

**SATURDAY 12 JULY 2025****SAT 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bln16)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 00:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct72w7)**

Sharks, albatrosses, the Jaws theme and fishing

Shark Awareness Day on 14th July sends us on a deep dive into marine biology.

First, we learn how shark-inspired materials could help make aeroplane flights more efficient.

Next, we hear about the fish that don't flee from sharks... instead, they seek them out to help them hunt.

Bob Duke, Meyerson Professor of Music and Human Learning at the University of Texas, Austin, joins us in the studio to reveal how and why the iconic Jaws music taps into our psychology to leave us trembling.

We also hear about a couple of tiny islands in the Southern Ocean, on which an unexpected predator is wreaking havoc.

Plus, why a tiny fish is being ground up and fed to other fish.

All that, plus many more Unexpected Elements.

Presenter: Marnie Chesterton, with Leonie Joubert and Christine Yohannes

Producer: Alice Lipscombe-Southwell, Imaan Moin, Minnie Harrop and Margaret Sessa Hawkins

**SAT 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8blrsb)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 01:06 Business Matters (w172zrs4wrnlx8h)**

Air India Crash: Preliminary Report Findings

A preliminary report into the Air India crash last month has found that fuel supplies to the engines were cut shortly after take-off causing them to lose thrust.

The report also found no mechanical issues with the plane or its engines, bringing renewed focus on to the actions of the two pilots, as two fuel switches on the plane appear to have been switched off manually.

Presenter, Victoria Craig, speaks to the BBC's India business correspondent, Archana Shukla, to get the latest.

Also on the programme: President Trump and the First Lady Melania Trump visited central Texas today to survey where flash floods killed 120 people last weekend. How might disasters like this be avoided in the future?

Joining Victoria to discuss business stories from around the world are Andy Uhler, Energy Journalism Fellow at University of Texas at Austin and Amita Arudpragasam, writer and policy analyst based in Sri Lanka.

**SAT 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8blwjg)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl4vgrl8jv)**

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**SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj4zy97sv)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct6zjf)**

India's women make T20 history in England

Alison Mitchell, Jim Maxwell and Charu Sharma discuss whether India's women are now the side to beat after they win a T20 series on English soil for the first time. We hear from India's winning run scorer, Jemimah Rodrigues and England women's Head Coach, Charlotte Edwards.

Former England men's spinner and current England men's U19s Head Coach, Michael Yardy, tells Stumped the future of English cricket is in good hands as his side prepare to face their Indian counterparts in a two-match Test series. He also gives us his take on India's 14-year-old batting sensation, Vaibhav Suryavanshi, who's been the standout player for the tourists so far.

And, we debate whether South Africa's stand-in captain Wiaan Mulder did the right thing declaring himself just 33 runs short of Brian Lara's record for the highest individual score in a Test innings.

Photo: Richa Ghosh and Jemimah Rodrigues of India celebrate hitting the winning runs following the 4th Women's Vitality IT20 match between England and India at Emirates Old Trafford on July 09, 2025 in Manchester, England. (Photo by George Wood/Getty Images)

**SAT 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bm08l)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6wh1)**

Outlook Mixtape: The snapshot edition

This edition of the Outlook Mixtape is all about snapshots - photographs that captured people, special occasions and heartfelt moments.

In 1971, Finnish photographer Sirkka-Liisa Kontinen snapped a joyous image of a little girl playing in the streets of a Newcastle suburb scheduled for demolition, called Byker. The photo became world famous. Byker disappeared forever. Forty years later, Sirkka got a phone call. Who is the girl on the space hopper?

Paul Ninson grew up hearing traditional stories about Ghana's Ashanti people from his grandparents. He became a self-taught photographer, committed to capturing and preserving African culture. While studying in New York he had a chance encounter with Humans of New York photoblog creator Brandon Stanton. With his help, Paul founded the Dikan Centre, Ghana's first photo library and now the largest in Africa with over 30,000 books and 25 million archival items.

A heart-warming photograph of Chadian conservationist Apollinaire Ndohououdou and a baby gorilla called Pikin won a top prize at the 2018 Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition. Outlook's Saskia Collette finds out the story behind the image, which is both touching and tragic.

Photographer Kavi wanted to shine a light on migrant voices - and faces. Documenting his hometown Leicester and its South Asian community living and working along the city's most famous street, the Golden Mile. Kavi aimed to explore what it really means to be British.

Presenter: Jo Fidgeon

Producer: Tommy Dixon

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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty Images)

**SAT 03:50 Witness History (w3ct7440)**

The man who said 'no' to Disney

In 1941, Walt Disney made a tempting offer to a fellow pioneer of the animation industry, Quirino Cristiani - the author of the first animated feature film.

Cristiani was an Italian immigrant raised in Argentina who built a career creating animated political satires in the early days of cinema. He authored full-length movies that he drew entirely on his own, sketching and cutting thousands of figures that he tied with thread to facilitate motion.

Quirino's technique was rudimentary, but impressive enough to prompt Disney to propose that he join his staff. Hector Cristiani, Quirino's grandson, tells Stefania Gozzer why his grandfather declined the offer, and what happened to most of his work.

Eye-witness accounts brought to life by archive. Witness History is for those fascinated by the past. We take you to the events that have shaped our world through the eyes of the people who were there. For nine minutes every day, we take you back in time and all over the world, to examine wars, coups, scientific discoveries, cultural moments and much more.

Recent episodes explore everything from the death of Adolf Hitler, the first spacewalk and the making of the movie Jaws, to celebrity tortoise Lonesome George, the Kobe earthquake and the invention of superglue.

We look at the lives of some of the most famous leaders, artists, scientists and personalities in history, including: Eva Peron - Argentina's Evita; President Ronald Reagan and his famous 'tear down this wall' speech; Thomas Keneally on why he wrote Schindler's List; and Jacques Derrida, France's 'rock star' philosopher.

You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, such as the civil rights swimming protest; the disastrous D-Day rehearsal; and the death of one of the world's oldest languages.

(Photo: Quirino Cristiani. Credit: Family archive)

**SAT 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bm40q)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 04:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct72w7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 today]

**SAT 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bm7rv)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl4vgrlms7)**

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**SAT 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj4zy9m17)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SAT 05:32 Amazing Sport Stories (w3ct7zzj)**

Bill Walton's The Grateful Team: Ep 3

The final showdown. The only thing which stands between Lithuania and an Olympic medal? The Unified Team - the team representing former Soviet countries and, for Lithuanians, their former occupiers.

Will the Lithuanian basketball team be able to beat the Unified Team with the world watching? And can they triumph in tie-dye?

The late NBA star and sports commentator Bill Walton presents this extraordinary true story which brings together basketball, the US rock band The Grateful Dead, and the fall of the Soviet Union. Bill passed away in 2024, not long after recording the series, and his family have given permission for its release following his death.

Amazing Sport Stories brings you the greatest twists and personal journeys from sport history. Listen for inspiring tales of courage, drama, myths and legends from all over the globe. All told in mini seasons and one-off documentary episodes. #AmazingSportStories

Amazing Sport Stories: Bill Walton's The Grateful Team is a Bespoke Media production for the BBC World Service.

**SAT 05:50 More or Less (w3ct6vz2)**

Why Manchester United can afford to play badly

Manchester United are terrible, even according to their own manager. Last season saw their worst ever performance in Premier League history.

But at the same time, according to Forbes magazine, they're still the second most valuable football club in the world.

How is that possible?

Tim talks to Kieran Maguire, a football finance expert and the author of The Price of Football, to find out the secret of Manchester United's financial success.

Presenter: Tim Harford

Producer: Nicholas Barrett

Series producer: Tom Colls

Production co-ordinator: Brenda Brown

Sound mix: Neil Churchill

Editor: Richard Vadon

**SAT 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bmchz)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 06:06 Weekend (w172zw855hzy6y)**

Air India plane crash caused by fuel cut to engines, report finds

A preliminary investigation into last month's Air India crash has found that both fuel control switches were moved to the cut-off position - an action that typically shuts down the engines - just moments before the plane went down. The crash resulted in 260 deaths, with only one survivor. Cockpit voice recordings suggest possible confusion between the two pilots regarding the fuel switch cut-off.

Also in the programme: We hear from families affected by the devastating Texas floods, as Donald Trump visits the state to offer condolences for the 120 lives lost and those still missing; and in Australia, the high-profile trial of Erin Patterson concluded on Monday. The 50-year-old was found guilty of murdering three relatives and attempting to kill a fourth, in a case that captured global attention.

Joining presenter Julian Worricker are Natalya Ben-Khaled-Vince, associate professor of modern history at Oxford University, specialising in the French empire, and Freddie

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<p>Carver, director of humanitarian policy at the ODI Global think tank in London.</p> <p>(Picture: A tail of an Air India Boeing 787 Dreamliner plane that crashed. Ahmedabad, India, June 12, 2025. REUTERS/Amit Dave)</p> <p><b>SAT 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bmbh83)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>SAT 07:06 Weekend (w172zw855hzw1z2)</b> Preliminary report released into Air India crash that killed 260</p> <p>A preliminary report into last month's Air India crash, which killed 260 people and left only one survivor, has found that the aircraft's engines shut down moments before impact after both fuel control switches were set to cut-off. Cockpit voice recordings reveal confusion between the two pilots about the fuel shut-off system.</p> <p>Also in the programme: We speak to a social scientist about emergency alert failures following a deadly flash flood in Texas; and we examine modern slavery in the Middle East and North Africa with 'Captives and Companions' author, Justin Marozzi.</p> <p>Joining presenter Julian Worricker are Natalya Ben-Khaled-Vince, associate professor of modern history at Oxford University, specialising in the French empire, and Freddie Carver, director of humanitarian policy at the ODI Global think tank in London.</p> <p>(Picture: People hold candlelight vigil for Air India flight crash victims in Bangalore - 14 Jun 2025. Photo by JAGADEESH NV/EPA-EFE/Shutterstock (15357337g))</p> <p><b>SAT 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bmm07)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>SAT 08:06 Weekend (w172zw855hzw5q6)</b> Air India crash report points to pilot confusion in cockpit</p> <p>A preliminary investigation into last month's Air India crash which left 260 dead and just one survivor, has found that the aircraft's engines shut down after both fuel control switches were moved to the cut-off position shortly after take-off. The report suggests cockpit voice recordings revealed signs of confusion between the two pilots about the fuel shut-off system.</p> <p>Also in the programme: We discuss illegal and legal goldmining in Tigray, northern Ethiopia; and explore the mental health impact of Trump's immigration policies as more Latinos seek psychiatric care in the US.</p> <p>Joining presenter Julian Worricker are Natalya Ben-Khaled-Vince, associate professor of modern history at Oxford University, specialising in the French empire, and Freddie Carver, director of humanitarian policy at the ODI Global think tank in London.</p> <p>(Picture: Police officer stands in front of the wreckage of an Air India aircraft, Ahmedabad, India June 12, 2025. REUTERS/Adnan Abidi)</p> <p><b>SAT 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bmqr)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>SAT 09:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct6rmr)</b> Why it's good for men to talk</p> <p>Across the world, there's often a stigma when it comes to men discussing their emotions.</p> <p>"We're taught here as men that a man shouldn't cry," says Kholekile, who chairs the ManKind Project, a support group for men in South Africa.</p> <p>"We're taught that a man should protect, a man should be brave, a man should be strong and that it's only girls that are allowed to express emotion," he says. "So the question then becomes where do those emotions go to when they get suppressed?"</p> <p>Burying emotional problems can affect mental health. And while suicide rates vary around the world, according to the World Health Organisation, just over twice as many men take their own lives globally compared with women.</p> <p>It's this culture of bottling everything up which the men we hear from this week are trying to change.</p> <p>We hear how friendships and support groups offer hope and how a new style of communication within their relationships is improving men's lives.</p>	<p>Hosted by Luke Jones with conversations by Mark Lowen.</p> <p>A Boffin Media production with producer Sue Nelson in partnership with the BBC OS team and producers Akwasi Sarpong, Ben Davis and Angela Sheeran.</p> <p>(Photo: Itayi and friend Tinto at a concert. Credit: Tendai Maphosa)</p> <p><b>SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj4zyb30r)</b> The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>SAT 09:32 Pick of the World (w3ct7z4z)</b> Why more adults than ever have a soft toy!</p> <p>Tens of thousands of you love our story about Sid and his mental health duck, Quack. Plus the story of the 41 tunnellers rescued in the Himalayan mountains. Also, the true roots of 'Take Yo' Praise by Camille Yarbrough, the song that inspired Fatboy Slim, and why we all love dinosaurs.</p> <p><b>SAT 09:50 Over to You (w3ct6xvh)</b> Investigating online trends and social media</p> <p>BBC Trending is the show that investigates stories related to online trends, social media, and viral phenomena. We speak to its editor about a recent edition focussing on North Korea - and a listener asks about the programme's wider editorial remit and why there are not more uplifting news stories?</p> <p>Plus BBC Sounds has finally been given a date for its turn off - we hear your initial thoughts on its replacement.</p> <p>Presenter: Rajan Datar Producer: Howard Shannon A Whistledown production for the BBC World Service</p> <p><b>SAT 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bmvhb)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>SAT 10:06 Not by the Playbook (w3ct7z0g)</b> Wimbledon Wonders</p> <p>Roger Taylor was the British tennis number one who fell out with his contemporaries while coming tantalisingly close to winning Wimbledon. He found himself engulfed in controversy through his defiance of the 1973 Wimbledon boycott, which almost tore his world apart. He tells us about his near Wimbledon misses and how he was a leading contender to replace Sean Connery as James Bond.</p> <p>Fifty years ago Arthur Ashe pulled off an amazing feat, upsetting the odds and becoming the first black man to win the Wimbledon Men's final when he beat fellow American Jimmy Connors - but it was not something he wanted to define his life. His fight to break down barriers around racial discrimination was closer to his heart - and apartheid South Africa became one of his battle grounds. Though his agent Donald Dell and tennis writer Richard Evans we tell the story of Ashe's controversial visit to South Africa in 1973 and how a tennis academy in his name now thrives in Soweto.</p> <p>We meet Rufus the hawk who serves as Wimbledon's "chief pigeon deterrent," flying around the grounds each morning to scare away pigeons and other birds, ensuring they don't interfere with play or disrupt the spectators. He's been patrolling the skies at Wimbledon for 15 years. And new balls please ! 60,000 are used during the Championships each year. They are replaced every seven to nine games during matches to maintain optimal playing conditions. But are they really stored in a fridge? The head of balls Andy Chevalier reveals all.</p> <p>Plus the story of how a Wimbledon first round tie between John Isner and Nicolas Mahut in 2010 became the longest tennis match in history, stretching over three days.</p> <p><b>SAT 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bmz7m)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl4vgrmc80)</b> The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p><b>SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj4zybbj0)</b> The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>SAT 11:32 Health Check (w3ct6vj)</b> First malaria treatment approved for newborns</p> <p>Until now there has been no approved treatment for malaria in newborns and infants weighing less than 4.5kg. We hear from</p>	<p>families and clinicians firsthand what this new formulation, due to be approved across eight African countries, means for them.</p> <p>We are joined by Professor Damian Bailey as we become pickle juice detectives to find out why it is becoming more common for athletes to drink the briny solution in a bid to tackle cramps.</p> <p>Gastric cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths worldwide, researchers from the International Agency for Research on Cancer have predicted that the bacteria <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> may be responsible for over 11 million future gastric cancer cases in people born between 2008 and 2017.</p> <p>How can we prepare for a future where socially assistive robots are integrated into healthcare and the home? Professor Helen Meese joins us to explain some of the practical and ethical concerns that accompany the rise of helpful robots in clinical and home settings.</p> <p>Presenter: Claudia Hammond Producer: Katie Tomsett Studio Managers: Searle Whitney &amp; Duncan Hannant</p> <p><b>SAT 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bn2zr)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>SAT 12:06 World Questions (w3ct7502)</b> Serbia</p> <p>Is there a lack of democracy in Serbia? Can the current student-led protests topple the Government? Will this Balkan country ever join the European Union? Allan Little chairs a panel of leading Serbian politicians and analysts who face tough questions from across the nation.</p> <p>The panel: Marko Djuric: Minister of Foreign Affairs, Serbian Progressive Party Borko Stefanovic: Deputy Leader, Freedom and Justice Party Danica Ilic: Journalist Filip Balunovic: Research fellow, University of Belgrade</p> <p>Producer: Helen Towner</p> <p>(Image: Protestors converge in the Serbian capital, Belgrade, in March 2025 in the largest of a series of recent anti-corruption demonstrations. Credit: Andrej Isakovic/AFP via Getty Images)</p> <p><b>SAT 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bn6qw)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>SAT 13:06 Newshour (w172zss4x5vsc9h)</b> Fuel switches cut off before Air India crash</p> <p>A preliminary report on the Air India crash that killed 260 people in June has found that both fuel control switches were in the cut-off position - a step that turns off the engines - moments before the plane crashed in Ahmedabad. Also on the programme, the US says it's aware of the killing of an American citizen in the occupied West Bank after his family said he'd been beaten to death by Jewish settlers; and, a look at the Wimbledon women's final.</p> <p>(Wreckage of the Air India Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner plane sits on the open ground, outside Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, where it took off and crashed nearby shortly afterwards, in Ahmedabad, India July 12, 2025. REUTERS/Amit Dave)</p> <p><b>SAT 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bnbh0)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w172ztql6rm8yvg)</b> Live sport from around the world with news, interviews and analysis.</p> <p><b>SAT 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bny6n)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>SAT 19:06 The Inquiry (w3ct722r)</b> Can Brazil's supercows feed the world?</p> <p>Brazil's Zebu cattle, or "supercows" are bred for size, strength, and meat quality. Every year the animals are showcased at ExpoZebu, Brazil's premier cattle fair. These animals are preened, pampered, and prized, before being sold for millions for their genetic material.</p> <p>Zebu cattle were not always part of Brazil's landscape. After</p>
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being imported from India in the late 19th century, farmers found their resilience to heat, pests, and poor pasture made them ideal for Brazil's expanding cattle frontier.

Thanks to decades of selective breeding and low-cost pasture-based farming, Brazil is now the world's largest beef exporter, and demand is only rising.

Despite its economic success and domestic popularity, Brazil's beef has a significant environmental cost due to its emissions and links to deforestation. However, their genetic material has the potential to be used around the world to make cattle more resilient to climate change.

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**SAT 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj4zyc9h1)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SAT 19:32 Happy News (w3ct6tyg)**

The Happy Pod: The trio bringing countries together with music

The trio hoping to soothe global tensions through musical collaboration. They mix Chinese and American songs to focus on similarities not differences. Also: helping disadvantaged teens go to the prom; and a K-pop first.

Presenter: Valerie Sanderson

Music: Iona Hampson

(Photo Credit:: Jeff Fasano)

**SAT 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bp1ys)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct6ztg)**

Best-selling crime writer Karin Slaughter

Nikki Bedi talks to best-selling US author Karin Slaughter about her new book, *We Are All Guilty Here* and is joined by cultural critic, Zing Tsjeng.

They hear from and discuss:

Oscar-winning Danish director Thomas Vinterberg on his TV series, *Families Like Ours*, set in the near future.

Hollywood actor Julianne Moore explains how she approached the intense mother daughter scenes in her film, *Echo Valley*.

Singer Obongjayar shares his musical awakening growing up in Nigeria.

Welsh director Gareth Edwards reveals how he moved from creating his own FX to directing *Jurassic World: Rebirth*.

And there's contemporary Flamenco music from Spanish vocalist Angeles Toledano.

Main image: Karin Slaughter

Photo credit: James Arthur Gekiera/AFP/Getty Images

**SAT 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bp5px)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 21:06 Newshour (w172zss4x5vtb8j)**

Trump says EU and Mexico face 30% tariff from August

US President Donald Trump says he intends to impose 30 per cent tariffs on goods imported to the US from the EU and Mexico, starting from the first of August. He blames both the US trade deficit with the EU for this announcement, alongside Mexico's failure to stop the flow of illicit drugs into the US. An economist gives us his thoughts.

Also on the programme: We speak to a relative of a passenger killed in last month's Air India plane crash after it emerged that fuel switches were cut off before the incident; two Palestinians have been killed by Israeli settlers in the West Bank according to the Palestinian health ministry; and Polish tennis player Iga Switek wins this year's women's Wimbledon title.

(Photo: US President Donald Trump speaks to the media on 11th July 2025. Credit: Will Oliver/EPA/Shutterstock)

**SAT 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bp9g1)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 22:06 Not by the Playbook (w3ct7z0g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 today]

**SAT 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bp65)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl4vgrnt6k)**

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**SAT 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj4zycsgk)**

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**SAT 23:32 This Is Africa (w3ct72d3)**

Dystinct

Dystinct became a huge star in Morocco in 2022 when his song Ghazali became the anthem of Morocco's football team at the Qatar World Cup. Morocco had a brilliant tournament, becoming the first African and first Arab nation to reach the semi-finals, first beating Spain and then Portugal.

Dystinct was born in Belgium, but kept close ties to Morocco. He has dual Belgian and Moroccan nationality. He also spent time in the Netherlands, and established himself in the Dutch music scene before reconnecting with his African roots. He now has over 11 million monthly listeners on Spotify, and is on a mission to take Morocco's music, language and culture to the world.

His collaborations include Spider, a massive hit, with French/Congolese artist Gims, *Como Tu*, a collaboration with megastar J Balvin from Colombia, and *Zaalima*, a Hindi movie remix of his breakthrough hit Ghazali featuring Indian singer Shreya Ghoshal from India.

He has three albums under his belt; the most recent *Bababa World*, dropped on June 13th.

## SUNDAY 13 JULY 2025

**SUN 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bpjy9)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 00:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct6rmr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]

**SUN 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj4zycx6p)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 00:32 The Documentary (w3ct8009)**

The ark of the dry lands

Researchers in Morocco are developing dry-land agriculture at ICARDA (the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas). It is home to a gene bank, in which around 150,000 different seed-types are kept in perfectly calibrated cold vaults, and duplicated to protect them from fire, earthquake and war. They are used for the creation of new varieties - such as wheat or lentils resistant to drought or disease, without pesticides. The gene bank is a public good - anyone, anywhere, can request seeds free of charge.

Laaziza Atmani, head of the Al Amal women's farming co-operative in the middle Atlas Mountains, uses ICARDA seeds and expertise to develop her couscous business. 'Setting up the co-op changed our lives,' she says.

Some of the ICARDA seeds were collected originally in the 19th Century, at the dawn of genetic research. 'Our oldest is a barley, collected in 1884, in Norway,' says Zakaria Kehel, who takes care of the seed bank. Others are of wild varieties such as the ancestors of grain that grow freely in the 'Fertile Crescent' of modern Iraq, Lebanon, Palestine, and Syria. These wild plants, or landraces, have been collected from mountains and roadsides over decades by scientists like Dr Ahmed Amri.

Presenter: Aidan Tulloch

Sound engineer: Mike Woolley

Producer: Monica Whitlock

A Storyscape production for BBC World Service

**SUN 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bpnpf)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 01:06 The Inquiry (w3ct722r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:06 on Saturday]

**SUN 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj4zyd0yt)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 01:32 Amazing Sport Stories (w3ct7zzj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

**SUN 01:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct7zrt)**

West Germany 1990: The making of an iconic football shirt

In July 1990, West Germany won the World Cup for the third time, beating Argentina 1-0 in Rome. The shirt the victorious players were wearing that night has become a design classic and is now one of the most sought-after by classic kit collectors.

With its distinctive black, red and gold zigzag across the chest, West Germany's 1990 shirt was a game-changer in the world of football kits, helping to usher in a new era of bold designs.

Guy Kilty speaks to the shirt's designer, Ina Franzmann, about how she created the famous kit.

Eye-witness accounts brought to life by archive and testimony. Sporting Witness is for those fascinated by sporting history. We take you to the events that have shaped the sports world through the eyes of the people who were there. For nine minutes, you become a fan in the stands as we take you back in time to examine memorable victories and agonising defeats from all over the world. You'll hear from people who have achieved sporting immortality, or those who were there as incredible sporting moments unfolded.

Recent episodes explore the forgotten football Women's World Cup, the plasterer who fought a boxing legend, international football's biggest ever beating and the man who swam the Amazon river. We look at the lives of some of the most famous F1 drivers, tennis players and athletes as well as people who've had ground-breaking impact in their chosen sporting field, including: the most decorated Paralympian, the woman who was the number 1 squash player in the world for nine years, and the first figure skater to wear a hijab. You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, such as the tennis player who escaped the Nazis, how a man finally beat a horse in a race, and how the FIFA computer game was created.

(Photo: Ina Franzman with the 1990 West German shirt she designed, signed by the team. Credit: Ann-Sophie Lang)

**SUN 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bpsfk)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl4vgrp5fy)**

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

**SUN 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj4zyd4py)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 02:32 Health Check (w3ct6vj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:32 on Saturday]

**SUN 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bp5p)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 03:06 World Questions (w3ct7502)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

**SUN 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bq0xt)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct6trn)**

Kenya's Gen Z protests

Pascale Harter introduces stories from Kenya, China, Australia and Peru.

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<p>Youth led protests erupted again in Kenya this week, with many young Kenyans angry at the lack of good job opportunities in the country – more than 30 people died in the demonstrations, and over 500 were arrested. Anne Soy has been following the story in Nairobi.</p> <p>Sichuan province in China is home to a long-standing Tibetan resistance movement. While Beijing views Tibet as an integral part of China – the allegiances of many Tibetans living in China lie with its exiled spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama – voicing support for him can lead to arrest or prison. Laura Bicker visited the town of Aba, where she met monks practicing their faith under heavy surveillance.</p> <p>The small Australian town of Morwell will be returning to some form of normality this week, following the conclusion of the trial of Erin Patterson who was found guilty of murdering three of her relatives and attempting to kill another after serving them Beef Wellington laced with toxic death cap mushrooms. Katy Watson reflects on how the town was transformed by the visiting media circus.</p> <p>And finally, BBC Budapest correspondent Nick Thorpe recently had a change of scene, venturing to South America and the high Andes of Peru, where he travelled on a donkey through the Cordillera Blanca range, past lakes and waterfalls – and rapidly disappearing glaciers.</p> <p>Image: Protesters chant during Saba Saba Day demonstrations in the outskirts of Nairobi. (Photo by Michel Lunanga/Getty Images)</p> <p><b>SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj4zydd66)</b> The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>SUN 04:32 Science In Action (w3ct6yfk)</b> Tracking ocean circulation systems</p> <p>The European Space Agency plans to use satellite gravity data to track weakening ocean circulation systems. Rory Bingham of the University of Bristol explains how these satellites can ‘weigh’ the Earth’s water and might help resolve whether we’re approaching the climate tipping point of a shutdown of ocean circulation in the Atlantic Ocean, something we’ve been following for a while.</p> <p>Scientists have been able to retrieve ancient proteins from fossilized tooth enamel in the Canadian High Arctic. Ryan Sinclair Paterson from the University of Copenhagen tells us how he can fill in the blanks of the molecular tree of life with these proteins from over 20 million years ago.</p> <p>A few weeks ago, we discussed evidence of an impact of a massive crater in north-western Australia from over 3 billion years ago. However, recent independent evidence from another team of geologists indicate that the size and age of this crater’s impact may not be what some had previously thought. Alec Brenner of Yale University talks us through his analysis of the geologic evidence.</p> <p>Finally, we rediscover a forgotten pioneer of fusion science. Mark Chadwick discusses the research done by then-graduate student Arthur Ruhligh that helped develop the hydrogen bomb and thermonuclear physics.</p> <p>[This audio has been corrected since original broadcast to amend a misattribution in the script. Our apologies.]</p> <p>Presenter: Roland Pease Producers: Imaan Moin with Alex Mansfield Production Coordinator: Jana Bennett-Holesworth</p> <p>(Image: Map of North Atlantic Ocean currents, with Gulf Stream and other currents. Credit: PeterHermesFurian Via Getty Images.)</p> <p><b>SUN 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bq4ny)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl4vgrpjpb)</b> The world’s Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p><b>SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj4zydhyb)</b> The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>SUN 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct8009)</b> [Repeat of broadcast at 00:32 today]</p> <p><b>SUN 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bq8f2)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p>	<p><b>SUN 06:06 Weekend (w172zw855hzyv41)</b> Proposed 30% tariff draws criticism from EU and Mexico</p> <p>The Trump administration is proposing new tariffs on 24 countries, including all members of the European Union. Mexico, which sends 80% of its exports to the United States, would be particularly impacted. President Claudia Sheinbaum has expressed confidence that a new trade deal can be reached to avoid the threatened 30% tariff on Mexican imports, set to take effect in August. Donald Trump has also warned that retaliatory tariffs by other countries could trigger even higher US import taxes.</p> <p>Also in the programme: we speak to a doctor in Gaza following another deadly incident near an aid site, and ask about the state of the health system there over the past year; and we look back at the assassination attempt on Donald Trump during his election campaign one year ago.</p> <p>Joining presenter Julian Worricker are Baroness Arminka Helic, member of the UK House of Lords and Conservative Party foreign policy expert, and Steve Erlanger, chief diplomatic correspondent for The New York Times in Europe.</p> <p>(Picture: US President Donald Trump delivers remarks on tariffs in the Rose Garden at the White House in Washington DC, April 2, 2025. REUTERS/Carlos Barria/File Photo)</p> <p><b>SUN 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bqd56)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>SUN 07:06 Weekend (w172zw855hzyyw5)</b> US resumes military support for Ukraine</p> <p>The war in Ukraine has intensified, with Russia launching heavier attacks and June seeing the highest civilian casualties in three years. Ukrainian President Zelensky says the US is renewing support by resuming military supplies. Meanwhile, President Trump announces a NATO-backed deal to send Patriot air defence systems to Ukraine. US Republican Congressman Don Bacon supports stronger military aid for Ukraine to deter Putin and a military analyst who has been visiting Ukraine since 2022 also shares insights on the conflict’s current state.</p> <p>Also in the programme: the effects of Trump’s proposed 30% tariffs on the EU and Mexico; and how emojis became a global form of communication.</p> <p>Joining presenter Julian Worricker are Baroness Arminka Helic, member of the UK House of Lords and Conservative foreign policy expert, and Steve Erlanger, Chief Diplomatic Correspondent for The New York Times in Europe.</p> <p>(Picture: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at a military training area on the “Patriot” anti-aircraft missile system, in Germany, June 11, 2024. Jens Buttner/Pool via REUTERS)</p> <p><b>SUN 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bqhxb)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>SUN 08:06 Weekend (w172zw855hzz2m9)</b> Gulf states urge Trump to help achieve Gaza ceasefire</p> <p>There’s still no sign of a ceasefire in Gaza, with Gulf states urging Donald Trump to help secure a lasting peace deal. On Saturday, medical staff at Nasser hospital in Gaza said 24 people were killed near an aid site. According to the UN, there have been nearly 800 deaths near aid points since May. We hear from a minister from one of the Gulf states, the United Arab Emirates, who believes peace in the region is still possible.</p> <p>Also in the programme: 30 years since the Srebrenica genocide, where over 8,000 Muslim men and boys were massacred, our correspondent Guy Delauney reports from Bosnia; and we hear about the Wimbledon men’s singles final from Tennis Weekly podcast co-host Chris Kneebone.</p> <p>Joining presenter Julian Worricker are Baroness Arminka Helic, member of the UK House of Lords and Conservative Party foreign policy expert, and Steve Erlanger, chief diplomatic correspondent for The New York Times in Europe.</p> <p>(Picture: A Palestinian woman, with her daughter, mourns her son who was killed by Israeli fire while seeking aid near a distribution point in Rafah. July 12, 2025. REUTERS/Ramadan Abed)</p> <p><b>SUN 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bqmng)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>SUN 09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct6trn)</b></p>	<p>[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today]</p> <p><b>SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj4zydzxv)</b> The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>SUN 09:32 The Food Chain (w3ct70yn)</b> Protein v fibre</p> <p>Protein is a health and fitness buzzword – plastered on packaging, prioritised in diets and praised by fitness influencers. But is our preoccupation with protein overshadowing another nutritional essential – fibre? Ruth Alexander explores the science, and marketing, behind protein’s popularity with expert guests Dr Emma Beckett, a food and nutrition scientist and communicator in Australia, and author of You Are More Than What You Eat; physician and social media creator Dr Karan Rajan, who is the author of This Book May Save Your Life; Scott Dicker from SPINS market research company in Chicago; Paul Kita, deputy editor of Men’s Health Magazine in the US.</p> <p>Producer: Izzy Greenfield</p> <p><b>SUN 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bqrdl)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>SUN 10:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct6xxr)</b> Cutting food waste</p> <p>Food waste is one of the biggest environmental and economic challenges we face — and much of it happens long before the food reaches our plates. In this episode, we meet the people working to tackle the problem in different ways. We hear about the smart sensors which could help cut down waste by measuring when food has actually gone bad, rather than relying on one-size-fits-all expiry dates. And in Scotland Myra visits the start-up turning waste from whisky production into fish food.</p> <p>People Fixing The World from the BBC is about brilliant solutions to the world’s problems. We release a new edition every week for most of the year. We’d love you to let us know what you think and to hear about your own solutions. You can contact us on WhatsApp by messaging +44 8000 321721 or email <a href="mailto:peoplefixingtheworld@bbc.co.uk">peoplefixingtheworld@bbc.co.uk</a>. And please leave us a review on your chosen podcast provider.</p> <p>Presenter: Myra Anubi Producer/reporter: Craig Langran Editor: Jon Bithrey Sound mix: Hal Haines</p> <p>(Image: Myra Anubi with Euan Kinninmonth at the Eden Mill distillery, St Andrews, Scotland, BBC)</p> <p><b>SUN 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj4zyf3nz)</b> The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>SUN 10:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct70t4)</b> The Romanians choosing life in the hills</p> <p>A growing number of Romanians, including some celebrities and the country’s former prime minister Dacian Cioloş, are moving to the countryside. They say they’re looking for a slower and more sustainable life in the hills. But this seemingly idyllic lifestyle is not without challenges. What’s driving this trend? Romanian journalist Anca Badea has looked into this.</p> <p>Plus, the man who spent the past 20 years turning a wasteland into a park; is it safe to eat sprouted potatoes? And why is the Kenyan flower industry struggling? Featuring André Biernath from BBC Brasil, Nazanin Motamed from BBC Persian and Anne Okumu from BBC Africa.</p> <p>This episode of The Documentary comes to you from The Fifth Floor, the show at the heart of global storytelling, with BBC journalists from all around the world.</p> <p>Presented by Faranak Amidi Produced by Alice Gioia and Caroline Ferguson This is an EcoAudio certified production.</p> <p>(Photo: Faranak Amidi. Credit: Tricia Yourkevich.)</p> <p><b>SUN 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bqw4q)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl4vgrq853)</b> The world’s Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p><b>SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj4zyt7f3)</b></p>
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**SUN 11:32 Amazing Sport Stories (w3ct7zzj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

**SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct6vz2)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

**SUN 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bqzvv)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 12:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct6mr)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]

**SUN 12:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj4zyc57)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 12:32 Assignment (w3ct6rbq)**  
Rehoming France's immigrant workers

France's last foyers – housing for immigrant workers – are set for demolition. But some current residents are worried about what they'll lose.

Hundreds of "foyers" - housing units especially for immigrant workers – were built after World War II. The economy was booming and France needed unskilled labour to help rebuild the country. But since the 1990s there has been a policy to get rid of the old foyers and replace them with a type of social housing. However, residents of the old foyers fear they are going to lose out in this transformation. Carolyn Lambolely has been visiting some foyers around Paris and speaking to those who for decades have called these places home. They fear for the break-up of their communities, for a loss of their culture and the little they have.

Reporter: Carolyn Lambolely  
Producer: John Murphy  
Sound engineer: Nigel Appleton  
Programme co-ordinator: Gemma Ashman  
Editor: Penny Murphy

(Photo: Residents of Siqueiros, one of France's last foyers.  
Credit: Carolyn Lambolely)

**SUN 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8br3mz)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 13:06 Newshour (w172zss4x5vw86l)**  
Russia's top diplomat visits North Korea

The North Korean leader, Kim Jong Un, has offered Moscow his full support on the war in Ukraine during talks with the visiting Russian Foreign Minister, Sergei Lavrov. The Russian Foreign Ministry has posted video of the meeting in the resort city of Wonsan. Analysts say North Korea may be preparing to send additional troops to aid Russia's campaign.

Also, eyewitnesses in Gaza say an Israeli missile has hit a water distribution point killing at least 10 people, most of them children.

And a fusion of Chinese and old-time Appalachian music!

(Photo: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un welcomed Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov to Wonsan, North Korea.  
Credit: Reuters)

**SUN 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8br7d3)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 14:06 The Climate Question (w3ct7022)**  
Will climate change affect my holiday?

Could changing weather patterns due to climate change make a difference to where and when we travel, or to the cost of our holidays?

It was the hottest June on record for Western Europe, according to the EU's climate service, Copernicus. And the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change says that heatwaves in Europe will become more frequent, more intense and longer-lasting.

Extreme heat and drier weather can lead to wildfires, while retreating snow lines can put pressure on winter skiing trips. For their part, popular destinations in the Caribbean and the Pacific face another challenge - from rising sea levels.

Host Graihagh Jackson asks how holiday-makers and the travel industry can adapt to a changing climate.

Contributors:  
Simon King, Lead BBC weather presenter and meteorologist  
Dr. Susanne Etti, Global Environmental Impact Manager at Intrepid Travel  
Stefan Gössling, Professor of Tourism Research, Linnaeus University, Sweden

Presenter: Graihagh Jackson  
Producer: Diane Richardson  
Production Co-Ordinator: Brenda Brown  
Sound Mix: Tom Brignell and Dave O'Neill  
Editor: Simon Watts

Got a question you'd like us to answer? Send an email to:  
TheClimateQuestion@bbc.com or whatsapp us on +44 8000 321 721

**SUN 14:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj4zyflnh)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 14:32 Happy News (w3ct6tyg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:32 on Saturday]

**SUN 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8br47)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 15:06 Sportsworld (w172ztql6rmczhp)**  
Live sport from around the world with news, interviews and analysis.

**SUN 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8brv3r)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl4vgrr744)**  
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

**SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj4zyg6d4)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 19:32 In the Studio (w3ct6vtk)**  
Max Kidruk

How do you imagine the future if you are a Ukrainian Science Fiction writer? How do you live in the present with your country at war in a world governed by absolute uncertainty? That's the challenge and dilemma for best selling author Max Kidruk.

Kidruk is nearing completion of Collapse, the 2nd volume of a 900 page, epic hard science fiction trilogy The New Dark Ages. The first volume, Colony, sold 30,000 copies in Ukraine. Set on a 22nd century Mars against a backdrop of ecological disaster on Earth, things can only get worse! An insidious extra-terrestrial invasion has caused a fertility crisis whilst the new Martian society is undergoing literal & metaphorical growing pains. Those born on the Red planet are physically changed & unable to return to their mother world. Ukrainians have become the key farmers on Mars, providing three quarters of all the colony's food.

In the real world, Kidruk has had to fight against his own biological frailty & the absolute uncertainty of the times he lives in. The presence of Russians in his fiction is an acknowledgement that the existential national threat will not disappear & could grow worse. Perhaps the greatest challenge of all for Kidruk has been to keep his plot relevant. His trilogy is intended as a warning on many levels but real world politics keep outstripping his wildest imaginings!

Mark Burman has been in conversation with Kidruk for the past 18 months as the war has continued to rage & his book nears completion.

Image: Max Kidruk (Credit: Kateryna Kosheleva)

**SUN 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bryvw)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct72w7)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 on Saturday]

**SUN 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bs2m0)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 21:06 Newshour (w172zss4x5vx75m)**  
Ten Palestinians killed at water point in Gaza

Israel says what it called a technical error led to the airstrike that's reported to have killed ten Palestinians - mostly children - in Gaza. It said a munition missed its target by dozens of metres.

Also in the programme: Nigeria's former president Buhari dies; and the origins of Superman.

(Picture: Blood stains some containers at the site of an Israeli strike that killed Palestinians, gathered to collect water from a distribution point, according to medics, in Nuseirat in the central Gaza Strip. Credit: Reuters)

**SUN 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bs6c4)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 22:06 The Climate Question (w3ct7022)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 today]

**SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj4zygkmj)**  
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**SUN 22:32 Pick of the World (w3ct74z)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

**SUN 22:50 Over to You (w3ct6xvh)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

**SUN 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bsb38)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl4vgrrq3n)**  
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**SUN 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj4zygpcn)**  
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**SUN 23:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct70t4)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:32 today]

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**MON 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwpq8bsfvd)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 00:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct6trn)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

**MON 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj4zygt3s)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 00:32 Science In Action (w3ct6yfk)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 on Sunday]

**MON 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jmxdivp)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 01:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl56r1wsw2)**  
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

**MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj4zygt3s)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 01:32 Discovery (w3ct6sw4)**  
Tooth and Claw: Killer Whales

Investigating the black-and-white apex predator of the sea – the killer whale! Able to predate even great white sharks, this marine mammal is the largest member of the dolphin family. From tropical seas, to the Arctic and Antarctic, killer whales (or orcas) are found across the world. Living in family groups and often led by a post-menopausal matriarch, killer whales have passed on their hunting methods, which vary depending on which prey they specialise in hunting, through the generations.

Presenter Adam Hart finds out about the killer whales incredible social behaviours (such as wearing salmon as hats) and hears how a dog is helping killer whale researchers access a

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<p>gold mine of information about this predator. He also hears what challenges killer whale populations are facing and why killer whales may be attacking boats off the coast of the Iberian peninsula.</p> <p>Contributors:</p> <p>Dr. Leigh Hickmott, whale biologist and conservationist, who is an expert on Pack Ice killer whales, and whose research uses them as indicators to assess human disturbance of marine habitats.</p> <p>Dr. Deborah Giles, who is an expert on Southern Resident killer whales, based with the SeaDoc Society, a program of the Karen C. Drayer Wildlife Health Center at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.</p> <p>Presenter: Professor Adam Hart Producer: Jonathan Blackwell</p> <p>(Photo: Killer Whales, Credit: Serge MELESAN via Getty Images)</p> <p><b>MON 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jmxjlt)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zw156r1wxm6)</b> The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p><b>MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87lww6)</b> The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>MON 02:32 CrowdScience (w3ct6ssw)</b> Where did Earth's water come from?</p> <p>Here's a conundrum that has captivated scientists: when Earth formed 4.5 billion years ago, our planet was essentially a ball of molten rock. Any water that might have been present during the planet's formation would surely have boiled away immediately. Yet today, water covers about 70% of Earth's surface.</p> <p>So where did all this water come from? And more intriguingly, when did it arrive? Listener Bill in the USA wants to know, and Presenter Caroline Steel is after answers.</p> <p>Assistant Professor Muhammad Abdul Latif is an early earth physicist at United Arab Emirates University. He explains how his modelling has helped us to understand when water first appeared in our universe.</p> <p>The early earth was not a water-friendly place - a hellscape of molten rock, volcanic eruptions and constant bombardments from comets and asteroids, with high levels of solar radiation. These conditions would have evaporated the water. And according to Professor Richard Greenwood at Open University, our earth's molten iron core would have been a ball of rust if there had been water in the proto-earth mix.</p> <p>So if the water hasn't always been here, where did it come from?</p> <p>At the Natural History Museum in London, Professor Sara Russell has been comparing the isotopic "fingerprint" of Earth's water with water found in the asteroid Benu, captured and brought back by the recent Osiris Rex NASA mission. It's a good match for earth's water, but could it really be the answer to our question?</p> <p>Presenter: Caroline Steel Producer: Marnie Chesterton Editor: Ben Motley</p> <p>(Image: Man overlooking the sea from cliff top. Credit: Gary Yeowell via Getty Images)</p> <p><b>MON 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jmxnby)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>MON 03:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct6xxr)</b> [Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Sunday]</p> <p><b>MON 03:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87m0mb)</b> The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>MON 03:32 Pick of the World (w3ct7z4z)</b> [Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]</p> <p><b>MON 03:50 Over to You (w3ct6xvh)</b> [Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]</p>	<p><b>MON 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jmxs32)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zw156r1x53g)</b> The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p><b>MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87m4cg)</b> The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct708w)</b> Women-only holidays</p> <p>Two women from Nigeria and the Czech Republic speak to Ella Al-Shamahi about what it's like to lead adventurous expeditions for other women to countries not usually on the tourist trail.</p> <p>Lenka Hrabalová is an expedition guide and academic from the Czech Republic. Her PhD focused on the destruction of cultural heritage in the Muslim world. Lenka uses her knowledge to lead adventurous expeditions across the Middle East and North Africa, many exclusively for women. She is the author of several books including Sahara Stories and Mosaic of Iran.</p> <p>Temí Popo from Nigeria has always loved to travel. She was inspired by her grandmother's legacy as a pioneering diplomat and educator, as well as having lived in seven countries. Temí is the founder of Girls Trip Tours, a travel company that aims to transform the tourism industry in Africa by centring women. They create travel experiences that empower women while uplifting local communities throughout Africa.</p> <p>Produced by Emily Naylor</p> <p>(Image: (L) Temí Popo credit Khalipha Nkloko. (R) Lenka Hrabalová credit Petr Florián.)</p> <p><b>MON 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jmxwv6)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>MON 05:06 Newsday (w172zsppl01w8vs)</b> Trump to send Patriot missile defence systems to Ukraine</p> <p>US president Donald Trump says he'll send Ukraine more patriot missiles to aid the country's defence against Russian attacks. Does this indicate a change of direction over US support for Kyiv?</p> <p>An airstrike in Gaza has killed ten people including several children. We'll take a look at the ongoing humanitarian crisis in the territory.</p> <p>And, as the UK swelters through yet another heatwave, a report says that the country's climate is getting hotter and wetter, which will have consequences for the its wildlife.</p> <p>(Photo: Serviceman patrols in front of the Patriot air defence system, Warsaw, Poland, 7 February 2023; Credit: Reuters)</p> <p><b>MON 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jmy0lb)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>MON 06:06 Newsday (w172zsppl01wdlx)</b> US will send Patriot missiles to Ukraine</p> <p>Ukraine looks like it will get the missiles it's wanted more of from the US for air defence against Russian attacks. But it's not long ago that the supply of these Patriot missiles was questioned.</p> <p>In our business news, Katie Silver looks to Donald Trump's state visit to the UK, as he formally accepts the invitation to be hosted by King Charles for second time.</p> <p>And we'll hear about a water-sharing dispute between Mexico and Texas which has been going on for decades..</p> <p>(Photo: US soldiers stand next to the long-range air defence system Patriot, Lithuania, 20 July 2017; Credit: Reuters)</p> <p><b>MON 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jmy4bg)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>MON 07:06 Newsday (w172zsppl01wjc1)</b> Israel admits error in deadly Gaza strike</p> <p>With almost daily news of more civilians deaths in Gaza and worsening humanitarian conditions, calls for an end to the fighting are intensifying. We'll speak to former Israeli prime minister Ehud Olmert about what he thinks his country should</p>	<p>do.</p> <p>US President Donald Trump's latest move in his ongoing trade war is to slap a thirty percent levy on goods from the European Union. Shortly EU trade ministers will sit down to decide how they will respond to this.</p> <p>The UK has been suffering under a heatwave, and according to a report from the Meteorological Office, Britain can expect more of these as climate change makes an impact. Increased rainfall is also forecast as well as rising sea levels. All of which could have an impact on the country's wildlife.</p> <p>(Photo: An explosion in Gaza as seen from the Israeli side of the Israel-Gaza border, 13 July 2025; Credit: Reuters)</p> <p><b>MON 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jmy82l)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>MON 08:06 The Interview (w3ct7wzt)</b> Catherine Corless, Irish historian: I'm going to be a voice for these children</p> <p>I'm going to be a voice for these children</p> <p>Chris Page, the BBC's Ireland correspondent speaks to the Irish historian Catherine Corless, who has changed history in her own country.</p> <p>When she began to research a long-closed mother and baby home near where she lived, she encountered local resistance. But her dogged investigation led to the discovery that hundreds of babies and young children were buried in mass, unmarked graves inside a disused sewage tank at the site in Tuam, Ireland.</p> <p>Her work led to the discovery of the scandal of Ireland's historical mother and baby institutions, which housed unmarried mothers and their babies at a time when they were ostracized by Irish society and often their families too. An inquiry launched by the Irish government into the network of homes concluded about nine thousand children died in the eighteen homes investigated.</p> <p>The revelation led to apologies from the Catholic Church in Ireland, the Irish Government, the council which owned the home in Tuam and the religious order which ran the home. The order has also contributed millions of dollars to a compensation scheme, and to the excavation now underway in Tuam.</p> <p>Thank you to Chris Page and Chrissie McGlinchey from the BBC's Ireland bureau for their help in making this programme.</p> <p>The Interview brings you conversations with people shaping our world, from all over the world. The best interviews from the BBC. You can listen on the BBC World Service, Mondays and Wednesdays at 0700 GMT. Or you can listen to The Interview as a podcast, out twice a week on BBC Sounds, or wherever you get your podcasts.</p> <p>Presenter: Chris Page Producers: Lucy Sheppard and Chrissie McGlinchey Editor: Nick Holland</p> <p>Get in touch with us on email <a href="mailto:TheInterview@bbc.co.uk">TheInterview@bbc.co.uk</a> and use the hashtag <a href="https://twitter.com/TheInterviewBBC">#TheInterviewBBC</a> on social media.</p> <p>(Image: Catherine Corless. Credit: PA)</p> <p><b>MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87mmbz)</b> The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6xrt)</b> EVs: China in the driver's seat?</p> <p>China's automotive companies have accelerated their global expansion in recent years, leaving the competition struggling to keep up.</p> <p>We explore what's driving Chinese brands' acceleration into international markets. And we look at how established carmakers are having to tighten their belts to compete with low-cost rivals.</p> <p>Some claim Chinese cars are a security risk because they could, in theory, be hacked - but could they really be used to spy on their owners?</p> <p>Presented and produced by Theo Leggett</p> <p>(Picture: BYD Yangwang U9 electric supercar on display during 2025 China Mobility Show at Hangzhou International Expo Center in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province of China, June 2025. Credit: Getty Images)</p>
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**MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct7469)**

The start of Voice of America

In March 2025, radio frequencies worldwide stopped carrying Voice of America broadcasts for the first time in 83 years.

President Donald Trump's administration had imposed funding cuts on the US Agency for Global Media with the White House accusing the broadcaster of being "anti-Trump", "radical" and "leftist". While the cuts are being disputed in courts, Josephine McDermott traces the beginnings of the overseas broadcaster which was designed to counter Nazi propaganda.

In the first Voice of America broadcast in February 1942 it promised, "The news may be good or bad; we shall tell you the truth". We hear the testimony of Eugene Kern who walked in one day in 1942 to casually ask about a job, and was put to work straight away producing a Finnish programme – unable to speak a word of the language. He says, "It was a wild place. Every week a new language service began".

By the end of World War Two, Voice of America was broadcasting more than 3,000 programmes in 40 languages every week. This Witness History is produced using the archives of the US Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training, and the US National Archives and Records Administration.

Eye-witness accounts brought to life by archive. Witness History is for those fascinated by the past. We take you to the events that have shaped our world through the eyes of the people who were there.

For nine minutes every day, we take you back in time and all over the world, to examine wars, coups, scientific discoveries, cultural moments and much more.

Recent episodes explore everything from the death of Adolf Hitler, the first spacewalk and the making of the movie Jaws, to celebrity tortoise Lonesome George, the Kobe earthquake and the invention of superglue.

We look at the lives of some of the most famous leaders, artists, scientists and personalities in history, including: Eva Peron – Argentina's Evita; President Ronald Reagan and his famous 'tear down this wall' speech; Thomas Keneally on why he wrote Schindler's List; and Jacques Derrida, France's 'rock star' philosopher.

You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, such as the civil rights swimming protest; the disastrous D-Day rehearsal; and the death of one of the world's oldest languages.

(Photo: Gene Kern broadcasting in about 1960. Credit: Jonathan Kern)

**MON 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jmyctq)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl56r1xrv3)**

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**MON 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87mr33)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 09:32 CrowdScience (w3ct6ssw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

**MON 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jmyhkv)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct71vz)**

The 'trial of the juntas' and Evita's missing body

Max Pearson presents a collection of the week's Witness History episodes, all with an Argentine theme.

We find out more about the 1985 'trial of the juntas' when the country's former military leaders stood accused of torturing and murdering thousands of their own people. And we hear from historian Dr Victoria Basualdo about life in Argentina, both before and after the trial.

Also, the story of the grandmothers who championed the study of genetics to find their missing loved ones. And why tens of thousands of protesters took to the streets of Buenos Aires in 2015. Plus, the bizarre story of Eva Peron's disappearing corpse. And finally, more on the Argentine animator who Walt Disney wanted to hire.

Contributors:

Luis Moreno Ocampo - prosecutor

Dr Victoria Basualdo – historian, FLACSO, the Latin American

School of Social Sciences

Dr Victor Pencaszadeh – geneticist

Agustina Paz Frontera – journalist and writer

Domingo Tellechea – art restorer and embalmer

Hector Cristiani – grandson of Quirino Cristiani

(Photo: Forensic anthropologist Clyde Snow giving testimony to the trial, 1985. Credit: Daniel Muzio/AFP via Getty Images)

**MON 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jmym9z)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl56r1y0bc)**

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**MON 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87mzlc)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 11:32 The Conversation (w3ct708w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

**MON 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jmyr23)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6wvp)**

My year of solitude in Patagonia

Bob Kull has lived many lives and travelled many places, but there is one thread through it all: his love of being alone in nature.

Growing up in rural California, his neighbour's forest was his refuge. And after spending his 20s travelling and moving between jobs, he had a life-altering experience in the Canadian wilderness.

Decades later, and after losing his lower right leg in an accident, Bob decided to spend an entire year alone, on the isolated coast of Patagonia in southern Chile. He ended up on a tiny island where he built his own cabin, and spent his time meditating, fishing and, at one point, pulling his own tooth. But he wasn't entirely alone: he had taken a cat with him which became his close companion and, at times, his nemesis.

Bob's year of solitude, and what he learned from it. His book about his experience is called Solitude: Seeking Wisdom in Extremes.

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(Photo: Bob and Cat on the island he called home for a year. Credit: www.bobkull.org)

**MON 12:50 Witness History (w3ct7469)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**MON 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jmyvt7)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl56r1y7tm)**

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**MON 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87n72m)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 13:32 CrowdScience (w3ct6ssw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

**MON 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jmyzkc)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 14:06 Newshour (w172zss58g5343z)**

Trump promises 'very sophisticated' equipment for Kyiv

Ukraine's President Zelensky has thanked the United States for its support, ahead of Donald Trump's expected announcement of more military hardware, to be paid for by the European Union.

Also in the programme: Taiwan doubles the length of its annual military drills; and "Crypto Week" in the US as Congress begins five days of debate aimed at overhauling American legislation

around the entire crypto currency industry.

(Photo: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky (L) and US Special Envoy for Ukraine, General Keith Kellogg (R), shaking hands during a meeting in Kyiv, Ukraine, 14 July 2025. Kellogg arrived in Ukraine to meet with senior Ukrainian officials amid the ongoing Russian invasion. Credit: Presidential Press Service of Ukraine/Handout/EPA/Shutterstock)

**MON 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jnz39h)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 15:06 The Interview (w3ct7wzt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**MON 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87ngkw)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct76qq)**

Australia's PM talks trade as he visits China

Regional security and trade have taken centre stage during Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's visit to China, spanning three cities – Beijing, Shanghai and Chengdu.

Trade ministers from the European Union are meeting in Brussels to discuss relations with the United States following Donald Trump's threat to impose 30% tariffs against the bloc. Will Bain hears of European worries over what that will mean for their industries.

And Miller Lite, the company that created the light beer category in 1975, is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

**MON 16:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jnz71m)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 16:06 BBC OS (w173067vhk1135l)**

Trump threatens 'very severe' tariffs against Russia

Donald Trump has said Russia's trade partners will face tariffs of 100% unless Moscow reaches a peace deal with Ukraine in 50 days. He also said he would sell air defence weapons, missiles and ammunition to European members of NATO who could send the weapons to Ukraine. We go live to the press conference by Donald Trump and Nato secretary-general Mark Rutte in Washington.

We also speak to our Washington reporter and our colleague with BBC Russian, and we get reaction from Ukrainian MPs.

The former Israeli prime minister, Ehud Olmert, has condemned the Israeli government's plans to move Palestinians living in Gaza. Meanwhile, a BBC report into a documentary it broadcast about Gaza has concluded that the corporation's editorial guidelines were broken by failing to disclose that the child narrator was the son of a Hamas official. We get more details from our Middle East regional editor.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: US President Trump returns to the White House, Washington, USA - 13 Jul 2025. Credit: Photo by BONNIE CASH/POOL/EPA/Shutterstock)

**MON 17:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jnzbsr)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 17:06 BBC OS (w173067vhk116xq)**

US to send 'top-of-the-line weapons' to Ukraine via Nato

Donald Trump has said Russia's trade partners will face tariffs of 100% unless Moscow reaches a peace deal with Ukraine in 50 days. He also said he would sell air defence weapons, missiles and ammunition to European members of NATO who could send the weapons to Ukraine. We get reaction from Ukraine and Russia and speak to our diplomatic correspondent.

Volunteer aid workers in Sudan say the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces have been expelling patients from hospitals in West Kordofan State so that their wounded fighters can be treated. Our Africa editor has details.

The world's largest cryptocurrency - Bitcoin - is trading at more than \$120,000 for the first time. The milestone reflects a rise in investor confidence in cryptocurrencies since the start of the year. Our tech reporter explains.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: U.S. President Donald Trump, flanked by Vice

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<p>President JD Vance, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth meets with NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte, on the day Trump announces a deal to get weapons to NATO, in the Oval Office at the White House in Washington, D.C., U.S., July 14, 2025. Credit: Nathan Howard/Reuters)</p> <p><b>MON 18:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jmgjw)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>MON 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6wpv)</b> [Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]</p> <p><b>MON 18:50 Witness History (w3ct7469)</b> [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]</p> <p><b>MON 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jnz90)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>MON 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zw156r1yz9d)</b> The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p><b>MON 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87nykd)</b> The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6z55)</b> 2025/07/14 GMT</p> <p>BBC sports correspondents tell the story behind today's top sporting news, with interviews and reports from across the world.</p> <p><b>MON 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jnzq14)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct6trn)</b> [Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]</p> <p><b>MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87p29j)</b> The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct6sw5)</b> Tooth and Claw: Harpy Eagles</p> <p>Named after a beast from Greek mythology, the harpy eagle is widely considered to be the most powerful bird of prey due to its strong legs and huge talons. With a crown of feathers atop its head, and known for eating monkeys and sloths, this regal-looking raptor dominates the rainforest canopies across much of South and Central America.</p> <p>Presenter Adam Hart looks into the folklore and cultural importance of these imposing birds, as well as finding out why these apex predators of the treetops are having to increasingly search for ground-dwelling prey such as armadillos. He also hears how harpy eagle researchers were the pioneers for biological applications of GPS in order to study and track these animals in the dense rainforest.</p> <p>Contributors:</p> <p>Dr. Helena Aguiar-Silva, biologist and associate research scientist at the National Institute for Amazonian Research and a member of Projeto Harpia Brasil.</p> <p>Dr. Eduardo Alvarez founder of a non-profit organisation called EarthMatters.org, to concentrate on the study and conservation of harpy eagles and to preserve their rainforest habitat.</p> <p>Presenter: Professor Adam Hart Producer: Jonathan Blackwell</p> <p>Image: Harpy eagle and nest with chick Credit: João Marcos Rosa</p> <p><b>MON 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jnzts8)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>MON 21:06 Newshour (w172zss58g53zbw)</b> Trump threatens 'very severe' tariffs on Russia</p> <p>Donald Trump says new weapons are en route to Ukraine and new sanctions could be heading to Russia as he gives vent to his frustrations with Vladimir Putin. We'll speak to one of the president's Ukraine envoys.</p>	<p>Also on the programme: the former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert slams the current government's plans to move Gaza's entire population into a new area in the south; and the woman re-imagining the ancient sound of the oud.</p> <p>(Photo: US President Donald Trump announces a deal to send US weapons to Ukraine through Nato in the Oval Office at the White House in Washington, DC, US, July 14, 2025. Credit: Reuters)</p> <p><b>MON 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jmyjd)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>MON 22:06 The Interview (w3ct7wzt)</b> [Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]</p> <p><b>MON 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87p9ss)</b> The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>MON 22:32 The Conversation (w3ct708w)</b> [Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]</p> <p><b>MON 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn028j)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>MON 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zw156r1zg8x)</b> The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p><b>MON 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87pfjx)</b> The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>MON 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct76sz)</b> US President Donald Trump is "very unhappy" with Russia</p> <p>US President Donald Trump is "very, very unhappy" with Russia, and threatened with secondary tariffs of up to 100% if there is no progress on peace deal within 50 days.</p> <p>Also, the European Union has pledged countermeasures against the United States if the US administration introduces 30 per cent tariffs on imports from the bloc next month.</p> <p>And the latest economic data shows that prices in the Latin American economy rose by 1.6% in June, does it mean that the strategy of Argentine President Javier Milei doesn't work anymore?</p> <p>You can contact us on WhatsApp or send us a voicenote: +44 330 678 3033.</p> <p><b>TUESDAY 15 JULY 2025</b></p> <p><b>TUE 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn060n)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct7lvz)</b> [Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]</p> <p><b>TUE 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn09rs)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>TUE 01:06 Business Matters (w172zrs580zg7y)</b> US President Donald Trump is "very unhappy" with Russia</p> <p>US President Donald Trump is "very, very unhappy" with Russia, and threatened with secondary tariffs of up to 100% if there is no progress on peace deal within 50 days.</p> <p>Also, the European Union has pledged countermeasures against the United States if the US administration introduces 30 per cent tariffs on imports from the bloc next month.</p> <p>And the latest economic data shows that prices in the Latin American economy rose by 1.6% in June, does it mean that the strategy of Argentine President Javier Milei doesn't work anymore?</p> <p>You can contact us on WhatsApp or send us a voicenote: +44 330 678 3033.</p> <p><b>TUE 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn0fhx)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zw156r1ztj9)</b></p>	<p>The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p><b>TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87pss9)</b> The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>TUE 02:32 Assignment (w3ct6rbr)</b> Myanmar's scam centres</p> <p>Hundreds of thousands of people are being recruited – usually under false pretences - to work in massive facilities in the border areas of Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos, to promote fraudulent investment schemes and romance scams to unsuspecting citizens around the world. The scams, run by criminal gangs, are thought to be making tens of billions of dollars every year. Those recruited often find themselves, trapped, beaten and tortured.</p> <p>Ed Butler travels to Thailand's border with Myanmar to investigate the scale of the trade, to speak to survivors and to some of those still involved, and to explore what role the ongoing civil war in Myanmar is playing in fuelling this apparently burgeoning criminal trade, beyond the reach of international law-enforcement.</p> <p>Presenter/producer: Ed Butler Sound engineer: Rod Farquhar Programme co-ordinator: Gemma Ashman Editor: Penny Murphy</p> <p>(Photo: Alleged scam centre workers and victims sit on the ground during a crackdown operation by the Karen Border Guard Force (BGF). Credit: AFP/Getty Images)</p> <p><b>TUE 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn0k81)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6wpv)</b> [Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Monday]</p> <p><b>TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct7469)</b> [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Monday]</p> <p><b>TUE 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn0p05)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zw156r2020k)</b> The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p><b>TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87q18k)</b> The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct6vtl)</b> Anatomy of a scene</p> <p>For over 25 years Antonia Quirke has made programmes and written articles about film. After a chance comment during an interview, she was offered a small part in a screen adaptation of Jim Crace's novel Harvest, directed by Athina Rachel Tsangari, one of the celebrated instigators of the surreal, unsettling cinema movement known as the Greek Weird Wave. Filmed over the course of one tempestuous summer on location in the remote Scottish Highlands, little did she know that she was to end up having to perform a particularly gruesome act of violence during a pivotal scene. And then watch that moment screened for the first time at the Venice Film Festival. Antonia reports from the set as she prepares for – and dreads - her moment in the spotlight.</p> <p>This programme contains content that some listeners may find upsetting.</p> <p><b>TUE 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn0sr9)</b> The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p><b>TUE 05:06 Newsday (w172zsppl01z5rw)</b> Trump threatens Russia</p> <p>President Trump has announced the US will send more weapons to Ukraine. He appears to be losing patience with Russia's leader Vladimir Putin and has raised the prospect of 'very severe' tariffs if a ceasefire was not in place within fifty days.</p> <p>We'll also hear from the Middle East where Israel has now become embroiled in Syria in what it says are efforts to protect the Druze minority there.</p> <p>The United Nations' cultural body, UNESCO, has added new African sites to its world heritage list.</p>
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In South Africa car exports to America have plummeted in the wake of President Trump's imposition of tariffs.

And Kenya moves towards open borders for African travellers.

(Photo: President Trump, Washington, 14 July 2025; Credit: Reuters)

**TUE 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn0xhf)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 06:06 Newsday (w172zsppl01z9j0)**  
Trump threatens Putin with tariffs

In an exclusive wide-ranging interview with the BBC, President Trump has said that 'he's not done' with the Russian leader, Vladimir Putin, a day after he approved a new scheme to supply American weapons to Ukraine.

The US President also says he will impose 'very severe' tariffs on Russia if there's no ceasefire deal with Ukraine. You'll hear that BBC conversation with President Trump this hour.

And the technology giant Meta, which owns Facebook, says it will spend billions of dollars on new AI data centres that would be nearly the size of Manhattan in New York.

(Photo: Vladimir Putin and Donald Trump, 30 November 2018; Credit: Reuters)

**TUE 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn117k)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 07:06 Newsday (w172zsppl01zf84)**  
Trump phones the BBC

US President Donald Trump has given Russia 50 days to agree to a ceasefire in Ukraine or he's threatening trade tariffs of one hundred per cent. Will this be enough to persuade Vladimir Putin to halt the fighting? And in an exclusive BBC interview, the US president also talked about Nato, the attempted assassination attempt while he was on the campaign trail, and he also reflected on the impact he thought he has had since he returned to the White House.

And a leading aid agency, Médecins Sans Frontières, says that three of its workers who died during the war in Tigray were targeted and killed by Ethiopian government forces.

This programme was edited on 15 July 2025 due to a profanity by a guest.

(Photo: Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin at the G20 leaders summit in Japan, 28 June 2019. Credit: Reuters)

**TUE 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn14zp)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 08:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct6xxs)**  
Saving mothers and babies

In 2017, Spanish engineer Pablo Bergasa began an unusual hobby: to design a new incubator for use in African hospitals. Eight years on, he has sent 200 of his machines around the world, and he estimates they have saved the lives of 5,000 babies. Pablo's incubator costs just a small proportion of the price of a regular machine and can run on a battery and a bottle of water. Plus Myra Anubi hears about how a simple but ingenious plastic sheet is saving women from dying after giving birth.

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**TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj87qj82)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6s6v)**  
Has crypto come of age?

The US has plans for a strategic Bitcoin reserve - effectively a massive stockpile of cryptocurrency.

Countries hold reserves of all sorts of assets and commodities like gold, grain and medicine.

As Bitcoin becomes the latest addition to the US reserves, what does this say about crypto's credibility?

We head to the Web Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to hear from delegates who are excited for the future.

Producer/presenter: Gareth Mitchell

(Image: People walk past an advertisement featuring Donald Trump with Bitcoin in Hong Kong. Credit: Getty Images)

**TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct74mw)**  
The Iran nuclear deal

On 14 July 2015, Iran agreed to temporarily limit its nuclear programme. The deal was signed in Vienna, the capital of Austria.

Officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), it was agreed between Iran and a group of world powers known as the P5+1 – the US, UK, France, China, Russia and Germany, together with the EU.

The accord came after years of tension over Iran's alleged efforts to develop a nuclear weapon. Iran insisted that its nuclear programme was entirely peaceful, but much of the international community did not believe that. Iran agreed to limit its nuclear programme and facilitate international inspections, in return for economic sanctions relief.

Baroness Catherine Ashton, who was the European Union's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, tells Ben Henderson how the plan was achieved.

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Recent episodes explore everything from the death of Adolf Hitler, the first spacewalk and the making of the movie Jaws, to celebrity tortoise Lonesome George, the Kobe earthquake and the invention of superglue.

We look at the lives of some of the most famous leaders, artists, scientists and personalities in history, including: Eva Peron – Argentina's Evita; President Ronald Reagan and his famous 'tear down this wall' speech; Thomas Keneally on why he wrote Schindler's List; and Jacques Derrida, France's 'rock star' philosopher.

You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, such as the civil rights swimming protest; the disastrous D-Day rehearsal; and the death of one of the world's oldest languages.

(Photo: Baroness Catherine Ashton and Javad Mohammad Zarif, Iranian Foreign Minister, during nuclear negotiations in 2014. Credit: Dieter Nagl/AFP via Getty Images)

**TUE 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn18qt)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl56r20nr6)**  
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**TUE 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj87qn06)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 09:32 Assignment (w3ct6rbr)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

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**TUE 10:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct6ztg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

**TUE 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn1j72)**

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**TUE 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl56r20x7g)**  
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**TUE 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj87qwhg)**  
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**TUE 11:32 In the Studio (w3ct6vtl)**  
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**TUE 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn1mz6)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6x4j)**  
I was jailed, my wife became leader - I like her even more

Political blogger Sergei Tikhonovsky was jailed in 2020 as he attempted to challenge Belarusian leader Alexander Lukashenko for the presidency. His wife Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya stood instead and is widely thought to have won the election. Despite this, she was forced into exile and now leads the opposition.

Sviatlana discusses building a family with Sergei and the political events which changed them both, as well as her five years in exile without him in our episode from 4 June 2025 entitled 'I was a stay-at-home mum until I stood for president'.

Sergei was unexpectedly released on 21 June 2025 and the couple reunited. We spoke to them a few days later for this episode.

Presenter: Jo Fidgen  
Producer: Julian Siddle

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(Photo: Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya and Sergei Tikhonovsky  
Credit: Sviatlana and Sergei)

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**TUE 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn1rqb)**  
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**TUE 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl56r214qq)**  
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**TUE 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj87r3zq)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 13:32 Discovery (w3ct6sw5)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Monday]

**TUE 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn1wgg)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 14:06 Newshour (w172zss58g56112)**  
President Trump says he's disappointed with Putin

president Trump says he is disappointed with Putin. Donald Trump talks to the BBC about Russia, the UK and the attempt on his life. Also in the programme: Israel strikes Syrian government forces, after tribal clashes in Syria's Sweida; and the oldest marathon runner dies.

(Photo: President Trump speaking in the White House. Credit: Shutterstock)

**TUE 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn206l)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 15:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct6xxs)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**TUE 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj87rcgz)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct766w)**

Nvidia to resume AI chip sales to China

The US chip giant Nvidia has announced that it will resume sales of its H20 chip to China. This follows a meeting between chief executive Jensen Huang and President Trump earlier this month.

Kenya's government has scrapped electronic travel authorisation (ETA) requirements for most African and Caribbean nations in a bid to enhance regional integration and boost tourism.

Also, how far do you have to go to get your grocery shop done? Probably not 10 hours, which was the trip residents of Burringurrah in Western Australia, 1,000 km north of Perth, had to do until recently. Will Bain hears from one of the people living in there.

**TUE 16:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn23yq)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 16:06 BBC OS (w173067vhk1402p)**

Donald Trump speaks to the BBC

Donald Trump has said that he is disappointed but not done with Vladimir Putin, in an exclusive interview with the BBC. In an interview from the Oval Office, the president also endorsed NATO, having once described it as obsolete, and affirmed his support for the organisation's common defence principle. We hear the interview in full and speak to our reporter in the US. We also speak to Republican voters to hear their reaction to what Trump said in the interview.

We hear the latest from Syria where a ceasefire has been reached in the predominately Druze city of Suweida after clashes with Bedouin tribes killed around 100 people.

And it's been revealed that the British government set up a secret relocation scheme for Afghans at risk of retribution by the Taliban after a major data breach. The details of nearly twenty thousand people who'd worked with international forces in Afghanistan were mistakenly posted online by a British defence official three years ago. We speak to our reporter who's across the story.

Presenter: Mark Lowen

Photo: US President Trump returns to the White House, Washington, USA - 13 Jul 2025. Photo credit: EPA/Shutterstock

**TUE 17:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn27pv)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 17:06 BBC OS (w173067vhk143tt)**

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Donald Trump has said that he is disappointed but not done with Vladimir Putin, in an exclusive interview with the BBC. In an interview from the Oval Office, the president also endorsed NATO, having once described it as obsolete, and affirmed his support for the organisation's common defence principle. We hear from our correspondents about reaction to the interview around the world.

We speak to our Africa editor about Sudan - where rights activists say nearly 250 civilians were killed last weekend by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces.

And we speak to people with dwarfism who work in the entertainment industry, as Barcelona footballer Lamine Yamal is facing an investigation into the presence of a group of people with dwarfism as entertainers at his 18th birthday party.

Photo: U.S. President Trump at Joint Base Andrews after attending the FIFA Club World Cup final. Credit: REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque

**TUE 18:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn2cfz)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6x4j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

**TUE 18:50 Witness History (w3ct74mw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**TUE 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn2h63)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl56r21w6h)**

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**TUE 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87rvgh)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6z9p)**

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

**TUE 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn2ly7)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 20:06 Assignment (w3ct6rbr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

**TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87rz6m)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 20:32 Tech Life (w3ct6znz)**

Quantum question time

We step inside a quantum computer lab to answer your questions about technology that promises to revolutionise everything from particle physics to fertiliser production.

Also this week on Tech Life: lots of us upload and download large quantities of data, and the expectation is that the demand for data will only increase in the future. How will our current networks cope ? The solution travels at the speed of light.

And how do you teach AI to speak in different accents ? We find out.

We enjoy reading your messages about Tech Life. Please get in touch by emailing [techlife@bbc.co.uk](mailto:techlife@bbc.co.uk) or send us a Whatsapp message or voice memo on +44 330 1230 320. Please include your name and where you live.

Presenter: Chris Vallance

Producer: Tom Quinn

Editor: Monica Soriano

Image: The word "Quantum" is illuminated on a circuit board. Credit: Wong Yu Liang/Getty Images

**TUE 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn2qpc)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 21:06 Newshour (w172zss58g56w7z)**

Thousands of Afghans relocated to UK in secret scheme

The British Government has revealed it has secretly moved thousands of Afghans to the UK, after a data leak by a defence official. We'll hear from the journalist who fought to reveal the story and an Afghan who says his family's safety has been threatened.

Also on the programme: our Washington correspondent who was having an early evening nap at home when Donald Trump gave him a call; and the world's biggest human imaging project that has scanned the bodies of 100,000 people.

(Photo: A captain of the Afghanistan army boards a British military plane at Kabul airport to be evacuated to the UK. Issue date: Tuesday August 24, 2021. Credit: Ministry of Defence)

**TUE 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn2vfh)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 22:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct6xxs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**TUE 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87s6pw)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 22:32 In the Studio (w3ct6vtl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

**TUE 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn2z5m)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl56r22c60)**

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**TUE 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87sbg0)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct76b8)**

Will the French allow their PM to reduce the number of public holidays?

Will ending two public holidays in France help to reduce its national debt? Rahul Tandon talks to a professor at the Toulouse School of Economics.

Also, Indonesia agrees to purchase \$15 billion in American energy, \$4.5 billion worth of agricultural products and 50 Boeing jets as part of a trade deal with the United States.

Nvidia says it will soon resume sales of its high-end artificial intelligence chips to China.

And we look at the new trend - hiring etiquette coaches for Gen Z employees.

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**WED 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn32xr)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 00:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct6ztg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

**WED 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn36nw)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 01:06 Business Matters (w172zrs580z3c51)**

Sacre bleu! Will the French allow their PM to reduce the number of public holidays?

Will ending two public holidays in France help to reduce national debt? Rahul Tandon talks to a professor at the Toulouse School of Economics.

Indonesia also agreed to purchase \$15 billion in US energy, \$4.5 billion worth of agricultural products and 50 Boeing jets, "many of them 777's," Trump said later on social media.

The US technology giant Nvidia says it will soon resume sales of its high-end artificial intelligence chips to China The move reverses a ban on sales of its chips to Beijing, a ban imposed by President Donald Trump's administration in April, over national security concerns.

And we look at the new trend - hiring etiquette coaches for Gen Z employees.

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**WED 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn3bf0)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl56r22qfd)**

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**WED 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87sppd)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 02:32 The Climate Question (w3ct7022)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

**WED 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn3g54)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6x4j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:50 Witness History (w3ct74mw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn3kx8)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zw156r22yxn)**

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**WED 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87sy5n)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 04:32 World of Secrets (w3ct7zwd)**

The Killing Call

The Killing Call: 5. The last ride

Sidhu predicted he would die young and by the bullet. Sidhu's song The Last Ride plays like a premonition. In his final days the death threats intensify and Sidhu is increasingly isolated. We find out who benefited from his murder and how it's changed Punjab - making it a more dangerous place. Can we finally get answers to why Sidhu was killed?

Presented by broadcaster and DJ Bobby Friction and investigative journalist Ishleen Kaur.

Season 8 of World of Secrets, The Killing Call, is a BBC Eye investigation for the BBC World Service.

Archive audio credits: First India News, India Today, CBC, CPAC, Al Jazeera, WION, Republic World.

Here's a link to the BBC Eye two-part documentary films, which we recommend you watch after listening to this podcast: <https://bit.ly/thekillingcall>

If you are in the UK, you can watch on iPlayer: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m002f18y>

**WED 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn3pnd)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 05:06 Newsday (w172zsppl0222nz)**

Trump says it's up to Attorney General to release Epstein records

The President has faced growing criticism, with some among his supporters suspecting that the administration was trying to cover up details to protect the rich and powerful. The Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mike Johnson, has called for the Justice Department to release all its files on Mr Epstein.

The Syrian government says it has imposed a ceasefire in the town of Sweida where Druze and Bedouins have engaged in deadly clashes in recent days.

And a row over beggars in Cuba has broken out over people begging in the streets.

(Photo: U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi speaks to the media; Credit: Reuters)

**WED 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn3tdj)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 06:06 Newsday (w172zsppl0226f3)**

Fresh Russian attacks hit Ukraine

Tanja Fajon, Slovenia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs tells Newsday that there is an urgent need for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire in Ukraine. "We have to pressure on Moscow and Putin to stop these acts of violations of the international law."

The Epstein files case rages on.... Following criticism from his own supporters, President Trump now says it's up to his Attorney General Pam Bondi to release records on the sex offender

As Steven Spielberg's daughter Destry Allyn Spielberg releases her first feature length movie - she talks about following in her famous father's footsteps.

(Photo: The site of a glide bomb strike on a civilian infrastructure object in Kharkiv, Ukraine, 12 July; Credit: EPA/Shutterstock)

**WED 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn3y4n)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 07:06 Newsday (w172zsppl022b57)**

Russian drones and missiles attack Ukraine

Slovenia's Deputy Prime Minister tells Newsday: 'We have to put pressure on Moscow to stop these acts of violations of the

international law. What I find most important at the current moment looking to Russian aggression attacking civilian targets is the urgent need for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire.'

Key questions are being asked in Britain after Afghans data leak sparked unprecedented secret evacuation. One Afghan man who worked alongside British forces fighting the Taliban says he feels deceived by the British government.

A Court orders the former Argentinian president Cristina Kirchner, and eight other people convicted of corruption, to pay more than five hundred and thirty million dollars in restitution.

(Photo: The site of a drone strike on a residential building in Kharkiv, northeastern Ukraine, 07 July 2025; Credit: EPA/Shutterstock)

**WED 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn41ws)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 08:06 The Interview (w3ct7x6l)**

President Trump: I'm disappointed with Putin

"I'm just disappointed in him, but I'm not done with him"

The BBC's Chief North America Correspondent, Gary O'Donoghue, speaks to US President Donald Trump in a wide-ranging telephone interview from the Oval Office.

The call with the president came just hours after he announced plans to send weapons to Ukraine and warned of severe tariffs on Russia if there was no ceasefire deal within 50 days.

Mr. Trump, who celebrated his 79th birthday last month, was inaugurated for a second term in the White House at the start of this year. It's safe to say that the 47th president of the United States has wasted little time in picking up where he left off four years earlier, upending the status quo both at home and abroad.

In the conversation, he reflects on the failed attempt on his life at an election campaign rally last July in Butler, Pennsylvania. He also discusses the ongoing war in Ukraine, US immigration policy, and hopes for his legacy.

Thank you to Gary O'Donoghue and Iona Hampson for their help in making this programme.

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(Image: President Trump. Credit: Reuters)

**WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87tf55)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6scc)**

Home loans, different ways

Mortgages - or home loans - are commonly taken out in countries with high homeownership rates. In some parts of the world, the majority of people own their homes outright, but in the US, parts of western Europe and the UK, most buyers require a mortgage to get on the property ladder.

Home loans are sensitive to interest rates, which have been falling in many major economies. We hear how that's changing mortgage lengths and styles in different jurisdictions.

We hear how the Dutch mortgage is becoming popular elsewhere, and what we can learn from each country's approach.

If you would like to get in touch with the show, please email: [businessdaily@bbc.co.uk](mailto:businessdaily@bbc.co.uk)

Presented and produced by Rick Kelsey

(Picture: Happy woman and man sitting on the floor with coffee cups, next to boxes and cats, in their new home. Credit: Getty Images)

**WED 08:50 Witness History (w3ct7x4d)**

Greece's debt crisis

It was a week that brought the future of Greece and the Eurozone to the brink. Ten years ago, on 6 July the Greek people voted against the terms of a financial bailout which included raising taxes and slashing welfare spending.

Greece owed €323bn to various countries and banks within Europe. Its banks were closed. A quarter of the population and half of Greece's young people were unemployed.

The morning after the vote, Euclid Tsakalotos was brought in to replace Yanis Varoufakis as finance minister. His predecessor had accused European leaders of "terrorism" in their handling of the crisis. Parachuted in to last-ditch talks with angry European leaders, Euclid Tsakalotos describes to Josephine McDermott the make-or-break 17-hour summit in Brussels.

He reveals that when Angela Merkel, the leader of Greece's biggest lender Germany, said she was leaving the room because she could not accept what was on the table, Donald Tusk, president of the European Council, actually locked the door to stop her leaving and force an agreement to be reached.

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(Photo: A queue outside a bank in Greece in 2015. Credit: Getty Images)

**WED 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn45mx)**

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**WED 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zw156r23kn9)**

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**WED 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87tjx9)**

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**WED 09:32 The Climate Question (w3ct7022)**

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**WED 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn49d1)**

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**WED 10:06 World Questions (w3ct7502)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

**WED 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn4f45)**

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**WED 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zw156r234k)**

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**WED 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87tsdk)**

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**WED 11:32 World of Secrets (w3ct7zwd)**

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**WED 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn4jw9)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6xcf)**

Was my friend the first gay man in Britain to come out?

When Christopher Stephens agreed to read out loud to an older

blind man, Roger Butler, it was the start of an enduring relationship that changed both their lives. When Roger died, he bequeathed Christopher a pink folder containing letters to be opened after his death. In it were letters to Christopher himself, and meticulous instructions as to how Roger's unpublished memoirs (which made up many files of close-typed pages) were to be handled. Roger had always hoped his story would be told and Christopher wanted to honour that. But he soon realised one important letter was missing - and that if he could find it, it might just rewrite the history of gay liberation in Britain.

Extracts from *In the Light of Day* by Christopher Stephens appear courtesy of Headline Press.

Humberto Restrepo from Medellin in Colombia is a locksmith by day, but outside his working hours he plays Cupid by writing love letters for other couples. Clayton Conn reports. First broadcast in 2018.

Canadian teacher Bruce Farrer wanted to set his students an assignment they would remember. And so he asked them to write a letter to their future selves. He would mail the letter back twenty years later, he explained. The assignment soon became a way of life for Bruce. First broadcast in 2015.

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Photo: Christopher Stephens, Roger Butler, and one of Roger's letters  
Credit: Christopher Stephens

Presenter: Mobeen Azhar  
Producer: Laura Thomas

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**WED 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn4nmf)**  
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**WED 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl56r241mt)**  
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**WED 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj87v0wt)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 13:32 Tech Life (w3ct6znz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Tuesday]

**WED 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn4sck)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 14:06 Newshour (w172zss58g58xy5)**  
Israel strikes Syria amid sectarian clashes

Israel carried out a series of drone strike against Damascus, after the breakdown of a ceasefire between the Syrian government and fighters from the Druze community in the south of the country. The IDF says it is acting the protect the Druze community, and stop a military build-up by the government on its northern border. We bring the latest analysis from the region.

Also in the programme: a MAGA backlash after Trump's Attorney General says she won't publish the so called 'Epstein files'; and Labubu, the Chinese 'ugly-cute' elves that have overrun Tiktok.

(Picture: Smoke rises after Israeli strikes on Syria's defense ministry in Damascus, according to Al Jazeera TV, in Damascus, Syria July 16, 2025. REUTERS/Khalil Ashawi)

**WED 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn4x3p)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 15:06 The Interview (w3ct7x6l)**  
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**WED 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj87v8d2)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct76fp)**  
What would Indonesia get from a US tariff deal?

The agreement, which has limited detail so far, has been welcome by the presidents of Indonesia and the United States. Jakarta plans to buy Boeing planes and Indonesian goods will

face a US tariff of 19%. This rate is lower than had previously been threatened.

And Senegal's credit rating has faced another downgrade after revelations its former government concealed billions in debt.

Plus, why the company behind Labubu dolls expects profits to more than triple in the first half of 2025.

(Photo: Indonesia's President Prabowo Subianto waves as he arrives following overseas visits at Halim Perdana Kusuma airport in Jakarta, Indonesia, 16 July 2025. Credit: MAST IRHAM/EPA/Shutterstock)

**WED 16:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn50vt)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 16:06 BBC OS (w173067vhk16wzs)**  
Israel intensifies airstrikes on Syria

Israel has intensified its airstrikes on Syria, including on the capital Damascus, as it intervenes in support of the minority Druze community. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the military was working to save the Druze and eliminate pro-government force accused of attacking them in Syria's southwestern Sweida region. We hear from people in Syria and speak to our Middle East regional editor.

Actress Lupita Nyong'o has opened up about suffering from uterine fibroids. We speak to women with experiences of the painful condition.

After Ukraine and other Russia's neighbours withdrew from the treaty banning anti-personnel landmines, we hear stories by those who have injured from landmines.

We find out why Labubu dolls have become a global sensation and speak to people who have been queuing to get one.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Smoke rises after strikes on Syria's defense ministry in Damascus, according to Al Jazeera TV, in Damascus, Syria July 16, 2025. Credit: Khalil Ashawi/Reuters)

**WED 17:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn54ly)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 17:06 BBC OS (w173067vhk170qx)**  
Israel strikes Syria's military HQ in Damascus

Israel has stepped up airstrikes on Syria saying it is trying to protect members of the Druze community from sectarian clashes that have killed more than 300 people. We hear messages from the people in Syria and speak to our correspondent who is monitoring the situation.

US President Donald Trump has said Attorney General Pam Bondi should release "whatever she thinks is credible" on sex offender Jeffrey Epstein - after a rare backlash from supporters. Our correspondent in Washington explains.

Actress Lupita Nyong'o has opened up about suffering from uterine fibroids. We speak to women with experiences of the painful condition.

The jailed Turkish opposition leader Ekrem Imamoglu has been handed a 20-month prison sentence for insulting a prosecutor. Our colleague from BBC Turkish gives details.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Israel carries out airstrike on Syrian Defense Ministry in Damascus, Syria - 16 Jul 2025. Credit: MOHAMMED AL RIFAI/EPA/Shutterstock)

**WED 18:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn58c2)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6xcf)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

**WED 18:50 Witness History (w3ct74q4)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**WED 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn5d36)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl56r24s3l)**  
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

**WED 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj87vrcl)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6zcy)**  
2025/07/16 GMT

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

**WED 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn5hvb)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 20:06 The Climate Question (w3ct7022)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

**WED 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj87vw3q)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct6vjik)**  
HIV prevention drug Lenacapavir recommended by WHO

Lenacapavir has been incredibly promising in trials and now the World Health Organisation have officially recommended the drug for HIV prevention. Smitha Mundasad explains the difference this bi-annual injection could make in the fight against HIV.

We hear how Malawi is trying to stop mpox from entering its borders. Reporter Carrim Mpagwen investigates the measures in place to keep the disease at bay.

A skin swab test could detect Parkinson's disease 7 years ahead of symptoms developing. We find out how it's all thanks to a woman who can smell the disease.

In the UK, Claudia meets the Cycling Together group which teaches women who are experiencing anxiety, depression or abusive relationships how to ride a bike.

A woman in Guadeloupe went for a routine blood test and 15 years later discovers she has a unique blood type. But what does this mean for her health, and actually is a blood type anyway?

Presenter: Claudia Hammond  
Producer: Hannah Robins  
Studio Managers: Searle Whitney and Neva Missirian

**WED 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn5mgl)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 21:06 Newshour (w172zss58g59s52)**  
International concern as Israel strikes targets in Syria

After sectarian clashes in southern Syria, Israel launches airstrikes on Syrian government targets, saying it needs to protect the Druze ethnic minority. We attempt to explain a complicated situation with defence expert Dr Robert Geist Pinfold, and hear from an eyewitness in the city of Sweida and an advisor to the Syrian foreign minister.

Also in the programme: continuing controversy in the United States over the legacy of convicted paedophile Jeffrey Epstein; the plight of hundreds of thousands of Afghans who have been abruptly deported from Iran; and a plan to breathe new life into the Victorian glasshouses at London's Kew Gardens.

(Photo: Damaged vehicles outside the Syrian Ministry of Defence building following an Israeli airstrike in Damascus; Credit: MOHAMMED AL RIFAI/EPA/Shutterstock)

**WED 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn5rhl)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 22:06 The Interview (w3ct7x6l)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**WED 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj87w3lz)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 22:32 World of Secrets (w3ct7zwd)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

**WED 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn5w2q)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zw156r25833)**

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**WED 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj87w7c3)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct67hy)**

Trump rows back on threats to Fed Chairman

We look at the continuing tensions between President Donald Trump and the Chairman of the US Federal Reserve Jerome Powell.

There could be more than 10 million extra people needed in the Russian labour market by 2030. Rahul Tandon hears from a Russian demography expert.

And what will happen to renewable energy in the US?

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#### THURSDAY 17 JULY 2025

**THU 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn5ztv)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 00:06 World Questions (w3ct7502)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

**THU 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn63kz)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 01:06 Business Matters (w172zrs580z6824)**

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**THU 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn67b3)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zw156r25mbh)**

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**THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj87wllh)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 02:32 The Documentary (w3ct80bf)**

The kidnapped dead: Germany's stolen skulls

In 1900, German colonial officers executed 19 Tanzanian leaders, including Akida Kiwelu, and shipped their skulls to Berlin for scientific study. Thousands of such skulls and ancestral remains stolen from Germany's past colonies are still kept in Berlin museums to this day.

In an administrative building in Berlin, Zablon Kiwelu encounters his grandfather's skull for the first time. DNA testing confirmed a genetic match to this skull, held in an anthropological colonial-era collection of thousands of skulls known as the S-Collection. But despite proof of his heritage, Zablon cannot bring his grandfather home for a proper burial.

Through intimate accounts and revealing interviews with museum curators, activists, and affected families, this documentary uncovers the lasting impact of colonial-era crimes in Germany, Tanzania, and beyond. Why were these collections of human remains assembled? What were ethnologists like Felix von Luschan intending to prove? And why are thousands of human remains still held in museum collections to this day?

Presenter: Peter Frederick Matthews  
Producer: Ben Schuman-Stoler, Rowan Ben Jackson  
A Munk Studios and Kollo Media production for BBC World Service

(Image: Composite image of Zablon Kiwelu (L) and his

grandfather Akida Kiwelu (R). Credit:)

**THU 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn6c27)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6xcf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Wednesday]

**THU 03:50 Witness History (w3ct74q4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn6gtc)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zw156r25vtr)**

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**THU 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj87wv2r)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct70yp)**

A place at the table: fostering and adoption

What's at stake when a child has their first meal in a new home?

For children entering care, especially those who have faced food insecurity, that first plate of food can be a big moment.

In this programme, Ruth Alexander explores how food and mealtimes can help children feel safe and give them a sense of belonging.

She meets Jessica-Rae Williamson, a 21 year old care leaver from Manchester, England, who still remembers the first meal she ate with her foster family, aged 13.

In Wrexham, Wales, Ruth meets long-term foster carers John and Viv, Cath and Neil and Rosemary, who have opened their homes to dozens of children through Foster Wales. They discuss their strategies for dealing with picky eating and hoarding.

Dr Katja Rowell, feeding expert and author of the book "Love Me, Feed Me: The Foster and Adoptive Parent's Guide to Responsive Feeding", gives her counter-intuitive tips for avoiding mealtimes becoming a battleground.

And Melissa Guida-Richards, author of the book "What White Parents Should Know About Transracial Adoption", shares her experience of being adopted from Colombia by Italian and Portuguese parents living in the US and her subsequent search for her Colombian heritage through food.

This programme contains discussion of food poverty and insecurity, and disordered eating. If you've been affected by any of the issues raised and need support, speak to a health professional.

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

Produced by Beatrice Pickup.

(Image: a partly eaten plate of spaghetti bolognese sat on a child's knee. Credit: Getty Images/BBC)

**THU 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn6lkh)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 05:06 Newsday (w172zsppl024z12)**

South Korea: New investigation into Halloween crush

South Korea's President, Lee Jae Myung, will set up a new investigation into the Halloween crowd crush, which killed 159 people in Seoul in 2022. Nearly 200 more were injured, when large crowds packed into a narrow street in the Itaewon area of the city. Jake Kwon reports from Seoul.

Syria says its army is withdrawing from the city of Suweida after days of deadly clashes and Israeli airstrikes that have shaken the country's fragile political transition under President Ahmed al-Sharaa. Syria's army went in to the south-western Druze area, it said, to calm local tensions. But the military was then accused of targeting Druze communities and 300 people were reportedly killed. In response, Israel launched airstrikes - it says to defend Druze civilians.

The Hague Group, a new coalition of countries from the global south established by South Africa and Colombia, has convened in Bogotá for an emergency two-day conference to focus on the

issue of how to end the war in Gaza. We speak to the executive secretary of the group.

We speak to Mahmoud Khalil, the Colombia university graduate who spent 100 days in immigration detention in the United States for participating in pro-Palestinian protests on campus. He is now seeking damages from the US government.

Presenters: James Copnall and Victoria Uwunkunda

(Photo: A woman reads condolence messages on a wall in a narrow alley of Itaewon where the deadly Halloween crush happened. Credit: Kim Hong-Ji/Reuters)

**THU 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn6q9m)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 06:06 Newsday (w172zsppl0253b6)**

Syrian army to withdraw from city of Suweida

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We speak to Mahmoud Khalil, the Colombia university graduate, who spend 100 days in immigration detention in the United States for participating in pro-Palestinian protests on campus. He's now seeking damages from the US government.

The US Space Force says it is preparing to fight in space. Work's already underway to create an American missile defence shield – which President Trump calls the Golden Dome. The US Space Force, set up 5 years ago, is the newest service in the US military. But it's already proved to be crucial in intercepting Iranian ballistic missiles and in helping the US carry out strikes on Iran's nuclear programme. We have a report from our Defence Correspondent.

Presenters: James Copnall and Victoria Uwunkunda

(Photo: Protest against Israeli airstrike on Syrian Defense Ministry in Idlib, Syria. Credit: Mohammed al Rifai/EPA)

**THU 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn6v1r)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 07:06 Newsday (w172zsppl02572b)**

Syria army has begun withdrawing from city of Suweida

The Syrian army has has begun to withdraw from the city of Suweida. This follows days of deadly clashes and Israeli airstrikes that have shaken the country's fragile political transition under President Ahmed al-Sharaa. We take a look at Israel's involvement and Syria's reaction to that involvement. We speak to a retired Israeli army general.

Donald Trump has announced he will send "top-of-the-line weapons" to Ukraine via Nato countries. At the same time he's threatened tariffs on Russia if and end of the war is not reached within 50 days. We'll get the view of a former Russian Prime Minister.

We speak to Mahmoud Khalil, the Colombia university graduate, who spend 100 days in immigration detention in the United States for participating in pro-Palestinian protests on campus. He's now seeking damages from the US government.

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(Photo: Protest against Israeli airstrike on Syrian Defense Ministry in Idlib, Syria. Credit: Mohammed Al Rifai/EPA)

**THU 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn6ysv)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct722s)**

Is AI eroding our critical thinking?

More and more of the tasks we perform in our daily lives are been guided by artificial intelligence, from searching the internet for answers to relying on satellite navigation in our cars. But studies recently released suggest that our use of AI is having a negative impact on our ability to make informed judgements and decisions. In one recent study from MIT's Media Lab, a group of people were asked to write several essays. Some of them used AI, others didn't. Those who used generative AI

reportedly became lazier with each subsequent essay.

This cognitive offloading, allowing AI to take over from our brains might be less taxing, but there are concerns that if we come to rely on AI, we are in danger of replacing our own critical thinking for a technology that might not always come up with the right answer.

However, there are those who argue that AI can be beneficial in helping our cognitive function, that it can be employed to take on the more mundane, repetitive tasks, freeing up headspace to allow us to become more productive. Software education platforms are just one example where AI is being employed to assist teachers in things like knowledge checks and grading, with the claim that it allows them time for more valuable interaction with their students.

So is it possible to find a balance where we can we can rely on AI but not to the extent where we lose our mental agility. On this week's Inquiry, we're asking "Is AI eroding our critical thinking?"

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**THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj87xb28)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6s2b)**

Looted: the risks of buying ancient history

It may be a key plot point in films and video games like Indiana Jones and Tomb Raider, but the real-life looting of ancient artefacts has reportedly reached unprecedented levels – and research suggests that even terror groups could be cashing in on stolen relics. What's being done to stop it?

If you would like to get in touch with the show, please email: [businessdaily@bbc.co.uk](mailto:businessdaily@bbc.co.uk)

Presented and produced by Ryan Keane

(Picture: A looted Etruscan urn recovered by the Carabinieri Command for the Protection of Cultural Heritage in Italy, now stationed at its HQ in Rome. Credit: BBC)

**THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct74jg)**

The 'Turbot War'

In 1995, an international row broke out between Canada and Spain over fishing quotas. It started with gunfire and ended with a deal.

The dispute began after Canada set up restrictions to protect fish stocks, including the turbot. A 320km (200 mile) controlled zone was placed around the country's north Atlantic coast. Fishermen also had to stick to quotas.

But, according to Canada, some boats from the European Union were catching far more turbot than had been agreed.

As a warning, the coastguard chased off one Spanish trawler, shooting machine gunfire over the bow and arresting the crew.

But Spanish officials were furious and denied any wrongdoing. The Turbot War had begun.

Brian Tobin was Canada's Minister for Fisheries and Oceans. He tells Jane Wilkinson about the part he played in the dispute.

Eye-witness accounts brought to life by archive. Witness History is for those fascinated by the past. We take you to the events that have shaped our world through the eyes of the people who were there. For nine minutes every day, we take you back in time and all over the world, to examine wars, coups, scientific discoveries, cultural moments and much more.

Recent episodes explore everything from football in Brazil, the history of the 'Indian Titanic' and the invention of air fryers, to Public Enemy's Fight The Power, subway art and the political crisis in Georgia. We look at the lives of some of the most famous leaders, artists, scientists and personalities in history,

including: visionary architect Antoni Gaudi and the design of the Sagrada Familia; Michael Jordan and his bespoke Nike trainers; Princess Diana at the Taj Mahal; and Görel Hanser, manager of legendary Swedish pop band Abba on the influence they've had on the music industry. You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, such as the time an Iraqi journalist hurled his shoes at the President of the United States in protest of America's occupation of Iraq; the creation of the Hollywood commercial that changed advertising forever; and the ascent of the first Aboriginal MP.

(Picture: Brian Tobin and a turbot. Credit: Jon Levy/AFP via Getty Images)

**THU 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn72k0)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl56r26gkd)**

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**THU 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj87xftd)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 09:32 The Documentary (w3ct80bf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

**THU 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn7694)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 10:06 The Explanation (w3ct7ys7)**

The Media Show: A superinjunction that gagged the media

A legal order known as a superinjunction prevented UK media from reporting a government data breach that exposed nearly 19,000 Afghans who had applied to relocate after the Taliban takeover. Larisa Brown, Defence Editor at The Times, recounts the legal constraints she faced and the broader implications for press freedom.

A new ITV format blends natural history with reality TV by placing celebrities in shark-infested waters. Shark! Celebrity Infested Waters was produced by Plimsoll Productions. Creative Director Andrea Jackson outlines the development process.

This year's Tour de France marks the final edition available on free-to-air television in the UK before coverage moves behind a paywall. Rouleur journalist Rachel Jary reports from Toulouse on life inside the media zone, while Chris Boardman - Olympic gold medalist, commentator and now England's Active Travel Commissioner - reflects on how cycling is covered and the visibility challenges it faces.

In regard to the story on the Tour de France we need to point out that the viewing figures quoted by Chris Boardman cannot be verified with TNT.

Presenters: Katie Razzall and Ros Atkins

Producer: Lucy Wai

Assistant Producers: Martha Owen and Emily Channon

**THU 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj87xkkj)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 10:32 Happy News (w3ct6tyg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:32 on Saturday]

**THU 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn7b18)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl56r26q1n)**

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**THU 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj87xp9n)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 11:32 The Food Chain (w3ct70yp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

**THU 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn7f5d)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6wxm)**

Lost in the Amazon: What happened to my friend?

British journalists Dom and Tom Phillips were friends who shared a surname and a passion for Brazil, a place where they

both worked and called home. In June 2022 Dom was on a reporting trip in the Amazon, a place he loved, for a book he was working on. He was with indigenous expert Bruno Pereira. They were investigating illegal activity in the region. And then Tom got a call to say they had gone missing. He immediately joined the search, both to report on the story and find his friend. Tom was there when, based on pure intuition, the indigenous-led search team made a grim discovery, it became clear that Dom and Bruno had been killed. In response to the tragedy Tom and Dom's family and colleagues worked together to complete Dom's book – How to save the Amazon.

Presenter: Jo Fidgeon

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(Photo: Dom Phillips. Credit: Jonathan Watts/The Guardian)

**THU 12:50 Witness History (w3ct74jg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**THU 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn7kjj)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl56r26yix)**

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**THU 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj87xxsx)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 13:32 Health Check (w3ct6vjik)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Wednesday]

**THU 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn7p8n)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 14:06 Newshour (w172zss58g5ctv8)**

Syrian forces leave Sweida

Syrian government forces have left the southern city of Sweida, where days of sectarian clashes involving the Druze minority have left hundreds dead. Interim President Ahmed al-Sharaa made a call for unity in the middle of the night.

Also in the programme: proof that a technique using genetic material from three people to create embryos is leading to children born free of incurable and devastating mitochondrial disease; and an interview with Columbia University graduate Mahmoud Khalil, who was detained for more than 100 days after taking part in pro-Palestinian demonstrations on campus.

**THU 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn7t0s)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 15:06 The Inquiry (w3ct722s)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**THU 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxj87y595)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct75vl)**

Dozens die in Iraq shopping centre fire

A fire at a newly opened shopping centre in Iraq has killed dozens of people. The blaze in the eastern city of Kut broke out at the Hyper Mall and rapidly engulfed its walls.

After a year of prolonged negotiations marked by dramatic twists and turns, the Canadian retailer Alimentation Couche-Tard said it was abandoning its multibillion-dollar bid to acquire the owner of 7-Eleven convenience stores.

Plus, we look at the CEO of Nvidia, Jensen Huang's visit to China amidst the resumption of selling H20 chip to China.

**THU 16:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn7rxr)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 16:06 BBC OS (w173067vhk19sww)**

At least 60 deaths in shopping centre fire in Iraq

The authorities in eastern Iraq say they'll take legal action against the owners of a shopping centre where a deadly fire has killed dozens of people. Our colleagues in BBC Arabic have the

latest on the fire and on the situation in Syria where after days of sectarian violence and Israeli airstrikes, the government forces have largely pulled out of the province of Suweida.

We also bring together people from the Druze communities to share their concerns about the future in Syria.

Tens of thousands of campers have arrived at Tomorrowland in Belgium, a day after a fire destroyed the festival's main stage. Festival organisers have insisted that the event in the town of Boom, south of Antwerp, will continue without the stage. Our reporter explains.

US President Donald Trump says that Coca-Cola has agreed to use cane sugar in drinks sold in the US. BBC Verify explains whether Coca-Cola with cane sugar is healthier than with corn syrup.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Mourners carry a coffin during the funeral of victims who died in an overnight fire at a major shopping center, in al-Kut, Iraq, July 17, 2025. Credit: Alaa Al-Marjani/Reuters)

**THU 17:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn81j1)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 17:06 BBC OS (w173067vhk19xn0)**  
More than 500 people killed in Syria

A conflict monitoring group says more than 500 people have been killed in Syria since sectarian clashes broke out at the weekend. Syrian government forces have largely pulled out of the province of Suweida, but some reports say that Syrian Bedouin fighters on Thursday launched a new offensive in Syria's Suweida province against Druze fighters. We speak to our correspondent in Damascus, and we hear from the Druze people in Syria and abroad.

Eight babies have been born in the UK using genetic material from three people to prevent devastating and often fatal conditions, doctors say. The method, pioneered by UK scientists, combines the egg and sperm from a mum and dad with a second egg from a donor woman. The technique has been legal here for a decade but we now have the first proof it is leading to children born free of incurable mitochondrial disease. We speak to a woman who lost her baby to mitochondrial disease.

Torrential rains in Pakistan's Punjab province have killed at least 63 people and injured 290 in the 24 hours since downpours started on Wednesday morning. Our reporter has the latest.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: A van sits packed with personal belongings, on land between Deraa and Sweida, after scores of people have been killed this week in violence in and around the predominantly Druze city of Sweida, pitting fighters from the Druze minority against government security forces and members of Bedouin tribes, in Deraa, Syria July 17, 2025. Credit: Khalil Ashawi/Reuters)

**THU 18:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn8585)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6wxm)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

**THU 18:50 Witness History (w3ct74jg)**  
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**THU 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn8909)**  
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**THU 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl56r27p0p)**  
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**THU 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87yn8p)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6z7f)**  
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BBC sports correspondents tell the story behind today's top sporting news, with interviews and reports from across the world.

**THU 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn8drf)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 20:06 The Documentary (w3ct80bf)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

**THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87ys0t)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 20:32 Science In Action (w3ct6yfl)**  
Biggest black hole merger observed

Two black holes have collided and combined in the largest merger yet observed. Mark Hannam of Cardiff University and member of the study explains how the Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatories (LIGO) detected this 'violent' event through spacetime.

The lifestyle of ancient humans had an impact on their risk for infectious diseases. Astrid Iversen of the University of Oxford explains how the shift away from being hunter-gatherers played a role in the origins of human pathogens.

Nitrogen fixation, or the process of organic compounds accessing nitrogen from the atmosphere via microorganisms, plays a key role in climate modelling. But prior estimations have long been missing key data to make accurate analysis. Carla Reis Ely of Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education shares the updated facts and figures on global nitrogen fixation.

How intelligent is artificial intelligence? Can AI start discovering new scientific laws in the year? Keyon Vafa of Harvard University put several AI models to the test to see if they could discover Newton's law of gravity and understand the world around us.

Presenter: Roland Pease  
Producer: Imaan Moin  
Production Coordinator: Jana Bennet-Holesworth

(Image: Black Hole, digital illustration. Credit: Aaron Horowitz via Getty Images)

**THU 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn8jhk)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 21:06 Newshour (w172zss58g5dp25)**  
Pope renews call for Gaza ceasefire after Israeli strike on church kills three

Pope Leo XIV has renewed his call for a Gaza ceasefire after three people sheltering in the Catholic church in Gaza City were killed in an Israeli strike. The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa gives us his reaction to the bombing. The Israeli military says the incident is under review.

Also on the programme: We ask whether the Israeli bombing of targets in Syria complies with international law; and the sale of ROSEBUD, the wooden sledge that drove the plot of one of the greatest ever films: Citizen Kane.

Photo: Mourners attend the funeral of Palestinian Christians Saad Salama and Foumia Ayyad, who were killed in a strike on the Holy Family Church, according to medics, at the Greek Orthodox Saint Porphyrius Church, in Gaza City, July 17, 2025. (Credit REUTERS/Dawoud Abu Alka)

**THU 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn8n7p)**  
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**THU 22:06 The Inquiry (w3ct722s)**  
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**THU 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87z0j2)**  
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**THU 22:32 The Food Chain (w3ct70yp)**  
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**THU 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn8rzt)**  
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**THU 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl56r28506)**  
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**THU 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87z486)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct75xv)**  
House passes historic cryptocurrency bill to regulate stablecoin

The US Congress has passed its first major cryptocurrency legislation — the GENIUS Act, aimed at regulating stablecoins and paving the way for wider adoption of digital assets in everyday finance.

Also on the programme, Meta settles an \$8bn lawsuit over data privacy breaches tied to the Cambridge Analytica scandal. Roger Hearing asks what the outcome means for Big Tech.

And Arsenal smash records with the world's most expensive women's football transfer.

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**FRI 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn8wqy)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 00:06 The Explanation (w3ct7ys7)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87z80b)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 00:32 Happy News (w3ct6tyg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:32 on Saturday]

**FRI 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn90h2)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 01:06 Business Matters (w172zrs580z94z7)**  
Congress approves first-ever crypto rules for stablecoins

The US Congress has passed the GENIUS Act — the first federal bill aimed at regulating stablecoins, a type of cryptocurrency tied to the value of the US dollar.

Also on the programme: the US Federal Reserve weighs inflation risks and Trump's tariff threatens The BBC's Victoria Craig speaks to Boston Fed President Susan Collins.

And Uber invests \$300 million in Lucid Motors, with plans to launch its own fleet of self-driving robotaxis.

**FRI 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn9476)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl56r28j7l)**  
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**FRI 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87zhhl)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 02:32 Tech Life (w3ct6znz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Tuesday]

**FRI 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn97zb)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6wxm)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Thursday]

**FRI 03:50 Witness History (w3ct74jg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn9cqg)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl56r28rqv)**  
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**FRI 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj87zqzv)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct6vp2)**  
Escaping North Korea

North Korea is considered one of the most secretive countries in the world. It is officially an atheist state. The ruling party sees religion as a threat to its authority. Instead North Koreans are expected to show complete devotion to the ruling Kim family, who many view as godlike. There are believed to be a small number of Christians practicing in secret inside the hermit kingdom, but entire families can be sent to prison camps for practicing religion. Even owning a Bible can lead to detention or even death.

There are an estimated 33,000 North Korean defectors living in South Korea. The exact number of North Korean Christians living in the south is unknown, but it is believed that a significant number of defectors now identify as Christians. BBC Correspondent Danny Vincent travels to the South Korean capital of Seoul to meet a family of defectors he first met a decade earlier while fleeing Northern China. They recall their defection from North Korea and their journey from devotion to a dictator, to belief in Christ.

Producer/presenter: Danny Vincent  
Producer: Jen Kwon  
Editor: Chloe Walker

(Photo: People pay tribute to the statues of late North Korean leaders Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hil. Credit: Kim Won Jin)

#### **FRI 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn9hgl)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### **FRI 05:06 Newsday (w172zsppl027wh5)**

US unhappy over Israeli strikes on Syria

The Trump administration has issued a rare rebuke to Israel, saying it's unhappy about Israeli strikes on Syria this week. The Israeli attacks have however resumed. We get a view from the European Union which has issued a statement urging all sides to respect the ceasefire - and calling on Israel to respect Syria's territorial integrity.

In Senegal a sudden and quickly reversed ban on wigs, hair extensions and skin-lightening products at an iconic theatre in Senegal's capital Dakar, has ignited a widespread public backlash.

And an ice core that may be older than 1.5 million years has arrived in the United Kingdom where scientists will melt it to unlock vital information about the Earth's climate.

Presenters: James Copnall and Victoria Uwokunda

(Photo: People gather on land between Deraa and Sweida after Druze unrest. Credit: Khalil Ashawi/Reuters)

#### **FRI 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn9m6q)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### **FRI 06:06 Newsday (w172zsppl028079)**

German Chancellor: Europe has to be able to defend itself

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(Photo: Chancellor of Germany Friedrich Merz. Credit: BBC)

#### **FRI 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn9qyv)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### **FRI 07:06 Newsday (w172zsppl0283zf)**

German Chancellor: Europe was 'free-riding' on US

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And we look at the first K-pop band containing North Korean defectors, they've just released their first song.

Presenters: James Copnall and Victoria Uwokunda

(Photo: Chancellor of Germany Friedrich Merz. Credit: BBC)

#### **FRI 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn9vpz)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### **FRI 08:06 Americast (w3ct7t5n)**

Why can't Donald Trump shake off the Epstein Files?

Donald Trump is trying to move on and dismiss the growing backlash within his own party over the refusal to release further information related to the sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. This week, the leading Republican - and House Speaker - Mike Johnson has called for Trump to "put everything out there" and publish documents related to Epstein, otherwise known as the Epstein Files.

There are a growing number of influential Republicans who are now also breaking from Trump, by calling for greater transparency around the information, adding to the conspiracy theories around a possible cover up.

Trump (via posts on Truth Social) is dismissing these demands as a "SCAM" and a "HOAX", saying his supporters have been conned by the "Lunatic Left for 8 long years".

But, will he be able to shut down the rows within his own party, and how significant could this be for his presidency?

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- Justin Webb, Radio 4 presenter
- Anthony Zurcher, North America Correspondent

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#### **FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj8806zc)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

#### **FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z35)**

Business Daily meets: GoFundMe's Tim Cadogan

Whether its for medical expenses, college funds, charity campaigns, chances are you've been asked to donate to a fundraiser online.

GoFundMe is one of the biggest of the crowdfunding platforms, generating an estimated \$30bn in funds since it launched in 2010.

CEO Tim Cadogan tells us about joining as CEO in 2020, and the challenges of running a profit making company in a charity space.

Presenter: Chris Vallance  
Producer: Imran Rahman-Jones

(Image: Tim Cadogan. Credit: Getty Images)

#### **FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct7441)**

Italo disco

In the late 1970s, disco died in America and a new wave of Italian producers took advantage of the advances in electronic instruments to craft their own dancefloor fillers.

The result was Italo disco – a genre of music recognisable for its synthesiser beats, heavily accented English lyrics and catchy melodies.

One of the biggest hits was Dolce Vita.

Singer Ryan Paris – real name Fabio Roscioli – tells Vicky Farncombe how it felt to be part of that moment.

Eye-witness accounts brought to life by archive. Witness History is for those fascinated by the past. We take you to the events that have shaped our world through the eyes of the people who were there. For nine minutes every day, we take you back in time and all over the world, to examine wars, coups, scientific discoveries, cultural moments and much more.

Recent episodes explore everything from the death of Adolf Hitler, the first spacewalk and the making of the movie Jaws, to celebrity tortoise Lonesome George, the Kobe earthquake and the invention of superglue.

We look at the lives of some of the most famous leaders, artists, scientists and personalities in history, including: Eva Peron – Argentina's Evita; President Ronald Reagan and his famous 'tear down this wall' speech; Thomas Keneally on why he wrote Schindler's List; and Jacques Derrida, France's 'rock star' philosopher.

You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, such as the civil rights swimming protest; the disastrous D-Day rehearsal; and the death of one of the world's oldest languages.

(Photo: Ryan Paris. Credit: Getty Images)

#### **FRI 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jn9zg3)**

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#### **FRI 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zw156r29cgh)**

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#### **FRI 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj880bqh)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

#### **FRI 09:32 Science In Action (w3ct6yfl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Thursday]

#### **FRI 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jnb367)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### **FRI 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct72w8)**

How dust affects the world

This week, a new report into the dangers that sand and dust storms pose to the world's health and economy has inspired us to delve in the science of dust.

First, we look at the report by the World Meteorological Organisation and hear about what can be done to mitigate the dangers of dust.

We also find out the surprising way in which the Sahara is keeping the Amazon rainforest well-fed, and Derek Fabel from the University of Glasgow tells us how dust can help us to determine the age of glaciers.

Plus, the dusty maths that took 15 years to solve, and the musician who swapped jazz for space dust.

All that, and many more Unexpected Elements.

Presenter: Caroline Steel  
Producers: Margaret Sessa-Hawkins with Alice Lipscombe-Southwell, Minnie Harrop, Lucy Davies, and Robbie Wojciechowski

#### **FRI 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jnb6yc)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.



**FRI 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zw156r29lyr)**

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**FRI 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj88016r)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 11:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct6vp2)**

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**FRI 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jnbpbh)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6wh2)**

Outlook Mixtape: Whales of wonder

Fabrice Schnöller is a French engineer who left a highly-paid job in construction and dedicated his life to the pursuit of understanding whalesong. He told Outlook's Saskia Collette how it all began after a chance encounter with a pod of sperm whales. This interview was first broadcast in 2018.

Zach Small is a British father who took his daughters on an ocean adventure to scatter their mother's ashes. But their voyage nearly ended in disaster when their catamaran hit a sleeping whale and their boat quickly began to sink – hundreds of miles from land.

Rainer Schimpf is a dive tour operator from South Africa who photographs ocean life off the Eastern Cape. He told Outlook's Neal Razzell about being swept into the mouth of a large Bryde whale while snorkelling and filming a sardine run. This interview was first broadcast in 2019.

Asha De Vos is a marine biologist who runs Sri Lanka's first marine conservation centre, Oceanswell. Asha has been working to help save Sri Lanka's native and endangered pygmy blue whale. She also goes by the nickname 'whale poop girl' because of what she's discovered from the animal's excrement. This interview was first broadcast in 2018.

In the late 1970s American Michael Fishbach was one of the world's top 50 tennis players. Today he's founder of the Great Whale Conservancy and spends his life trying to stop their numbers from dwindling. Michael told Outlook about saving one particular humpback whale called Valentina. This interview was first broadcast in 2018.

Presenter: Mobeen Azhar  
Producer: May Cameron

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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty Images)

**FRI 12:50 Witness History (w3ct7441)**

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**FRI 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jnbghm)**

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**FRI 13:32 Science In Action (w3ct6yfl)**

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**FRI 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jnb15r)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 14:06 Newshour (w172zss58g5gqrc)**

EU agrees fresh round of sanctions on Russia

Three and a half years into Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, European Union countries have agreed to slap yet more sanctions on Moscow. Slovakia had been blocking the package over concerns regarding a separate EU proposal phasing out gas imports from Russia. This is the EU's 18th package of sanctions against Russia over its war in Ukraine.

Also on the programme: we hear from a British surgeon working in Gaza about what he calls a concerning pattern of injuries in patients being brought to hospital from aid centres; and the North Korean defectors making their debut in a new K-pop boy band.

(Photo: European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen speaks during a press point on 18th package of sanctions against Russia in Brussels, Belgium, June 10, 2025. Credit: REUTERS/Yves Herman)

**FRI 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jnbpxw)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 15:06 Americast (w3ct7t5n)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**FRI 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj881268)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct7616)**

What are the key economic issues in Japan's upcoming election?

Migration, tariffs and challenges of an ageing population are being discussed ahead of an election in Japan's upper house.

What could President Trump's Big Beautiful Bill Act mean for African economies?

And the European Union announces an 18th round of sanctions on Russia.

**FRI 16:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jnbtp0)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 16:06 BBC OS (w173067vhk1dps)**

More sectarian clashes in Syria

Sectarian clashes between Bedouin tribes and Druze militia have renewed in the southern Syrian province of Suweida, a day after government forces withdrew under heavy bombardment from Israel. There are reports that Bedouin tribes are surrounding the city of Suweida from various sides. Our International Editor Jeremy Bowen answers audience questions about this week's developments in Syria and in Gaza.

Ukraine and five other countries bordering Russia recently announced they will withdraw from an international treaty banning anti-personnel landmines. We hear from people who survived landmine injuries and from those who disarm or remove landmines.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: A Bedouin fighter rides a horse after recent clashes broke out in Syria's Suweida province, following renewed fighting between Bedouin fighters and Druze gunmen, despite an announced truce, in Deraa, Syria July 18, 2025. Credit: Khalil Ashawi/Reuters)

**FRI 17:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jnbyp4)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 17:06 BBC OS (w173067vhk1dtk3)**

Gaza demolition investigation

Israel has demolished thousands of buildings across Gaza since it withdrew from a ceasefire with Hamas in March, with entire towns and suburbs - once home to tens of thousands of people - levelled in the past few weeks. Multiple legal experts told BBC Verify that Israel may have committed war crimes under the Geneva Convention, which largely prohibits the destruction of infrastructure by an occupying power. We speak to reporter from BBC Verify.

The daredevil Felix Baumgartner has died in a paragliding accident in Italy. The 56-year-old Austrian made headlines in 2012 when he broke the world record - and the sound barrier - for the highest-ever skydive. We speak to three people who were in the team that prepared Felix for that skydive.

US President Donald Trump has asked for the release of court documents relating to notorious sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. Our Washington correspondent explains.

We speak to a journalist about a viral moment in Coldplay's gig with two colleagues caught embracing on a kiss cam.

Presenter: Mark Lowen

(Photo: Wiew of the destruction in North Gaza, as seen from the Israeli side of the border, 17 July, 2025. Credit: Amir Cohen/Reuters)

**FRI 18:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jnc258)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6wh2)**

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**FRI 18:50 Witness History (w3ct7441)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**FRI 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jnc5xd)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zw156r2bkxs)**

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**FRI 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj881k5s)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6z2x)**

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

**FRI 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jnc9nj)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 20:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct6rms)**

Landmines

Hidden landmines and other devices left behind from wars are present in nearly 70 countries and territories, according to the military alliance Nato. Among those is Ukraine, where the war has made it one of the most mine laden countries in the world.

Recently, Ukraine joined several other countries bordering Russia in announcing it will withdraw from an international mine ban treaty.

Since 1999 that agreement, known as the Ottawa Convention, has prohibited the use, stockpiling and production of anti-personnel mines.

In today's edition, we discuss the global impact of the weapon. Researchers say each year more than 5,500 people are killed or injured. Most are civilians. Many are children.

We hear from landmine survivors in Ukraine, Iraq, Cambodia, Bosnia and Uganda about how their lives have been changed by landmines.

Also, three men in Ukraine, Tajikistan and Syria, discuss why they put their lives at risk by trying to remove landmines.

"I'm doing this because I have seen too many lives destroyed by mines and unexploded ordnances with people losing limbs and families unable to farm their land safely," says Yevhen in Ukraine. "So someone has to clear these deadly remnants of war."

Hosted by Mark Lowen with conversations by Mark Lowen and Luke Jones.

BBC OS Producers: Isabella Bull, Angela Sheeran, Ben Davis and Laura Cress.

Boffin Media Producer: Sue Nelson.

Warning: Contains descriptions of injuries from explosions due to mines.

(Photo: Tun Channareth with his family. Credit: Tun Channareth/CCBL Cambodia Campaign to Ban Landmines)

**FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj881nxx)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct6ssx)**

What if the Earth spun backwards?

Your whole life is governed by spin. The rotation of our planet tells you when to wake up, and Earth's orbit around the Sun is the reason why some of us dig out a jumper for half the year and a t-shirt for the rest. But what if that all changed?

That's exactly what 8-year-old Geronimo in Ecuador wants to know. He and his dad, Fabian, have got themselves dizzy trying to figure out what would happen if the Earth stopped spinning, or better yet, started spinning in the opposite direction. Would everyone fly off into space? Would school be at night? Eager for answers, they decided to ask CrowdScience.

Presenter Anand Jagatia embarks on an interstellar journey, blasting off with the celestial origins of spin itself. Astronomer Amy Bonsor from the University of Cambridge in the UK explains how Earth's rotation began, with collapsing clouds of gas, planetary pile-ups and crushing gravitational force.

At Keele Observatory, things get apocalyptic. Anand meets astronomer Jacco van Loon, who explains what would happen if Geronimo somehow waved a magic wand and brought Earth's rotation to a halt. With months of unbroken daylight or darkness, devastating storms and even the loss of the Earth's magnetic shield, it's like the script of a disaster movie.

Wave that magic wand again and we imagine a world where the Earth not only stops... but starts spinning the other way. Meteorologist Joao Basso from the University of Leipzig in Germany walks us through a mind-bending 2018 study that tells us the surprising things that would happen to the global climate.

Presenter: Anand Jagatia  
Producer: Harrison Lewis  
Series Producer: Ben Motley

**FRI 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwq2jncfdn)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 21:06 Newshour (w172zss58g5hkz8)**

Syria: Renewed clashes between Bedouin tribesmen and Druze Community

Renewed clashes between Bedouin tribesmen and members of the minority Druze Community have erupted in the south of Syria. A war monitoring group says there's been fighting and shelling in neighbourhoods of the mainly Druze city of Suweida. We'll hear from Damascus and get a US view of Israel's policy.

Also, why President Trump and some of his most loyal supporters are at odds over the late, disgraced financier, Jeffrey Epstein.

And some virtuoso piano playing from a performer born with only one hand.

(Photo: Syria's interim president said government forces had expelled "outlaw groups" in Suweida. Credit: Reuters)

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**FRI 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjj882159)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct76ng)**

EU tightens sanctions on Russia

The European Union sharpens its sanctions against Russia, targeting its financial and energy sectors. Ukraine's President Zelensky calls the move "essential and timely", while the Kremlin warns it will backfire.

We also head to Japan, where voters are heading to the polls this weekend in a crucial Upper House election that could determine the Prime Minister's political future amid rising inflation, ageing demographics, and the threat of U.S. tariffs on car exports.

Plus, we look at how cryptocurrency theft has hit a record high in 2025, with cybercriminals and even violent attackers making off with billions in digital assets.

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