydney as an act of terrorism.

TUE 08:00 BBC News (w172zg0tz6dtyv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tvs)

Redefining luxury fashion

The fashion industry is the third largest manufacturing industry in the world consuming huge amounts of the world's resources and contributing to greenhouse gas emissions. But some innovators are trying to make the industry more sustainable. We discover how old fire hoses in the UK have been diverted from landfill and turned into fashionable bags and accessories. Plus we visit Mongolia to find out about a new luxury material made from yak hair. It's an eco-friendly replacement for cashmere which comes from goats who are causing desertification.

Presenter: Myra Anubi

Producer/reporter: Claire Bowes
Executive Producer: Richard Kenny
Series Producer: Jon Bithrey
Editor: Tom Bigwood
Sound Mix: Andrew Mills

TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8pt3677)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zh7)

The business of fake online reviews

Increasingly, online reviews are becoming a barometer for the quality or services provided by small businesses.

But are some being manipulated by the companies themselves?

And are some firms manufacturing negative reviews to spike their rivals?

We examine the fake review industry.

(Picture: Waitress displaying an app to rate your experience at a restaurant. Credit: Getty Images)

Presented and produced by Ed Butler

TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ym3)

The friendship train: Connecting India and Bangladesh

When the train service between India and Bangladesh was suspended in 1965, following war between Pakistan and India, it lay dormant for 43 years.

But in a day of celebration in 2008, the Maitree (or Friendship) Express rumbled into life and connected the two countries once more.

In 2020, Farhana Haider spoke to Dr Azad Chowdhury who was on the inaugural train journey.

(Photo: Crowds line the tracks for the train's first journey. Credit: STRDEL/AFP/Getty Images)

TUE 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6dypz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r156539)

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TUE 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8pt39zc)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 09:32 Assignment (w3ct5msj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

TUE 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6f2g3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 10:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qj6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

TUE 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6f667)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r156dlk)

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TUE 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8pt3kgm)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6f9l)

India election: How to organise the biggest vote in history

India will host the world's biggest election this year when nearly one billion people will vote. Organisers have vowed to set up polling stations within 2km of every citizen, but India's vast size means this will be a challenge. The country's 15 million election officials must travel to coastal towns, mountain villages, remote islands and dense jungles to reach every voter.

Katya speaks with BBC journalist and presenter Devina Gupta and India correspondent Soutik Biswas to break down the big numbers and discuss how it is possible to organise an election on this scale.

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This episode was made by Alice Aylett Roberts and Devina Gupta. The technical producers were Hannah Montgomery and Mike Regaard. The assistant editor is Sergi Forcada Freixas and the senior news editor is Sam Bonham.

TUE 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6f9yc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5p4d)

We turned our experience of neurodiversity into a manga

Eri Nanato and her husband Satoshi Kameyama are both manga artists in Tokyo. They'd been married for a year when Eri was diagnosed with autism and ADHD. They then decided to explore what they were going through by creating a manga about their experience.

In North Central Argentina there's a biologist who's devoted her life to rescuing and caring for anteaters. They used to be extinct in that part of the country but thanks to Alicia Delgado and her team, that's all changing. Outlook's Clayton Conn went to meet 'Mamma Anteater'.

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Image: The characters created for 'My wife has a developmental disorder'. Credit: Eri Nanato and Satoshi Kameyama

TUE 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5ym3)

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TUE 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6ffph)

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TUE 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r156n2t)

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TUE 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8pt35yw)

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TUE 13:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tkf)

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TUE 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6fkfm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 14:06 Newshour (w172zb8t96rcdxl)

Can the dream of "Digital India" become a reality?

President Modi has said that India is no longer seen as a nation of "snake charmers and black magic", thanks to the IT skills of its youth. But will this affect the election?

Also on the programme: one of Denmark's most historic buildings, the old stock exchange, is engulfed by fire; and is it even possible to select an unbiased jury when the accused is as famous as Donald Trump?

(Picture: An election poster of President Narendra Modi of India. Credit: Reuters)

TUE 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6fp5r)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 15:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tvs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

TUE 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8pt41g4)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct606t)

Global economy 'resilient' but may be headed for trouble

The global economy is set to grow 3.2% this year, slightly more than previously expected, according to the International Monetary Fund. It's optimistic assessment in today's keenly awaited Global Growth forecast, suggests the world is heading for a soft landing rather than a crash over the next few months. Ed Butler talks to a former deputy director of the IMF.

He also finds out what matters to young Indian voters as the country's election gets closer, and talks to a Kenyan doctor about why he's been joining the strikes for a month.

(Picture: 2024 International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group Spring Meetings in Washington, USA - 15 Apr 2024. Picture credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

TUE 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6fsxw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbh20f92g07)

UK smoking ban

As the MPs in the UK debate the government's plans to create a "smoke-free generation" by effectively banning smoking in the UK for future generations, we hear from young people in the UK for their thoughts on the ban. Dominic Hughes, the BBC Health correspondent and Rob Watson our political correspondent give their analysis, whilst Guy De Launey, the BBC's Balkans Correspondent, explains why the region he covers has one of the highest smoking rates in the world.

Our Middle East regional editor Mike Thomson gives the latest updates from the area, as the Israeli government has said it's launched a 'diplomatic offensive' against Iran. Our BBC Persian colleague Kha-Sha-Yaar Jo-Ney-Dee has been looking at the story as told by Iranian media.

We hear a conversation between three "digital nomads" from Sao Paulo, Lagos and Bath, as the work trend continues to grow in popularity.

Jury selection is resuming on the second day of Donald Trump's long-awaited hush-movie trial in New York. The BBC's Nada Tawfik who is covering the trial in New York explains what could happen next.

(Photo: A woman (model) smoking. Credit: Jonathan Brady/PA Wire)

TUE 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6fxp0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbh20f92krc)

Caitlin Clark picked in WNBA draft

We get more insights into where women's basketball is heading, as college basketballer Caitlin Clark has been drafted for the WNBA. We hear from Emma Hruby, a journalist working for CBS sports and Mia Thrash, who used to play basketball in college for the University of Alabama.

A bill brought forward by the UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak aims to create the UK's first smoke-free generation in a major public health intervention. We hear from young people in the UK for their thoughts on the ban. Guy De Launey, the BBC's Balkans Correspondent, and Kerry Allen, the BBC's China media analyst, explains what smoking is like in the regions they cover.

We get the latest updates from our reporter as mass evacuations have been taking place in parts of northern Kazakhstan currently flooded and under water. More than a-hundred- and-ten- thousand people have left their homes.

(Photo Caitlin Clark poses with WNBA commissioner Cathy Engelbert after she is selected with the number one overall pick to the Indiana Fever in the 2024 WNBA Draft at Brooklyn Academy of Music. Credit: Brad Penner-USA Today Sports)

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TUE 20:06 Assignment (w3ct5msj)

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TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0tz6g4n5s)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wlz)

Fixing undersea cables

We dive the ocean depths to find out how you fix undersea cables that keep us online. Also this week, the documentary that's programmed to have fifty two quintillion different versions. If you're planning to watch all of them you'll possibly need a coffee, so we look at the tech behind coffee bean roasters. And how do you enrich the tech lives of lemurs and parrots? We speak to an expert.

Presenter: Chris Vallance

Producer: Tom Quinn

(Photo: Illustration of a submarine communications cable.

Credit: Christoph Burgstedt/Getty)

TUE 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6gdnj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8t96rd84h)

How will Israel respond to Iran's attack?

The Israeli military's chief of staff said Tehran's missile and drone attack would not go unanswered. But what could that look like? We speak to the former director of Israel's spy agency, Mossad.

Also on the programme: UK politicians vote to ban anyone born after 2009 from ever being able to buy cigarettes, and as the Indian elections approach, how has life for women changed under Prime Minister Modi's decade in power?

(Photo: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Credit: Ronen Zvulun/Reuters)

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TUE 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0tz6g50f5)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct6092)

Is the American economy out of the woods?

Economic growth in the US will be stronger than expected – but what does this mean for small businesses? We hear from an American business owner about the impact of an economic boom coinciding with inflation.

Also, a UK legislation to ban cigarette sales leads to questions being raised on how tax duty for those specific sales will be recovered.

Plus, is the return of investment worth much for countries hosting global events? It has been estimated that in preparation for the Olympic games France has spent 9 billion euros and forcing additional contributions from the government – but does the investment reap the rewards?

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The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbf0tkjt4sx)

Flash floods hit the Gulf State

Flash floods have bought Dubai to a standstill. Devina Gupta speaks to a tourist from India who is one of thousands stuck at a mall The Mall of Emirates throughout the night after roads became gridlocked and the metro system stopped working.

Also, the International Monetary Fund - is renewing its confidence in the American economy. The IMF report shows the US economy is set grow but what does growth mean for business owners? We speak to a restaurant owner in California about what this means for ordinary people trying to make a living.

Plus, UK's smoking ban policy - what is it and its impacts on the tax revenues?

WED 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6hd5)

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WED 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r1586sh)

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WED 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0tz6g5cnk)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 02:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5wrg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6h449)

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WED 04:32 Hollywood Exiles (w3ct6d11)

9. Naming names

After years of allegations and suspicion, those accused of so-called un-American political beliefs are driven from the movie industry. Mitzi Trumbo recalls visiting her father Dalton in prison. Host Oona Chaplin speaks to some of those whose careers were ruined and friendships fractured, as anti-communist fervour pushed witnesses to expose the names of alleged communists. Norma Barzman describes this as a period of political exile. Charlie Chaplin faces the FBI.

Archive:

Limelight, Charlie Chaplin, United Artists, 1952
Johnny Guitar, directed by Nicholas Ray for Republic Pictures, 1954

Senator Joseph McCarthy speaking on America's Town Meeting of the Air, ABC Radio, 3 April 1947
Attorney General James McGranery press conference 1952, John E. Allen Archive

WED 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6gcmk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 05:06 Newsday (w172zbjxtcf9h94)

More Russians died in Ukraine in second year of war

A BBC investigation reveals that far more Russian soldiers are dying in Ukraine than Moscow is willing to admit.

India is preparing for the world's biggest election, starting this Friday. So what is at stake as nearly one billion people get ready to head to the polling stations? We'll travel to the state of Uttar Pradesh to find out more

And correspondent meets young people fleeing military conscription in Myanmar.

WED 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6hhcp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 06:06 Newsday (w172zbjxtcf9m18)

More Russians killed in Ukraine war

For more than two years, BBC News Russian and its partners have been gathering and verifying the identities of more than 50,000 Russian fighters killed in Ukraine. We find out what these figures tell us about the war.

We speak to the son of a Russian who was jailed after helping Ukrainians in Russian-controlled territory return home.

And we preview the European Union parliamentary elections coming up later this year from a Dutch perspective.

WED 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6hm3t)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 07:06 Newsday (w172zbjxtcf9qsd)

More Russians dying in second year of Ukraine war

A BBC investigation reveals that in the second year of war the number of Russians that have died in Ukraine has significantly increased

Ahead of the start of the Indian election season, we look at the crucial female vote. How has it changed and what are women there looking for.

And in Champions League football Kylian Mbappe has secured a place for Paris St.Germain into the last four of the competition.

WED 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6hqvy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5l3w)

Danny Danon: Will Israel listen to its allies?

Stephen Sackur speaks to Danny Danon, Israeli MP and former ambassador at the United Nations. Israel and Iran are on the brink of a war which could ignite the entire Middle East. Having neutralised an Iranian missile barrage, will the Israeli government listen to its allies and step back, or seek a new level of retribution and deterrence?

WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0tz6h3ab)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zmr)

The rise of women voters in India

As India enters election season, we look at the crucial female vote.

For decades, the number of women turning out to vote in India has been low, but that's changed in the last decade.

Now, political parties are deliberately targeting policies at women, to try and win over this key group.

We hear from a group of women about their priorities in the 2024 general election - for the workplace, in business, and their day-to-day lives.

(Picture: A group of women in India lining up to vote. Credit: AFP)

Presented and produced by Devina Gupta

WED 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ypc)

West Africa's Ebola virus epidemic

The 2014 Ebola outbreak devastated West Africa, killing more

than 11,000 people over a two year period. One country that suffered was Sierra Leone.

The disease started in Guinea, but quickly spread to neighbouring countries.

Before May 2014, there had never been an outbreak of Ebola in Sierra Leone. By autumn that year, burial teams were struggling to keep up with the number of corpses that needed burying.

Dan Hardoon speaks to Yusuf Kabba, an Ebola survivor from Sierra Leone.

(Photo: Headstones in the Waterloo Ebola Graveyard, Sierra Leone. Credit: HUGH KINSELLA CUNNINGHAM/AFP via Getty Images)

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WED 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6djq)

Sydney mall attack: How a social media frenzy unfolded

Following the knife attack in a shopping mall in Sydney, speculations and false allegations were spread online at an alarming rate. It even led to an innocent man being labelled as the attacker.

Mark Lowen speaks to the BBC's Sydney correspondent Katy Watson on the shock and sorrow in the country. And BBC Disinformation & Social Media Correspondent Marianna Spring tells him about her experience confronting one of the people at the heart of the social media frenzy.

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WED 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6j6vg)

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WED 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5pe5)

'Girls don't play guitars!' The Liverbirds' story

Mary McGlory and Sylvia Saunders grew up in 1960s Liverpool when the music scene in the city was thriving. They dreamt of

playing music themselves and with two others, formed their own band called The Liverbirds. As an all-female rock'n'roll group they defied 1960s sexism – even from a young John Lennon. Breaking new ground for women in music, they toured the world and played alongside musicians like Chuck Berry and The Rolling Stones. They have written a book called The Liverbirds: Our life in Britain's first female rock'n'roll band.

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(Photo: The Liverbirds band. Credit: Gunter Zint/K & K UIF Kruger OHG/Redferns via Getty Images)

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WED 14:06 Newshour (w172zb8t96rg9tp)

Fifty thousand Russian soldiers confirmed dead in Ukraine

The BBC has discovered that the body count was nearly 25% higher than in the first year of the war. This overall death toll is eight times higher than the only official public acknowledgement of fatality numbers ever given by Moscow in September 2022.

Also on the programme: the military regime in Myanmar has moved the jailed opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi from prison to house arrest; we ask why has Dubai suffered a years worth of rain in just a few hours? And we'll hear from actor Tom Hollander on what it's like to play the American writer Truman Capote.

(Picture: Mass grave for Russian soldiers near Mariupol. Credit: Reuters)

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WED 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5l3w)

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WED 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0tz6h6yc7)

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WED 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct60cb)

US election 2024: Is it worth it for campaign backers?

As the US presidential election campaign starts to intensify, there are worrying reports for Donald Trump's campaign of what may be an impending cash shortfall. The Financial Times has calculated that he's raised \$75mn less for his presidential bid than Joe Biden in recent months, and has 270,000 fewer unique donors than he had at the same stage of his White House run four years ago.

So what difference does money make when it comes to winning US elections?

Also, Ed Butler finds out why German sportswear giant Adidas hits huge profits from sales its Yeezy collection and what will be the cost of reconstruction of the Copenhagen's 17th-century old Stock Exchange.

(Picture: Former U.S. President Trump's criminal trial on charges of falsifying business records continues in New York. Picture credit: Reuters)

WED 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6jptz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbhz0f95bxb)

Russian soldiers: 50,000 confirmed dead by BBC

A BBC investigation has found that that Russia lost nearly a quarter more troops in the second year of its invasion of Ukraine compared with the first twelve months. The investigation verified the identities of more than 50,000 soldiers killed during the conflict. We speak to our reporter who worked on the investigation and get reaction from Russians.

In some parts of the Gulf states a major storm has brought widespread disruption because of heavy rains, storms and flash flooding. We hear from people affected and speak to BBC Weather.

We hear from a British doctor who has just returned from Gaza.

Three years ago the International Space Station threw out refuse into space, expecting it to undergo "a natural re-entry" but a heavy piece of debris crashed through a home in Naples, Florida. We speak to space expert and host of the Space Boffins podcast Sue Nelson.

Presenter: James Reynolds.

WED 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6jtl3)

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WED 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbhz0f95gng)

Boeing whistleblower testifies before US Senate

A Boeing engineer who fears parts of the company's 787 Dreamliner planes could break apart in mid-air is testifying at a US Senate hearing. We speak to our reporter who's watching from our New York studio.

Thousands of people are demonstrating in the Georgian capital Tbilisi demanding the withdrawal of a controversial bill about "foreign influence". We speak to our correspondent in Tbilisi and hear from some protesters.

We hear from a British doctor who has just returned from Gaza.

We'll be joined by our tech reporter with more about a new version of the video app TikTok Lite and the retirement of the humanoid robot, Atlas HD

Presenter: James Reynolds.

(Photo: Boeing quality engineer Sam Salehpour at US Senate hearing in Washington, US - 17 April 2024. Credit: Evelyn Hockstein/Reuters)

WED 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6jyb7)

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WED 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5pc5)

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WED 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5ypc)

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WED 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6k22c)

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WED 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r15b8gp)

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WED 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0tz6k1w)

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WED 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w9y)

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

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WED 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0tz6k22w)

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WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct5t8d)

Nigeria rolls out world's first 5-in-1 meningitis vaccine

After a 50% jump in meningitis cases reported across Africa last year, Nigeria is becoming the first country to roll out a new 5-in-1 meningitis vaccine. The Men5CV vaccine protects people against five strains of the meningococcus bacteria.

Claudia Hammond is joined by New Scientist medical journalist Clare Wilson to discuss how it's hoped the treatment will help significantly reduce cases of the disease.

We also head to Brazil to hear how the country is dealing with long Covid, four years after the pandemic.

Clare also tells Claudia about the new cancer treatment testing different drugs on thousands of miniature tumours to see which of them works best. The team behind the research at Florida International University in Miami say they hope it could eventually be used routinely for everyone with cancer.

We also get a new update from British journalist Mike Powell, as we follow his journey after receiving a kidney transplant.

And Claudia and Clare look at how patches of skin grafted onto people receiving lung transplants are being used as a way of spotting organ rejection in a new trial.

Image Credit: Martin Harvey

Presenter: Claudia Hammond

Producer: Dan Welsh

WED 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6k9km)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8t96rh51l)

Young men flee conscription in Myanmar

As fighting continues between the Burmese military and rebels in Myanmar, young men are fleeing into Thailand to avoid the draft. We have a special report from the Thai border. And we ask why Myanmar's military government has moved the detained former leader Aung San Suu Kyi from prison to house arrest.

Also in the programme: the speaker of the US House of Representatives says legislators will hold a long-awaited vote on billions of dollars of aid to Ukraine on Saturday; and Ecuador is suffering from power-cuts because drought is affecting its hydroelectric power generation

Photo: Myanmar people arrive at the Thai-Myanmar Friendship Bridge checkpoint at the Thai-Myanmar border in Mae Sot district. Credit: RUNGROJ YONGRIT/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock

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WED 22:32 Hollywood Exiles (w3ct6d1l)

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WED 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0tz6k1w)

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WED 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct60fl)

Boeing faces Senate scrutiny

A Boeing engineer has told US lawmakers that he was harassed

and threatened after he raised concerns about the safety of the company's planes. We hear from engineers and their claims.

President Biden is set to call for a tripling of US tariffs on steel and aluminium. His demand for tariff hikes comes as he tackles fraught relations with China.

Should players be excluded from betting on a game? The jury's out for one NBA player who was given a lifetime ban by the league for breaching gambling rules.

[REUTERS/Miguel J. Rodriguez Carrillo/File Photo]

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THU 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6kks4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbf0t1k1q0)

Biden calls for tripling tariffs on China steel

President Jo Biden is set to call for a tripling of US tariffs on steel and aluminium. His demand for tariff hikes comes as he tackles fraught relations with China.

A Boeing engineer has told US lawmakers that he was harassed and threatened after he raised concerns about the safety of the company's planes. We hear from engineers and their claims.

The Michigan consumer sentiment survey suggests that despite the US economy doing well people are not very positive. We find out why from local Americans.

[REUTERS/Elizabeth Frantz]

THU 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6kx98)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r15c3pl)

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THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf0tz6k88k)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 02:32 The Documentary (w3ct6qpf)

El Salvador's missing children: Part two

Mike Lanchin, former BBC correspondent in Central America, continues to unfold the dramatic stories of children who were separated from their families and adopted abroad during El Salvador's brutal civil war which ended in 1992. Some were seized by soldiers during military operations against left-wing rebels, and later found living with new families in Europe and North America. Others were given up in adoption by mothers forced into poverty or displaced by the conflict. Now, more than three decades on, some of those adopted are trying to piece together their lives and find their birth relatives.

In the second and final part of the series, Mike Lanchin speaks to Flor who's long struggled to understand why her birth mother gave her up to an American couple in the first years of the civil war. Is the scar from a bullet wound that Flor still carries on her stomach anything to do with her adoption?

As Flor edges close to finding some answers, Mike hears again from Jazmin in France, whom he met in episode one, and who is now finding her search for a Salvadoran family member increasingly distressing. Mike tracks down the Salvadoran lawyer involved in her adoption back in the early 1980s. Can he provide the missing pieces of the jigsaw for Jazmin?

Producers: Mike Lanchin and Philippa Goodrich
Editor: Kristine Pommert
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(Photo: Flor and family. Credit: CTVC)

THU 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6l11d)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5pc5)

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THU 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ypc)

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THU 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6l4sj)

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THU 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r15cc5v)

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THU 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8pt8j1x)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xml)

Hungry at sea

Over two million people work in the international shipping trade, and they are often at sea for months at a time.

That's a lot of meals being made by the cook on board, and their work is crucial for keeping the crew happy.

Ruth Alexander hears from seafarers about why that makes "cookie" the most important person on board a ship and why, in some cases, crew members are going hungry.

A former captain of merchant vessels tells us how food is used for so-called "facilitation payments" to corrupt officials, and why crews can sometimes be powerless to stop port officials filling up suitcases with food from the ship's stores.

We also hear about international efforts to try to tackle corruption in ports and increase welfare standards for seafarers.

If you would like to share your own experience, please email: thefoodchain@bbc.co.uk

Presenter: Ruth Alexander

Producers: Izzy Greenfield and Hannah Bewley

(Image: A container ship at sea. Credit: Getty Images)

THU 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6l8jn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 05:06 Newsday (w172zbjxtcfd67)

Ukraine awaits the long stalled US aid vote

In the US, a decisive vote on funding for Ukraine has been scheduled for Saturday. The announcement comes as President Zelensky of Ukraine renewed his appeal for more weapons to fend off renewed Russian assaults and the Prime Minister warns of WW3

A report from the United Nations highlights the impact six months of war has had on the women of Gaza. It says 10,000 women have been killed with many others suffering due to the humanitarian crisis.

An Israeli woman who was taken hostage by Hamas in October has been telling the BBC about the horrifying conditions she was subjected to in Gaza.

THU 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6ld8s)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 06:06 Newsday (w172zbjxtcfdhyc)

Qatar says it's reassessing its role as a mediator between Israel and Hamas

The prime minister of Qatar has cast doubt on its role in peace talks. The Gulf state has been an important mediator with Hamas but Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman al-Thani says their efforts were being undermined by politicians seeking to score points.

Another obstacle to progress in any negotiations has been continued Israeli settlement expansion, we look at what's happening in East Jerusalem.

In Australia a report is due into the problem of fire ants. The invasive species has become a growing problem with the potential to kill livestock and wildlife.

THU 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6lj0x)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 07:06 Newsday (w172zbjxtcfdmph)

Qatar says Israel-Gaza talks have stalled

The prime minister of Qatar casts doubt on its future role in peace talks linked to the war in Gaza.

Ukraine's leadership is showing increasing signs of frustration as Russian air strikes increase, but weapons supplies continue to be insufficient. Will European and American politicians act to help stop President Putin's assault.

A report into sugar in baby foods says that products sold in developing nations have increased levels of sugar.

THU 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6lms1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xb2)

Are synthetic opioids a global problem?

An increasing number of people are dying from misuse of synthetic opioids. In 2022, the US recorded over 70,000 overdose deaths involving synthetic opioids. The government is spending billions to combat the effects of these super strength drugs.

Synthetic opioids, such as Fentanyl, are made in laboratories by using materials derived from the opium poppy. China is a major hub for the production of synthetic opioids, where it then makes its way to North America through Mexican drug cartels.

The lab-made drugs can be more deadly than the natural materials, but they are more easily accessible, and prevalence is rising across the world.

In West Africa and the Middle East, tramadol is one of the most consumed synthetic drugs. The rise of synthetic opioids in the European market, which are being used as a substitute for a heroin shortage, is fuelling concern that these substances could lead to a rise in drug-related deaths.

This week on The Inquiry, we're asking are synthetic opioids a global problem?

Contributors

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Dr Angela Me, Chief of the Research and Trend Analysis Branch from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
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THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8pt901f)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zbq)

Corruption at port

It's estimated that 90% of traded goods travel over the oceans. But for the seafarers who make that happen, it's not always an easy process.

Thousands of incidents of corruption within the industry have been reported to the Maritime Anti-Corruption Network, who in this episode, tell Ruth Alexander what they're doing to help the problem.

Seafarers can often be put in an impossible position, and one former captain tells us how he was arrested at gunpoint after refusing to hand over a carton of cigarettes to officials.

(Picture: A bird's eye view of a container ship at sea. Credit: Getty Images)

Presenter: Ruth Alexander
Producer: Izzy Greenfield

THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yju)

Deadly Everest avalanche

On 18 April 2014, an avalanche on Mount Everest killed 16 men, who were carrying supplies for commercial expeditions to

higher camps.

The sherpas were on the Khumbu Icefall, just above Base Camp in Nepal, when the avalanche happened.

It resulted in the climbing season being cancelled and sherpas demanding better working conditions on the mountain.

Lakpa Rita Sherpa helped dig bodies of his dead colleagues out of the ice, before transporting them home to their families.

He speaks to Laura Jones.

(Photo: The south-west face of Mount Everest and the Khumbu icefall. Credit: Eye Ubiquitous/Universal Images Group via Getty Images)

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THU 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6lw89)

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THU 10:06 The Explanation (w3ct6plc)

The Media Show: How Taylor Swift conquered the media

Taylor Swift is a media phenomenon. News outlets now have dedicated "Swift Correspondents", Disney paid a record sum to stream her Eras tour, and she has a level of control over her music that other artists just don't. We speak to two journalists who have the job of reporting on "Swiftonomics"

Also in the programme, a development in Hugh Grant's legal fight with one of Rupert Murdoch's newspaper groups. The actor accused The Sun of bugging his car and burgling his flat. Now he says he's settled the allegations – which have been denied – for "an enormous sum".

And how to report the polarising topic of gender identity. In the UK a review has been published into what care children and young people who were questioning their gender were getting from health services. It makes recommendations for clinicians – but what lessons are there for journalists who want to report on the issue?

Presenter: Katie Razzall

Guests: Laura Snapes, Deputy Music Editor, The Guardian; Augusta Saraiva, Economics Reporter, Bloomberg; Jake Kanter, Investigations Editor, Deadline; Hannah Barnes, Associate Editor, New Statesman; Rebecca Coombes, Head of Journalism, The BMJ

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THU 10:32 Happy News (w3ct5sp9)

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THU 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6ds)

Climate justice: We sued our government, and won!

The elderly Swiss women behind a landmark ruling. For nearly a decade, they argued that Switzerland's weak climate policies violated their human rights. Their victory – the first of its kind in the European Court of Human Rights – sets a precedent 46 countries must now follow. Our climate reporter, Georgina Rannard, has been covering the case for years. She shares the women's personal stories, while climate lawyer Sophie

Marjanac explains what it could mean for those seeking climate justice everywhere.

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THU 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf0t26m3rk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nmx)

The plant-hunter who risked death for an orchid

Tom Hart Dyke is a plant-hunter, he goes looking for rare and undiscovered species from across the world. It's an obsession that grew from his childhood in the English countryside and was nurtured by his best friend, his granny.

She introduced him to the explorer plant-hunters of the 18th century, and in 1998 aged 23, Tom set off on a solo adventure around the world.

Two years in, he decided to venture into the notoriously dangerous Darien Gap on the Colombia/Panama border, in search of an undiscovered orchid to name after her. But his mission was cut short when in the heart of the rainforest he walked into the path of a FARC Guerilla splinter group and was kidnapped at gunpoint.

Jeppie Garly from Denmark is a teacher and lifelong Viking enthusiast, so much so that he has chosen to live like one. He teaches his students about the culture, how to cook, make tools and stitch clothes in the authentic way. Jeppie told Outlook how becoming his tribe's Chieftain changed his life. This interview was first broadcast in 2015.

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(Photo: Tom Hart Dyke in the World Garden. Credit: Nicola Stocken)

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THU 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf0t26m7t)

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THU 14:06 Newshour (w172zb8t96rk6qs)

Gaza ceasefire talks: Could Qatar walk away?

Qatar is reassessing its role as a mediator between Israel and Hamas, the country's prime minister has said. Qatar has had a key role - along with Egypt and the US - in trying to secure a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas and the release of Israeli hostages. We also hear testimony from the ground in Gaza from Medical Aid for Palestinians and the experiences of an Israeli woman, Aviva Siegel who was taken hostage in October.

Also on the programme: Votes are counted in the Solomon Islands amid fears that some candidates are being influenced by Beijing; and the father and daughter who found the fossilised jawbone of what's thought to be the largest marine reptile ever to swim the seas.

(Picture: Palestinian women react as they sit on the rubble of a residential building housing their apartments, following an Israeli raid in the Gaza strip Credit: REUTERS/Doaa Rouqa)

THU 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf0t26mgzy)

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THU 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8pt9v8b)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct6029)

Official corruption... when ships are in port

The UN has estimated the global Cost of Corruption at some 5% of the world's Gross Domestic Product.

Today our sister programme Business Daily has been looking at this - specifically through the lens of shipping, and the demands of routine bribery facing sea-farers. Many of the goods we buy and consume have at some stage reached us by cargo ship... But for the seafarers who make that happen, it's not always an easy process. Ruth Alexander of Business Daily and The Food Chain tells more about this.

Also, we hear from a very upset passenger, who's been trying to fly away from the destroyed by floods airport in Dubai. And we find out why a coalition of Nestlé shareholders is demanding to increase healthy food sales.

(Picture: Cargo vessels transit through the Panama Canal, on the outskirts of Panama City. Picture credit: Reuters)

THU 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf0t26mlr2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbhz0f987tf)

Heavy floods in UAE, Pakistan and Afghanistan

Dubai International Airport is working hard to restore operations after record rains pounded the United Arab Emirates and neighbouring Gulf countries in recent days. We hear from people affected and explain whether "cloud seeding" was behind the floods.

We also speak to our South Asia regional editor about the floods in Afghanistan and Pakistan where dozens of people have been killed.

People in West Africa and the Sahel share their experiences of extreme heat, after scientists confirmed that the deadly heatwave in the region is linked to human-induced climate change.

Following Iran's attack on Israel over the weekend, we bring together three Israelis to share their experiences of how their lives have changed since 7th October.

Presenter: James Reynolds

(Photo: Cars lie partially submerged in water at a residential complex following heavy rainfall, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, April 18, 2024. Credit: Amr Alfiky/Reuters)

THU 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf0t26mqh6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbhz0f98ckk)

Ukraine warns of WW3

Ukraine's prime minister has told the BBC there will be a "Third World War" if Ukraine loses its conflict with Russia, as he urged the US Congress to pass a long-stalled foreign aid bill. It comes as G7 foreign ministers meet in Italy to talk on Ukraine and the Middle East crisis. We talk to our Ukraine correspondent about the latest developments on the ground.

People in West Africa and the Sahel share their experiences of extreme heat, after scientists confirmed that the deadly heatwave in the region is linked to human-induced climate change.

Sierra Leone's capital, Freetown, and other cities have been plunged into darkness for weeks, due to the non-payment of electricity bills to the power providers. Residents share how they are coping with power cuts.

We speak to people in Amsterdam after the Dutch capital decided to ban new hotels in fight against mass tourism.

Taylor Swift's new album, The Tortured Poets Department, appears to have leaked online early. We get more from an entertainment reporter in the US.

Presenter: James Reynolds.

(Photo: At least 17 killed and dozens more injured in Russian missile strike in Ukraine's Chernihiv - 17 Apr 2024. Credit: SERHII OLEXANDROV/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

THU 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf0t26mv7b)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5nmx)

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THU 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5yjjv)

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THU 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf0t26mzyg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r15f5cs)

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THU 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8ptb7v)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w5f)

2024/04/18 GMT

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

THU 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf0t26n2ql)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 20:06 The Documentary (w3ct6qpf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8ptbfzz)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 20:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vel)

Unexpected black hole in our galaxy

A black hole just discovered in our Milky Way galaxy, weighing 33 times the mass of the Sun, and dating back to near the time of the Big Bang, gives new clues to the origins of this dark astronomical mysteries. And dancing with a Sun-like star in our galactic neighbourhood, it offers a great opportunity for astronomers to take a detailed look in coming years, as astronomer Professor Gerry Gilmore of Cambridge University tells the programme.

Presenter Roland Pease has headed to the lab of Professor Ludovic Orlando in Toulouse, France where they are extracting ancient DNA from horses as part of a project called "Horsepower" - to reveal how our prehistoric ancestors tamed and domesticated these powerful animals (long after cattle and sheep) and in the process helped shape the extraordinary history of the first states of China and Mongolia.

And a deep look into the mechanisms of addiction - showing how drugs of abuse, such as cocaine, hijack the neuronal pathways that had evolved to drive our innate needs such as eating and drinking. Roland hears from psychiatrist Eric J. Nestler of the Friedman Brain Institute at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York, how this could one day improve addiction treatments.

Presenter: Roland Pease
Producer: Jonathan Blackwell
Production Coordinator: Jana Bennett-Holesworth

(Image: An artist's impression shows the orbits of the most massive stellar black hole in our galaxy, dubbed Gaia BH3, and a companion star. Credit: European Southern Observatory via Reuters)

THU 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf0t26n6gg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8t96r1lyp)

Germany summons Russian ambassador over spy allegations

Germany summons Russian ambassador over arrest of two men suspected of spying for Moscow. We'll ask if Russian espionage activities are spreading across Europe.

Also in the programme, Washington reimposes partial sanctions on Venezuela; the animals in David Bowie's music, but should nature get the royalties?

(Photo: Exterior of Russian embassy in Berlin; Credit: Shutterstock)

THU 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6nb6v)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 22:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xh2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

THU 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8ptbph7)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 22:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xml)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

THU 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6nfy2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r15fnc9)

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THU 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8ptbt7c)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct604k)

Google's controversial dismissals over Gaza

The tech giant terminates 28 staff who protested against a contract signed with the government of Israel. We get the latest.

India's Bombay Stock Exchange warns investors against a deepfake video of its chief executive officer. We find out why.

And we take a look at what is happening inside the board of LVMH now that the chairman and CEO, Bernard Arnault, has integrated two more of his children.

(Picture: A sign for Google Cloud offices is seen in Sunnyvale, California. Picture credit: REUTERS/Nathan Frandino.)

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FRI 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6nkq3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:06 The Explanation (w3ct6plc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8ptbxzh)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:32 Happy News (w3ct5sp9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:32 on Sunday]

FRI 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6npg7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbf1kjjzm3)

Ecuador faces severe energy crisis

Businesses in the South American nation have been told to shut down for two days due to power cuts caused by drought. We find out more.

The Scottish government is to scrap its flagship target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 75% by 2030. We hear why.

And Google terminates 28 staff who protested against a contract signed with the government of Israel.

Rahul Tandon discusses these and more business stories with two guests on opposite sides of the world: Tony Nash, CEO of Complete Intelligence in Texas, and Jessica Khine, head of Asia for Astris Advisory Japan in Malaysia.

(Picture: A saleswoman waits for customers at her restaurant in Ecuador. Picture credit: REUTERS/Karen Toro.)

FRI 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6nt6c)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r15g0lp)

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FRI 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8ptc5gr)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Tuesday]

FRI 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6nxyh)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nxm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Thursday]

FRI 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yju)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6p1pm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r15g82y)

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FRI 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8ptcdz0)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tdx)

Should I change my name?

Personal names have spiritual and religious meanings in the Christian tradition. But what if you carry an inherited surname that you feel is profoundly unchristian? Should you keep it or change it?

Robert Beckford is going through this dilemma. His surname is a slave name, a brand of ownership passed down from his enslaved African ancestors in Jamaica. Over time, Robert has grown deeply uncomfortable with the meaning of this name and now wants to find a more spiritual alternative.

Robert Beckford embarks on a journey of self-discovery, considering whether he should change or keep his inherited name. He investigates the historical context, exploring the significance of slave names and their emotional impact on individuals and communities. He reflects on his own experiences and feelings towards his character. Beckford speaks to other individuals who have taken on new names due to adopting a new faith or spirituality.

Presenter: Robert Beckford
Producer: Rachel Briggs
Executive producer: Rajeev Gupta
Production co-ordinator: Mica Nepomuceno

FRI 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6p5fr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 05:06 Newsday (w172zbxjctfh93b)

Israel hit Iran with a missile, US officials say

Iranian state TV is reporting explosions close to the airport in the central city of Isfahan, with air defences activated over several cities. US officials have told American media that Israel has attacked Iran. Explosions were also reported in southern Syria and in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad. Israel's recent attack appears to be in retaliation to 300 Iranian drones and missile attack against it on Saturday.

Also in the programme, the world's largest democracy goes to the polls. Nearly a billion Indian citizens are eligible to vote in a process that will last until the 1st of June.

And a tragic air crash in Kenya has killed the country's military chief and nine other people. Only two people survived when the helicopter they were travelling in came down in the west of the country.

FRI 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6p95w)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 06:06 Newsday (w172zbxjctfh9vg)

Explosions reported in Iranian city of Isfahan, Iraq and Syria

Explosions have been reported in the Iranian province of Isfahan - as well as in Iraq and Syria. It appears that Israel has retaliated to an Iranian attack on its soil at the weekend. Israel has made no comments. Isfahan is home to a nuclear site as well as a military base.

Also in the programme: Nearly a billion Indian citizens go to the polls to choose their next leader. Results will be announced on 4 June.

And, two men have been arrested in southern Germany on suspicion of spying. The authorities say that they were scouting US military bases and that their arrest had prevented "possible explosive attacks".

FRI 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6pdy0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 07:06 Newsday (w172zbxjctfhjll)

US officials say an Israeli missile has hit Iran

US officials say an Israeli missile has hit Iran. Iranian media are reporting explosions in several Iranian cities, including Isfahan. Videos show defensive missiles being fired into the air.

Nearly a billion voters are set to participate in the world's biggest election that starts today in India

And we go to El Salvador, where a woman has been reunited with her relatives almost 40 years after being sent to the US for adoption during her country's brutal civil war.

FRI 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6pjp4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5stv)

Arseny Yatsenyuk: Could Ukraine lose?

If the West doesn't step up assistance for Ukraine, will the war be lost? Stephen Sackur speaks to former Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk.

FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8ptcwjy)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zlp)

Business Daily meets: Hakan Bulgurlu

Hakan Bulgurlu started his career working in Istanbul's famous Grand Bazaar before working his way up to the leadership of a major household appliance company.

In this edition of Business Daily, Hakan tells Victoria Craig about his career, his passion for sustainability that led to him reaching the top of Mount Everest - and how that influenced the way he runs his company.

(Picture: Hakan Bulgurlu standing on the summit of Mount Everest. Copyright: Hakan Bulgurlu)

Presented and produced by Victoria Craig

FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ydb)

Major Charity Adams and the Six-Triple-Eight

Major Charity Adams was the first African-American woman to lead a World War Two battalion. It was known as the Six-Triple-Eight (6888).

The 6888 was a majority African-American women's unit, the women sorted through mountains of post across Europe, using the motto: 'No Mail, Low Morale'.

Charity went on to become lieutenant colonel, the highest possible rank for women in her unit. She died in 2002.

Her son, Stanley Earley, speaks to Marverine Cole.

This was a Soundtrium production for the BBC World Service.

(Photo: American Women's Army Corps Captain Mary Kearney and American Commanding Officer Major Charity Adams inspect the first arrivals to the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion. Credit: Archive Photos/Getty Images)

FRI 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6pnf5d)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r15gvtl)
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FRI 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8ptd0pn)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 09:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vcl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Thursday]

FRI 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6ps5d)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q1m)
Computer memories and quantum futures

These days, over a trillion semiconductor microchips are made and shipped each year. The industry is worth eye-watering amounts, and since the 2020-2023 global shortage, nearly all governments are trying to get a slice of the industrial wafer.

But what was it like just 40 years ago trying to get yourself a home computer when your communist leaders didn't approve, and there were nowhere enough devices to go round anyway? Andrada Fiscutean spoke to some of the bootleggers.

These days, not only are computing devices in just about everyone's hands, they are mostly interconnected to vast arrays of machines collectively forming "the cloud", which provides so much of our economic and scientific infrastructure. It is no longer about stand alone computing.

But just maybe the deep future of computing lies in using individual atoms and photons as information-bearing digits. This is the basis of "quantum computing" which could use the properties and mechanics of the quantum scale to perform hugely complicated calculations in fractions of a second.

Prof David Lucas of Oxford University physics department and colleagues are building some key demonstrators of the techniques we need to master. And just recently, they built an impressive manifestation of "Blind Quantum Computing", which just might enable something like the quantum cloud of the future.

Also, we have a look at an app for modern motorists that adjusts a piece of music to react to the movement of the car. Developed by Mercedes-AMG and the rapper Will.i.am, Christine Yohannes has been thinking about drivers becoming the musical maestros of their own journeys.

Presented by Alex Lathbridge, with Andrada Fiscutean and Christine Yohannes.
Produced by Alex Mansfield, with Harrison Lewis and Tom Bonnett.

FRI 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6pwxj)
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FRI 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r15h39v)
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FRI 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8ptd85x)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dw1)
Feeding Gaza: Why isn't more aid getting in?

Gaza is on the brink of famine. The UN says more than half the population – over a million people – could face catastrophic hunger. But the process of delivering aid is slow and dangerous. The BBC's Diplomatic Correspondent James Landale tells Mark Lowen about taking part in an air drop of food and other supplies to Gazans. And the Palestinian journalist Ghada Ouda shares what it's like to live on humanitarian aid in the city of Rafah.

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FRI 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6q0nn)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 12:06 Outlook (w3ct698k)
Outlook Mixtape: Rare orchids, manga love and Liverbirds

The stories we love from Outlook this week.

Tom Hart Dyke's obsession for plants led him to the Darien Gap in Central America, in search of an orchid to name after his granny. But his mission was cut short when he was kidnapped at gunpoint.

Daniyal Ahmed was mesmerised by a video clip of an elderly musician playing the benjo – an obscure stringed instrument with typewriter keys. Eventually he set off to Balochistan to try to find him.

When Japanese manga artist Eri Nanato was diagnosed with autism and ADHD, she and her husband, Satoshi, decided to create a manga inspired by their experience.

Within just a few years of forming an all-female rock'n'roll band as teenagers in 1960s Liverpool, The Liverbirds were a commercial hit with adoring fans as far away as Japan. Surviving band members Mary McGlory and Sylvia Saunders reminisce about their chaotic rise to fame.

Presenter: Jo Fiden

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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty images)

FRI 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5ydb)
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FRI 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6q4ds)
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FRI 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq6r15hbt3)
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FRI 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8ptdhp5)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 13:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tdx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

FRI 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6q84x)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 14:06 Newshour (w172zb8t96rn3mw)
Presumed Israeli attack on Iran

US officials say Israel hit Iran with a missile overnight on Friday, in what appears to be a retaliatory strike after weeks of escalating tensions between the two countries. There are competing claims about the scale of the attack on the Isfahan region and the extent of any damage, with Iranian state media downplaying its significance. It comes after weeks of soaring tensions between the regional rivals, which have already seen an Israeli attack on an Iranian compound in Syria, and Iran launch an unprecedented assault against Israel.

Also in the programme: we speak to Newshour's James Coomarasamy in Uttar Pradesh as voting has ended in the first phase of India's general election and we hear why so many of China's cities are sinking.

(Photo: Anti-Israeli billboards in Tehran following explosions around central city of Isfahan, Iran- 19 Apr 2024. Credit: Abedin Taherkenareh/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

FRI 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6qcx1)
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FRI 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5stv)

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FRI 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf8ptdr5f)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zs8)
Will US Congress pass the long-awaited Ukraine aid bill?

After months of delay, the US House of Representatives appears poised to hold a vote this weekend on tens of billions of dollars worth of American military aid for Ukraine and Israel. The Republicans in Congress have been holding out on this issue for many months - tying it to immigration reform - but now House leader Mike Johnson says he's determined to bring the matter to a vote.

Also, Ed Butler finds out why the number of bitcoin being produced will halve and what is happening in India as its general election begins.

(Picture: Prime Minister of Japan Fumio Kishida addresses joint meeting of the US Congress, Washington, USA - 11 Apr 2024. Picture credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

FRI 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6qhn5)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbhz0f9c4qj)
Israel-Iran: US calls for de-escalation

The US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, has reiterated the importance of de-escalation in the Middle East, after a presumed Israeli strike on Iran in response to Teheran's recent attack on Israel. The operation appears to have been limited in scope, with no casualties reported. We speak to our Middle East experts and BBC Persian.

We also hear from two people - both Jewish - about why they decided to move to Israel since the October 7th attacks.

With the searing heatwave and severe electricity crisis in the West African country of Mali, the cost of ice has now tripled in some parts of the capital Bamako. Our reporter explains.

Taylor Swift's 11th album The Tortured Poets Department is out, and we find out about the reviews.

Presenter: James Reynolds.

(Photo: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken holds a press conference at the end of the G7 foreign ministers meeting on Capri island, Italy, April 19, 2024. Credit: Remo Casilli/Reuters)

FRI 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6qmd9)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbhz0f9c8gn)
Reaction to Taylor Swift's new album

Taylor Swift has surprised her fans by releasing what she described as a secret double album version of her new record "The Tortured Poets Department". The pop superstar has announced an expanded version with an extra fifteen songs, titled "The Anthology". We speak to poets around the world about what they think that the artist is branding herself a poet.

The US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, has reiterated the importance of de-escalation in the Middle East, after a presumed Israeli strike on Iran in response to Teheran's recent attack on Israel. With the world's attention on the tensions between Israel and Iran, we hear from residents in Gaza about the situation there.

We also hear from two people - both Jewish - about why they decided to move to Israel since the October 7th attacks.

We speak to people who are watching the Nigerian chess master Tunde Onakoya in New York's Times Square. He is attempting to break the world record for the longest ever chess marathon.

Presenter: James Reynolds

(Photo: Taylor Swift poses on the red carpet as she attends the 66th Annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, California, U.S., February 4, 2024. Credit: Mario Anzuoni/File Photo/Reuters)

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FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w0x)

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FRI 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6qzmp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rbd)

Living in Israel

The situation in the Middle East is being described as uncharted territory following strikes involving Iran and Israel. This is framed around the war between Israel and Hamas, now in its seventh month.

In this edition, three people in Israel share their experiences with host James Reynolds. Avi, Lianne and Liah describe what it was like when Iran launched drones and missiles at their country and how the Hamas-led attack of 7 October continues to impact every moment of their lives.

"I have two boys that are the same age as the two boys held by Hamas," Lianne tells us. "Whenever I go to sleep at night – if I get some sleep – all I think about is those two boys. Everything has changed, that's all we think about, we're a traumatised nation."

Liah also shares her feelings about how Israelis are perceived and, because of their Jewish faith, how they feel threatened.

"I now know what every generation of Jews has been through," she tells us. "All the libels that the world has put out about us now are the same libels that we have had for generations, and they lived through it, so we live through it or we don't. And that's the reality for Jews."

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(Photo: People walk past an Israeli flag, after Iran launched drones and missiles towards Israel, in Tel Aviv, Israel, April 14, 2024. Credit: Hannah McKay/Reuters)

FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgv8ptfbx2)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rgx)

Are our coastlines being washed away?

Around the world, coastlines are constantly changing due to the power of waves, currents and tides. Coastal areas are also some of the most heavily populated and developed land areas in the world. So it's not hard to see how the natural process of coastal erosion can cause serious problems for us.

It's an issue that's been bothering CrowdScience listener Anne in Miami Beach, Florida. She can see the beach from her window and wonders why after every storm, several trucks arrive to dump more sand on it.

In this first of two programmes, CrowdScience visits Anne's home in south Florida and finds out how erosion threatens Florida's famous beaches. She speaks to geoscientist Dr Tiffany Roberts Briggs and hears why it's such a problem for this tourist-reliant state. Tiffany explains the delicate balance between natural processes and human infrastructure.

Meanwhile, the Caribbean island of Puerto Rico declared a state of emergency in April 2023 due to coastal erosion. Caroline witnesses the impacts of erosion first-hand, as Ruperto Chaparro shows her abandoned houses crumbling into the sea.

But how can we quantify the rate of erosion? Dr Kevian Perez in the Graduate School of Planning at University of Puerto Rico

explains the methods they use to monitor Puerto Rico's coastlines, and how they are evaluating the effectiveness of different mitigation methods.

However, some of the methods used to protect coastal communities from the encroaching sea have done more harm than good. So what are the best ways to tackle this problem? That's what we'll be exploring in next week's programme.

Presenter: Caroline Steel
Producer: Hannah Fisher
Editor: Cathy Edwards
Production Co-ordinator: Liz Tuohy
Studio Manager: Steve Greenwood and Bob Nettles

Featuring:
Dr Tiffany Roberts Briggs, Associate Professor at Florida Atlantic University
Ruperto Chaparro, Director of Sea Grant Programme, University of Puerto Rico
Anabela Fuentes Garcia, Villa Cristiana community leader
Dr Kevian Perez, researcher at the Coastal Research and Planning Institute of Puerto Rico at the Graduate School of Planning

(Photo: Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria. Credit: Orlando Sentinel/Getty Images)

FRI 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6r3ct)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8t96rnyvs)

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

FRI 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf0tz6r73y)

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