SATURDAY 26 JULY 2025

SAT 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz4y7w)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 00:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct72w9)

The science of ageing

This week, Cameroon's Paul Biya announced his plan to run for an 8th term as president at the grand old age of 92. So, we have elected to investigate the science of ageing

First, we ask if a 60-year-old brain is as sharp as a 20-year-old one. Then, we find out about parts of the world that boast impressively long life expectancies. Have these places found the secret to longevity, or are they not what they seem?

Next up, we talk to Professor Thomas Boothby from the University of Wyoming about tiny, eight-legged animals called tardigrades, and what they could teach us about living longer.

We also dig into the story behind a recently uncovered ancient Peruvian city, before finding out the science behind so-called 'old wives' tales'.

All that, plus many more Unexpected Elements.

Presenter: Marnie Chesterton, with Camilla Mota and Phillys

Producers: Alice Lipscombe-Southwell, with Margaret Sessa-Hawkins, Lucy Davies and Robbie Wojciechowski

SAT 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz5200)

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SAT 01:06 Business Matters (w172zrs5m9956h5)

Wall Street ends another week at record highs

It's been a busy few weeks on Wall Street's financial market, as stock valuations are close to record levels. The S&P 500 index has hit a string of all-time peaks this month, while US corporate borrowing costs are nearing their lowest level in decades, and Nvidia became the first company worth \$4 trillion.

The United States Treasury has lifted sanctions on several individuals and companies accused of supplying arms to Myanmar's military regime, leading to an outcry by human rights groups.

And with Donald Trump doing diplomacy on the golf course in Scotland-is doing business on the green a good thing?

Throughout the program, Roger Hearing will be joined by two guests on opposite sides of the world—Gaby Castro-Fontoura, Director, Sunny Sky Solutions, who's in Punta Del Este, Uruguay, and Michael Janda, Business Editor, ABC News Australia, in Sydney.

SAT 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz55r4)

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SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5l0d4krj)

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SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjwjkvk0j)

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SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct6zih)

Should the World Test Championship finals always be held in England?

This episode contains references to suicide and depression. If you are suffering distress or despair and need support, you could speak to a health professional, or an organisation that offers support. Details of help available in many countries can be found at Befrienders Worldwide: befrienders.org

On this week's Stumped, Nikesh Rughani, Jim Maxwell and Charu Sharma discuss the decision to award England the next three World Test Championship finals. Is England the natural home for the event or should the ICC consider rotating between

We hear about plans to pay tribute to legendary England batter Graham Thorpe at the 5th Test between England and India, with 'A Day for Thorpey'. We hear from Thorpe's wife Amanda, his daughters Kitty and Emma and we're joined by Hayley Jarvis from the mental health charity, Mind.

And, with the 4th Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar series well underway - we ask who can share India's fast bowling burden with Jasprit Bumrah?

(Photo by Matthew Lewis-ICC/ICC via Getty Images)

SAT 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz59h8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6wh3)

Outlook Mixtape: Women who dared

Today's Mixtage is a collection of historic firsts. The secret life of Eva B, Pakistan's first woman rapper; Meg Crane, an American who fought the system to create the first home pregnancy test; and Banu Mushtaq who as a child in India learnt a language usually taught to boys

Eva B's music has reached millions and even been featured in a Marvel miniseries, but when she first started out, she was a teenager creating songs in her bedroom in Karachi - and doing it in secret. However, she soon found that being Pakistan's first female rapper was not an easy thing to hide

In 1967 Meg Crane had the idea for a home pregnancy test one that women could do themselves. Although her idea was dismissed, she continued to work on her prototype. The fight for recognition, and to finally get her design onto shelves, started on the day that she gatecrashed a meeting of male product designers. The only support in the room came from an advertising executive called Ira Sturtevant, who would change Meg's life forever.

Indian writer Banu Mushtag made history in May when she won the International Booker prize for Heart Lamp, a collection of short stories translated from the Kannada language. Not only was this the first short story collection to win the coveted prize. but Banu was the first author writing in Kannada to win, she shared the prize with her translator Deepa Bhasthi. Growing up in the southern Indian state of Karnataka, she was the first girl in her area to learn Kannada in school - a language that, at the time, was taught only to boys. It was the start of a most unconventional life.

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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 03:50 Witness History (w3ct7442)

A Chorus Line

It's 50 years since theatre history was made - the premiere of A Chorus Line. It was seen as a seminal moment, turning the spotlight on the people who make the show for the first time.

Baayork Lee tells Josephine McDermott how she played Connie Wong in the original production. Like many of the first cast, her true life experiences made it into the show which was developed in workshops by director and choreographer Michael Bennett.

Baavork Lee describes "the buzz" the musical generated soon after opening in a small venue off Broadway on 21 May, 1975. with everyone from singer Diana Ross and former first lady Jackie Kennedy Onassis to comedian Groucho Marx vying for seats. Two months later on 27 July the show transferred to Broadway. It won nine Tony Awards and became one of the longest-running shows on Broadway.

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 eves 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

oto: A Chorus Line at the Shubert Theatre, Credit; Richard Corkery/NY Daily News Archive via Getty Images)

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SAT 05:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct7zqq)

Prison and parenthood

Rahab went to prison when her children were little. She'd been taking part in carjackings and armed robberies. Once she got caught, she spent six years at Langata women's prison in Nairobi, Kenya.

While she was in prison, she managed to turn her life around but how can she rebuild her relationship with her three children, and make up for the time she missed?

Namulanta visits Langata to meet Rahab and finds out what life is like for current inmates who have children.

Dear Daughter is an award-winning podcast from the BBC World Service about love, life, family, and raising children. It is the brainchild of Namulanta Kombo, a mother on a quest to create a 'handbook to life' for her daughter, through the advice of parents from all over the world.

Each episode, a guest reads a letter they've written to their children (or their future children, or the children they never had) with the advice, life lessons, and personal stories they'd like to pass on. Expect extraordinary true stories, inspirational advice for parents, and moving accounts of families, relationships and raising daughters.

Share your letter! What do you want to say to your kids? Or the next generation? Do you have thoughts on motherhood, fatherhood, or parenthood to share? Whether you are a mum or mom, dad or papa, grandparent, uncle, aunt, daughter, son or ist want to write a letter, send us a WhatsApp message on +44 800 030 4404 or visit www.bbcworldservice.com/deardaughter

Audio for this episode was updated on 20 May 2025.

SAT 05:50 More or Less (w3ct6vz4)

Does a single AI query use a bottle of water?

We are living through boom-times for Artificial Intelligence, with more and more of us using AI assistants like ChatGPT, DeepSeek, Grok and Copilot to do basic research and writing tasks. But what is the environmental impact of these technologies?

Many listeners have got in touch with More or Less to ask us to investigate various claims about the energy and water use of AI.

One claim in particular has caught your attention - the idea that the equivalent of a small bottle of drinking water is consumed by computer processors every time you ask an AI a question, or get it to write a simple email. So, where does that claim come from, and is it true?

Reporter: Paul Connolly Producer: Tom Colls Sound engineer: Donald McDonald

Production co-ordinator: Brenda Brown Editor: Richard Vadon

(Photo: Water spilling out of a bottle. Credit Yamada

Taro/Getty Images)

SAT 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz5nqn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 06:06 Weekend (w172zw85x1mf7fm)

Cambodia calls for 'immediate ceasefire' with Thailand

Cambodia has called for an "immediate" ceasefire with Thailand, as cross-border fighting between the two Southeast Asian neighbours enters a third day.

Also in the programme: 'Algospeak' is a new way our language is being shaped by algorithms, social media, and the relentless drive to go viral online. Adam Aleksic has a new book out called Algospeak: How Social Media Is Transforming the Future of Language, and he joins us live.

And Trafalgar Square in London prepares to host a big party to celebrate the 200th birthday of Britain's National Gallery

Presenter Julian Worricker is joined by Lijia Zhang, Chinese writer, journalist, social commentator and Charles Emmerson, an Australian-born writer, editor and historian living in London. He's the author of three books on history and geopolitics, and editor of a new magazine, Translator.

Photo: People rest inside a temporary shelter in Srisaket province, after Thailand and Cambodia exchanged heavy artillery fire for a second day on Friday as border fighting intensified and spread/ Thailand, July 26, 2025. Reuters/Athit Perawongmetha

SAT 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz5sgs)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 07:06 Weekend (w172zw85x1mfc5r)

Thailand-Cambodia clashes kill at least 33

Fighting between Thai and Cambodian troops over a disputed border has entered a third day, with Bangkok warning that the conflict could "move towards war".

Also in the programme: A new play opens in Los Angeles about one man left on an island to die as punishment for being gay; and, Trafalgar Square in London prepares to host a big party to celebrate the 200th birthday of Britain's National Gallery.

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Photo: Evacuees at a Thai government evacuation centre, where they have been relocated due to clashes between Thai and Cambodian soldiers along the disputed border. 25 July 2025/ EPA

SAT 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz5x6x)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 08:06 Weekend (w172zw85x1mfgxw)

Calls for British PM Keir Starmer to recognise Palestinian state

A third of British MPs have written to the Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, urging him to grant recognition to a Palestinian state.

Also on the programme: President Trump is in Scotland this weekend, visiting his golf resorts and will meet with UK prime minister Keir Starmer; and the sharp decline in music festivals in Europe, Australia and to an extent in North America

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Photo: People take part in a pro-Palestine protest on Westminster Bridge in London, as over 10,000 people form a red line around the Houses of Parliament calling for Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer to sanction Israel after it continues its military offensive and aid blockade in Gaza, 4 June 2025 /PA)

SAT 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz60z1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 09:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct6rmt)

The hidden pain of fibroids

When Oscar winning film star Lupita Nyong'o revealed on Instagram her decade long struggle with uterine fibroids it attracted almost a million likes. The post has sparked a global debate about a health problem that affects millions of women around the world but is rarely talked about.

Fibroids are non-cancerous growths that develop in the uterus, the medical term for a woman's womb. Symptoms can be severe and include heavy menstrual bleeding, painful periods and stomach pain.

Black and Asian women are more likely to be affected, and we bring together three women who share their experiences of living with the condition.

"A woman sitting across from you at work who's smiling and having a conversation may be dying inside," Sateria tells us. "She may be haemorrhaging, may be short of breath, may feel horrible and society has taught us that we should not reveal that agony.'

Treatment options for fibroids are limited, and many women are advised to have surgery to remove their uterus - known as a hysterectomy. That means they will no longer be able to have children. We bring together three women to discuss the stigma they have experienced as a result.

Presenter: Iqra Farooq BBC producers: Iqra Farooq, Laura Cress and Akwasi Sarpong Boffin Media producer: Richard Hollingham

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(Photo: Ningrum, Ima and Wulan - three friends who support each other. Credit: Ima)

SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjwjkwd7f)

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SAT 09:32 Pick of the World (w3ct7z51)

Tortoises feel emotion just like us human

Your responses to research showing that animals experience long-term moods and feelings. Plus, the army of Indian women saving the stork, the young Egyptians reviving the tradition of women reciting the Quran - and the story of an iconic football

SAT 09:50 Over to You (w3ct6xvk)

Can too much Trump cause listener fatigue?

Are you suffering from Trump fatigue? That is too much of the US president on the BBC? A listener in the US told us last week how he is and it seems many of you agree. We are joined in the studio by head of journalism Simon Peeks to discuss the phenomenon.

Presenter: Rajan Datar Producer: Howard Shannon

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SAT 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz64q5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service

SAT 10:06 Not by the Playbook (w3ct7z0i)

The evolution of women's football

Not by the Playbook's Katie Smith is in Switzerland venue of the 2025 Women's European Championship final.

Our first guest couldn't be further from Switzerland if she tried. and sadly the national side she represented is a long way from being able to play competitive matches. Born in Afghanistan, Mursal Sadat played football for her country. Then in August 2021 the Taliban returned and Mursal had to make a chaotic and emotional escape. She now lives in Australia where she tells us about how much she owes to the football family, how she misses her mum, dad and brothers immensely and how she hopes once again to represent Afghanistan on the highest level

Switzerland has been a great host nation. Enthusiastic crowds, city centre's bedecked in the colours of those competing and, of course, it's being watched by millions of people all over the world. It's all a far cry from the very first European competition for women's football. In 1984, 16 teams battled it out across Europe, before the final was between Sweden and England. We hear from the winning Swedish captain Anette Böriesson.

Maria Karlsson De Cecco has been keeping a close eye on the Euro's here in Switzerland, not least because she has many of her clients involved. The football industry is made up of not just players and coaches, but support staff, trainers, journalists and even football agents. Maria Karlsson De Cecco was a top-flight footballer in many European countries but after she hung up her boots she became a football agent, with a difference. She only deals with people in the women's game, and her goal is dedicated to enhancing and empowering all those involved in the women's game.

Photo: Elisabetta Oliviero of Italy looks dejected and is comforted by Alex Greenwood of England after the teams defeat and elimination from the UEFA Women's EURO 2025 on July 22, 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland. (CREDIT: Charlotte Wilson/Getty Images)

SAT 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz68g9)

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SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5l0d5ngp)

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SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjwjkwmqp)

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SAT 11:32 Health Check (w3ct6vjl)

Do you really have a penicillin allergy?

Penicillin is the go-to antibiotic for many common infections but in the UK more than 1-in-15 adults have a penicillin allergy label on their medical record. New research suggests that many with these labels are not actually allergic. Professor Sue Pavitt explains how more accurate allergy labelling might help fight the rise of antimicrobial resistance.

Both Burundi and Senegal announced last week that they had eliminated trachoma. Dr Graham Easton walks us through the long road to this milestone.

A passionate debate has caused division in Maharashtra, India, over the possibility of homeopaths being allowed to practice and prescribe conventional medicine. Reporter Chhavi Sachdev explains why doctors on both sides are striking.

In the UK, eight babies made with the combined genetic material of three people have been born without the hereditary mitochondrial disease. We explore the implications of this

Sex at birth might not be as random as we once thought; a new study found that families with three children of the same sex are more likely to have another child of the same sex.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond Producer: Hannah Robins Assistant Producer: Alice McKee

Studio Managers: Dyfan Rose and Andrew Garrett

SAT 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz6d6f)

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SAT 12:06 The Forum (w3ct712t)

Movie theatre magic

The speed with which cinema caught the public's imagination is remarkable. The first film screenings took place in the 1890s and just two decades later, in the US alone there were thousands of nickelodeons and other spaces where you could watch a movie. Luxurious picture palaces followed soon after and not just in the West: some of India's Art Deco cinemas are real feasts for the eyes. But the arrival of TV fundamentally changed our relationship with movie theatres and they have struggled to remain central to our film culture ever since.

Iszi Lawrence explores the 120-year development of movie theatres with film historian Professor Ross Melnick, Professor of Cinema Studies Daniela Treveri Gennari, cinematographer Hemant Chaturvedi who is documenting India's historic cinema buildings, Chinese cinema researcher Professor Jie Li and World Service listeners

(Photo: Kannappa Cinema, Padappai, Tamil Nadu. 2024. Credit: Hemant Chaturvedi)

SAT 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz6hvk)

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SAT 13:06 Newshour (w172zss5mghbni5)

Fighting on Thai-Cambodian border spreads

Cross-border battles between Thailand and Cambodia have spread to new areas as fighting between the southeast Asian neighbours continues for a third day. We hear from both sides of the boundary. Also on the programme: President Trump arrives in Scotland; and the matcha mania putting pressure on tea suppliers. (Photo: A Cambodian military personnel stands on a BM-21 Grad multiple rocket launcher, around 40 km (24 miles) from the disputed Ta Moan Thom temple, Cambodia, July 25, 2025. Credit: REUTERS/Soveit Yarn)

SAT 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz6mpp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w172ztalv97v824)

Live Sporting Action

Lee James looks ahead to a weekend of continental football finals with Maz Farookhi in Morocco ahead of the Women's Africa Cup of Nations final while Delyth Lloyd is in Switzerland before Sunday's Women's Euro final.

There will also be the latest from elsewhere in the sporting world including updates from Old Trafford where England are playing India in the fourth cricket Test match, plus there's the penultimate stage of cycling's Tour de France and reaction to the sprint race and qualifying at Formula 1's Belgian Grand

Plus, hear inspiring stories from three athletes who know what it takes to be successful on the world stage. The USA's Derrick Loccident won Paralympic medals in both the long jump and high jump in 2024, while Dutch sailor Marit Bouwmeester won her fourth Olympic medal with gold in Paris. They both share their stories with On The Podium.

World and Commonwealth javelin medallist Mackenzie Little is also a doctor and she explains to The Warm Up Track how she balances parallel careers in medicine and athletics.

Image: Morocco's players react during the penalty shootout at the end of the 2025 Women's Africa Cup of Nations semi-final football match between Morocco and Ghana at Prince Moulay Abdellah Stadium in Rabat on July 22, 2025. (Photo by Abdel Majid BZIOUAT / AFP via Getty Images)

SAT 18:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz73p6)

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SAT 18:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5l0d6hpl)

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SAT 18:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjwjkxgyl)

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SAT 18:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct7zqq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 today]

SAT 18:50 More or Less (w3ct6vz4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 today]

SAT 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz77fb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service

SAT 19:06 The Inquiry (w3ct722t)

What will Chile's latest telescope tell us about the universe?

In Chile, a powerful new telescope has just given a taster of what we can expect from it later this year, when it will be used to survey the cosmos over a ten-year period. In one image it revealed vast colourful gas and dust clouds swirling in a starforming region 9,000 light years from the Earth.

Housed in the Vera C Rubin Observatory, which sits on a mountain in the Chilean Andes, the telescope is designed to get giant images of the sky about one hundred times larger and quicker than any other existing telescope can achieve. It contains the world's most largest digital camera, the size of a

When the Legacy Survey of Space and Time begins towards the end of 2025, the camera will film the entire Southern hemisphere night sky for the next decade, every three days, repeating the process over and over. And it will focus on four areas: mapping changes in the skies or transient objects, the formation of the Milky Way, mapping the Solar System and understanding dark matter or how the universe formed.

So, on this week's Inquiry, we're asking, 'What will Chile's latest telescope tell us about the Universe?"

Contributors:

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Dr. Megan Schwamb, Planetary Astronomer, Reader, School of Mathematics and Physics, Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland

Dr. Burçin Mutlu-Pakdil, Observational Astronomer, Assistant Professor, Physics and Astronomy, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, USA

Presenter: Charmaine Cozier Producers: Louise Clarke and Jill Collins Researcher: Maeve Schaffer Editor: Tara McDermott Technical Producer: Craig Boardman Production Management Assistant: Liam Morrey

Image Credit: Anadolu via Getty Images

SAT 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxiwikxlpg)

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SAT 19:32 Happy News (w3ct6tvj)

The Happy Pod: Performing on the street got me Oasis tickets

The street musician whose dream of seeing Oasis came true, thanks to a stranger. He says people should never give up. Also, an amazing survival story; hope for better cancer treatment; and a very slow world championship.

Presenter: Alex Ritson Music: Iona Hampson

(Photo: Mirai sits with his keyboard and a sign that reads I need help for Oasis ticket, busking in the street. Credit: Mirai)

SAT 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz7c5g)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct6ztj)

Writer director Petra Volpe on her film Late Shift

Nikki Bedi talks to Swiss-Italian director Petra Volpe about her gripping film, Late Shift and is joined by cultural critic William Lee Adams

They hear from:

Hollywood actor and director Johnny Depp on why he wanted to make a film about the Italian artist Modigliani.

British actor Helena Bonham Carter shares her feelings about tackling an Irish accent.

The producers of global TV phenomenon Ru Paul's Drag Race discuss becoming part of the mainstream.

US actor and writer Lena Dunham talks about her Netflix series Too Much, which parallels her own love story.

And the Senegalese musician Youssou N'Dour talks about his latest album, Éclairer le Monde.

Main image: Leonie Benesch in Late Shift Photo credit: Zodiac Pictures

SAT 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz7gxl)

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SAT 21:06 Newshour (w172zss5mahcmh6)

Israel to allow air drops of aid, as Gazans die of starvation

Israel says it will allow aid drops into Gaza by air, saying Jordan and the United Arab Emirates could facilitate. This comes as at least 5 people are reported to have died from malnutrition in the last day, bringing the total to 127 since the beginning of the war. Also on the programme, Iran is tackling a severe water crisis: and, one of Lebanon's most celebrated composers, Ziad Rahbani has died

(Photo: Palestinians wait to receive food from a charity kitchen, amid a hunger crisis, in Gaza City, July 26, 2025. REUTERS/Mahmoud Issa)

SAT 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz7lnq)

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SAT 22:06 Not by the Playbook (w3ct7z0j)

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SAT 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjwjky2p7)

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SAT 23:32 This Is Africa (w3ct72d5)

Lvdia Jazmine

Lydia Jazmine is one of Uganda's most popular female artists. She started as a backing singer, working with Radio and Weasel, Pallaso, Bebe Cool and Sheebah Kirungi. In 2014, while still a university student, she dropped her first song as an artist in her own name. It was called You Know and it made her

She has more than 70 songs to her name, but it is only now, more than a decade later, that Lydia Jazmine is releasing her first album, The One and Only. As Lydia explains in this episode, few Ugandans make albums because their country's copyright laws are either not enforced or do not protect them, but artists like her are trying to change this.

She shares her favourite tracks from the album including Stutter, which features Blu 3, a trio of Ugandan female singers who inspired Lydia Jazmine as a teenager.

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SUN 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz7v4z)

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SUN 00:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct6rmt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]

SUN 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjwjky6fc)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 00:32 The Documentary (w3ct7y7x)

The battle for Bangladesh: Eye Investigations

In July 2024 Bangladesh was rocked by protests. They were sparked by anger at widespread corruption, and the reinstatement of a quota system that reserved 30 percent of civil service jobs for families of war veterans. An estimated 1,400 people were killed in the protests, which led to Bangladesh's leader of 15 years, Sheikh Hasina, fleeing the country.

After months of painstaking investigation, BBC Eye can now reveal how the police response to the protest unfolded, and has verified a leaked audio recording in which Sheikh Hasina is heard authorising her security services to use lethal weapons against the protestors.

We follow the story of one young man in particular, struggling to find justice for his 19-year-old brother who was among those

Reporters: Riddhi Jha and Christopher Giles Researcher: Rafid Hossain

Produced by Louise Hidalgo, Ivana Davidovic and Harriet Shawcross Editor: Rebecca Henschke Executive producer: Job Rabkin

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SUN 01:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct7zqq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

SUN 01:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct7zrw) The first Women's Euros

Between 1982 and 1984, UEFA held the first European Competition for Women's Football.

Sixteen teams battled it out across Europe.

The final was between Sweden and England.

Rachel Naylor spoke to the Swedish captain Anette Börjesson

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 F1FA computer game was created.

(Photo: Anette Börjesson (left) shakes hands with England captain Carol Thomas before the second leg of the 1984 final in Luton. Credit: Empics / Peter Robinson)

SUN 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz82n7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5l0d7gnm)

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SUN 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjwjkyfxm)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 02:32 Health Check (w3ct6vjl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:32 on Saturday]

SUN 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz86dc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 03:06 The Forum (w3ct712t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz8b4h)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct6trq) Syria's sectarian faultlines

Max Pearson introduces stories from Syria, Mexico, USA and Pakistan.

Sectarian violence has erupted again in Syria, this time between Druze and Bedouin communities, leaving hundreds of people dead. The country's interim president, Ahmed al-Sharaa, blamed the violence on 'outlawed factions' and has vowed to protect the Druze. Though as Jon Donnison heard in the Druzemajority town of Suweida, locals are also blaming government forces for the violence.

A severe drought has been affecting large areas of Northern Mexico and Texas, which has led to growing cross-border tensions over access to water. Will Grant reports from the northern Mexican state of Chihuahua.

Donald Trump's immigration crackdown has taken a much more assertive approach than many expected. Sophie Williams visited a guest house in Queens, New York where she met Chinese asvlum seekers worried about what might happen next.

And in the Pakistan province of Punjab, authorities have launched a crackdown against people keeping big cats like lions and tigers as household pets. The BBC's Pakistan correspondent Azadeh Moshiri joined wildlife rangers on a raid on an illegal bie cat farm.

Bedouin and tribal gunmen keep a position during clashes with Druze fighters in Syria's southern city of Sweida. (Photo by OMAR HAJ KADOUR/AFP via Getty Images)

SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjwjkypdw)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:32 On the Podium (w3ct80jz)

Noemie Fox: Paddling out of the shadows

Noemie Fox grew up in a family of canoeing and kayaking champions, but she didn't believe she could become one herself. She struggled to master the skills that seemed to come naturally to her relatives, and felt like she didn't have what it took to reach the top.

Then, in her mid-20s, things began to change. With the addition of the chaotic, high-intensity discipline of kayak cross to the Olympic programme in Paris, Noemie seized her opportunity to finally step into the spotlight. But when the draw for her first race at the Games was made, she discovered she'd be lining up against the most decorated canoe slalom racer in Olympic history: her own sister, Jess.

Eliza Skinner and Ed Harry hear from Noemie about what it's like to grow up surrounded by sporting success, what drove her on to overcome her doubts, and why the support of her family has been crucial to her success. She also shares her thoughts about what comes next - and why a gesture from a Sydney zoo might be an even bigger honour than making Olympic history.

On the Podium is the podcast that sits down with Olympic and Paralympic medallists to discover the real stories behind their success. Pole vault pioneer Stacy Dragila talks about her battle to get her sport on the Olympic programme, and triathlete Jess Learmonth reveals what led her back to sport after walking away as a teenager. Basketball champion Breanna Stewart and shot-putter Raven Saunders explain why they use the platform sport gives them to act as advocates. Swimmer Anastasia Pagonis and rower Brigit Skarstein share how sport helped them rebuild their futures after life-changing events, while Markus Rogan and Maarten van der Weijden talk about the lives they have found after leaving competition behind. Multi-sport stars like Oksana Masters and Jana Pittman reveal what it's like to compete at both the summer and winter Games. There's stories of memorable victories, like the moment high jump champion Gianmarco Tamberi chose to share his gold medal, and Shaunae Miller-Uibo putting everything on the line to reach the top step of the podium. Plus, the triumphs nobody predicted, including Molly Seidel's shock marathon bronze, and the day Anna Kiesenhofer rode away from cycling's biggest names to claim gold in Tokyo.

SUN 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz8fwm)

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SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5l0d7tx0)

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SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjwjkyt50)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct7y7x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:32 today]

SUN 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz8kmr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 06:06 Weekend (w172zw85x1mj4bq)

Israel resumes aid airdrops into Gaza

The Israeli military says it is resuming airdrops of aid to Gaza. It also says humanitarian corridors will be established to allow the safe movement of UN convoys to deliver food and medicine.

Also in the programme: Ukrainian parliament is due to debate a new bill by President Zelensky that guarantees the independence of the anti-corruption authorities. We'll discuss why his initial proposal led to protests at home and criticism abroad with Andrii Borovyk, Ukraine executive director for Transparency International, the global anti-corruption charity; and, we look back on the legacy of the Lebanese composer and playwright, Ziad Rahbani.

Presenter Julian Worricker is joined by Katja Hoyer, a German -British historian and writer in Norwich and Mark Kersten, Assistant Professor of Human rights, law and international justice at the University of the Fraser Valley, in Canada.

(Photo: Palestinians wait to receive food from a charity kitchen, amid a hunger crisis, in Gaza City, July 26, 2025. Reuters /Mahmoud Issa)

SUN 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz8pcw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 07:06 Weekend (w172zw85x1mj82v)

US President Tump to meet EU Chief Ursula Von der Leyen

The European Commission president, Ursula Von der Leyen, is in Scotland for trade talks with Donald Trump.

Also in the programme: Israeli military says humanitarian corridors will be opened in Gaza to allow UN convoys to deliver food and medicines. Mohammed Mansour, a senior nutrition manager with the International Rescue Committee in Gaza Cit,y talks about how the hunger situation continues to worsen, and we hear from proud Slovenians as 26-year-old Tadej Pogacar is set to win the fourth Tour de France.

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(Photo: US President Donald Trump attends a bilateral meeting with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen during the 50th World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland, 21 January, 2020. Credit: Jonathan Ernst/Reuters)

SUN 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz8t40)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 08:06 Weekend (w172zw85x1mjctz)

Israel announces 'tactical pause' to fighting in parts of Gaza and says it will open aid corridors

Israel announces a "tactical pause" in parts of Gaza and says it will open aid corridors. Antoine Renard, head of UN's World Food Programme for its operations in Gaza tells the programme that the move is "long overdue".

Also on the programme: One of Haiti's most iconic hotels has been destroyed by gang violence. The Hotel Olofson inspired popular culture and its owner Richard Morse reminisces about its past and talks about its significance - historical and cultural; and, football fans wait excitedly as Women's Euro final sees England take on world champions Spain in a rematch of the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup Final.

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Photo: Palestinians carry aid supplies that entered Gaza through Israel, in Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip, July 27, 2025. Reuters/Dawoud Abu Alkas

SUN 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz8xw4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN **09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct6trq)**[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today]

SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjwjkz94j)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:32 The Food Chain (w3ct70yq)

India's caste system and food

Something as simple as sharing a meal or utensils can carry social stigma for the millions born into the bottom of India's caste system, a social structure that divides people into different groups.

In this programme Devina Gupta explores the foods of the Dalit community, historically considered at the very bottom of the caste system. She hears how many dishes evolved from necessity, due to low incomes and lack of available food and speaks to people looking to record and share these dishes with future generations.

Devina meets people who identify as Dalit to talk about the discrimination they have experienced in their communities and workplaces as a result of their family's social status, and how it can be particularly hard to find work in the food industry.

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

Producer Beatrice Pickup.

(Image: some foraged green leaves being washed in a bowl of water. Credit: BBC)

SUN~10:00~BBC~News~(w172zwwqfsz91m8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct6xxt) Being better citizens

Citizenship is a kind of social contract that exists in democracies. To function effectively, members of society need to feel like they can engage with and improve their communities. We take a look at two projects helping people do just that in Portugal. We explore a scheme that has helped 30,000 teenagers team up with politicians to transform their local areas. And we hear how another project has enlisted older people in society to train as agents in disaster prevention and spread their knowledge in the wider community.

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what you think and to hear about your own solutions. You can contact us on WhatsApp by messaging +44 8000 321721 or email peoplefixingtheworld@bbc.co.uk. And please leave us a review on your chosen podcast provider.

Presenter: Myra Anubi Reporter: Alison Roberts Producer: Claire Bates Editor: Jon Bithrey Sound mix: Hal Haines

(Image: Students at a school in Portugal take part in a MyPolis

session, MyPolis)

SUN 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjwjkzdwn)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct70t6)

The shooting of India's biggest hip hop star

Sidhu Moose Wala was one of the most famous Punjabi rappers in the world. A devout Sikh, he wore a turban and prided himself on his farming roots. But he also rapped about money, power, criminality and guns. Only hours after his death, a man came forward to claim responsibility for his killing, which left people all over the world wondering: why? Ishleen Kaur has been investigating the killing for season 8 of World of Secrets podcast. It took her into a world of music, and eanesters.

Season 8 of World of Secrets, The Killing Call, is a BBC Eye investigation for the BBC World Service. To hear more episodes, search for World of Secrets wherever you get your BBC podcasts.

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.

Presented by Faranak Amidi. Produced by Caroline Ferguson and Alice Gioia. This is an EcoAudio certified production.

(Photo: Faranak Amidi. Credit: Tricia Yourkevich.)

SUN 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz95cd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5l0d8kcs)

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SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjwjkzjms)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct7zqq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct6vz4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

SUN 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz993j)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct6rmt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]

SUN 12:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjwjkzncx)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:32 Assignment (w3ct6rbs)

Vancouver's mental health crisis

On 26 April, this year, 11 people were killed after a car was driven into a crowd at a street festival in Vancouver. Dozens more were injured, making it the deadliest attack in the city's history. The youngest victim was just five years old.

The accused, 30-year-old Adam Kai-Ji Lo, remains in custody while facing numerous charges of second-degree murder. Shortly after the attack, authorities confirmed that he was 'being supervised under the Mental Health Act' at the time of the attack.

This case has sparked a conversation that was already bubbling under the surface about mental health and the way it is dealt with – or not - in the city.

April's attack was not the first time a random act of violence had occurred in the city, where the suspect was being treated for mental health issues. A report into a triple stabbing at a festival in Vancouver's Chinatown last year said the man accused of the crimes had been released by a psychiatric care facility 99 times in the year prior without incident.

Sam Gruet travels to Vancouver, British Columbia to ask if the city and wider province, is facing a mental health crisis, exploring how a mixture of cuts and a worsening opioid crisis has led some to call for drastic action.

Producer: Megan Lawton Sound engineer: Neil Churchill Production co-ordinator: Gemma Ashman Editor: Penny Murphy

(Photo: Candles placed on 41st and Fraser in Vancouver the day after a man drove a car into a crowd during the Lapu Lapu Festival. Credit: Don MacKinnon/AFP/Getty Images)

SUN 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz9dvn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 13:06 Newshour (w172zss5mqhfkf8)

Aid trucks enter Gaza amid widespread hunger

Israel says it's opening limited aid corridors to allow in food and medicine, as Gazan medical officials say at least nine people were killed in Israeli fire while awaiting an aid convoy. We hear from a humanitarian worker in the north of the strip. Also on the programme: Sudan's paramilitary Rapid Support Forces announce they're forming a government; and Spain faces England in the final of the women's Euro 2025 soccer.(Photo: Egyptian Red Crescent lorries with humanitarian aid, bound for the Gaza Strip, amid the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas, at the Rafah border crossing, in Egypt, in this handout image released July 27, 2025. Credit: Egyptian Red Crescent/Handout via REUTERS)

SUN 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz9ils)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:06 The Climate Question (w3ct7024)

How do we save the world's small islands?

From coral reefs and mangroves to raising the land itself, how small island nations are using natural and innovative techniques to adapt to rising sea levels and extreme weather events linked to climate change.

Jordan Dunbar chats to Tina Stege, climate envoy for the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Dr. Rosanne Martyr, senior scientist on coastal vulnerability and adaptation, Climate Analytics.

Plus, Anna Holligan, the BBC's correspondent in The Hague, has the latest on a landmark climate case brought by Pacific Islanders at the International Court of Justice.

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

Presenter: Jordan Dunbar Producer: Diane Richardson

Production Co-Ordinator: Brenda Brown Sound Engineers: Tom Brignell, Rohan Madison and Frank

McWeeny

Editor: Simon Watts

SUN 14:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjwjkzww5)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:32 Happy News (w3ct6tyj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:32 on Saturday]

SUN 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz9nbx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 15:06 Sportsworld (w172ztqt3v81p63)

Live Sporting Action

Isaac Fanin presents build up to the final of the Women's European Championship and rounds up the day's sports news, including Formula 1's Belgian Grand Prix, the final stage of the Tour de France, and the latest from the fourth cricket Test between England and India at Old Trafford.

The Sportsworld team will also reflect on the final of the Women's Africa Cup of Nations in Morocco.

Image: General view inside the stadium during the UEFA Women's EURO 2025 Group D match between Netherlands

and France at St. Jakob-Park on July 13, 2025 in Basel, Switzerland. (Photo by Fran Santiago - UEFA/UEFA via Getty Images)

SUN 16:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz9s31)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 16:06 Not by the Playbook (w3ct7z0j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Saturday]

SUN 17:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfsz9wv5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 17:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct6trq) [Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today]

SUN 17:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjwjl083k)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 17:32 The Food Chain (w3ct70yq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 today]

SUN 18:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfszb0l9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 18:06 The Forum (w3ct712t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

SUN 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfszb4bf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5l0d9jbt)

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SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjwjl0hlt)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:32 In the Studio (w3ct6vtm)

Wynton Marsalis: The sound of democracy

An exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the work of Pulitzer Prize-winning jazz trumpeter and bandleader Wynton Marsalis, one of America's greatest living musicians. How does a great artist pass on the lessons and traditions of their culture to the next generation? We follow Wynton and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra as they prepare for the international premiere of Wynton's Democracy! Suite.

Presenter: Leo Hornak

An Ictus Media production for BBC World Service

(Image: Wynton Marsalis. Credit: Jazz at Lincoln Center)

SUN 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfszb82k)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct72w9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 on Saturday]

SUN 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfszbctp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 21:06 Newshour (w172zss5mqhgjd9)

Israel allows aid to enter Gaza by road and in airdrops

Desperately needed aid has been trickling into Gaza after international outrage over starving Palestinians led to Israel easing its blockade and military operations. We will hear from a former Israeli Prime Minister - and talking to an Israeli philosopher about the impact of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza on Israeli public opinion.

Also in the programme: The US and EU have agreed a trade deal which will see a blanket US tariff of 15 percent on imports from the bloc; England have retained the Women's European Championship title after a nail biting penalty victory over Spain in the final; and concern in the fashion industry after an advert in Vogue uses AI models.

(Photo: Internally displaced Palestinians carry bags of flour near a food distribution point in Zikim, northern Gaza Strip, 27 July 2025. Credit: Mohammed Saber / EPA / Shutterstock)

SUN 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfszbhkt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:06 The Climate Question (w3ct7024)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 today]

SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjwjl0vv6)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:32 Pick of the World (w3ct7z51)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

SUN 22:50 Over to You (w3ct6xvk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

SUN 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfszbm9y)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5l0db0bb)

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SUN 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjwjl0zlb)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct70t6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:32 today]

MONDAY 28 JULY 2025

MON 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwqfszbr22)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON **00:06** From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct6trq) [Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxjwjl13bg) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 00:32 Science In Action (w3ct6yfm)

Discovering Betelgeuse's Betelbuddy

Have we found Betelgeuse's 'Betelbuddy?' An astronomical mystery seems to be solved as the long-predicted stellar companion to the bright star Betelgeuse has been detected by a team of researchers led by Steve Howell of the NASA Ames Research Center using the Gemini North telescope in Hawaii. Steve discusses this breakthrough alongside astronomer Andrea Dupree of the Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, who has discussed the predictions of this star on previous Science in Action programmes.

Malaria is a mosquito-borne disease caused by the parasite plasmodium that kills more than half a million people each year. George Dimopoulos of the Johns Hopkins Malaria Research Institute is using gene editing and gene drive technology to target the parasites as they develop in the guts of mosquito. Can this new method disrupt the malaria parasite life cycle safely and sustainably?

Our gut microbiomes are linked to our brains, but how can the bacteria in our colon communicate with our nervous system? M. Maya Kaelberer of the University of Arizona explains this neurobiotic sense, suggesting that the microbes in our large intestine communicate with specialised sensory cells in the gut. These cells send signals up to our brain and regulate our appetite. So, who really decides when you're hungry? Is it you, or is it your microbiome?

Presenter: Roland Pease

Producer: Imaan Moin with Alex Mansfield Production Coordinator: Jana Bennet-Holesworth

(Image: Betelgeuse and Its Stellar Companion in Orion. Credit: International Gemini Observatory/NOIRLab/NSF/AURA Image Processing: M. Zamani (NSF NOIRLab))

MON 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28gq2c)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 01:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pg32r)

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MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7sw52br)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 01:32 Discovery (w3ct6sw6)

Tooth and Claw: Leopards

Investigating an elusive big cat known for its excellent tree climbing abilities - the leopard! This master of camouflage is found from the south of Africa to the far east of Asia – a spotted predator that stalks and ambushes its prey!

Presenter Adam Hart will investigate their relationships with tigers and lions, as well as learning about a recent discovery that leopards each have their own unique roar. He'll also discuss the future of the Arabian leopard and the potential for a reintroduction to Saudi Arabia, and find out about the role of synthetic fur capes known as 'Heritage Furs' in leopard

Contributors:

Dr. Gareth Mann, who is based in South Africa, is Leopard Program Director for Panthera, the global wild cat conservation organisation.

Dr. Charlotte Searle, postdoctoral researcher and conservationist based in Tanzania, who is associated with the Wildlife Conservation Research Unit at the University of Oxford.

Presenter: Professor Adam Hart Producer: Jonathan Blackwell

Photo: Leopard in tree

Credit: Valentin Wolf via Getty Images

MON 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28gtth)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pg6tw)

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MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7sw562w)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 02:32 CrowdScience (w3ct6ssy)

Could technology improve our brains?

What comes to mind when you imagine the future of humanity? Could a computer make your mind more efficient? Enhance your cognition? Or cure a disorder you've been grappling with all your life? CrowdScience listener Mariana from Mexico hopes that one day technology will be able to help improve our

Presenter Alex Lathbridge seeks out some of these brain boosters, exploring emerging technologies in deep brain stimulation at City St George's University of London in the UK. Professor Francesca Morgante and Dr Lucia Ricciard explain how they're using technology to treat Parkinson's.

And could brain technology help with even the most enigmatic elements of our minds? Dr Robert Hampson at Wake Forest University in the USA takes us through his research in restoring memory impairment.

Along the way we interrogate the ethical implications of the breakneck speed of progress in brain augmentation research with researcher Anders Sandberg from the Institute of Future Studies in Sweden.

Presenter: Alex Lathbridge Producer: Emily Bird Series Producer: Ben Motley

MON 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28gykm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 03:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct6xxt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7sw59v0)

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MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pggb4)

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MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7sw5fl4)

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MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct708y)

Women tracking wolves

Two women from Italy and the US tell Datshiane Navanayagam about following the movements of growing wolf packs in Yellowstone National Park and the Italian Alps.

Elisa Ramassa started work as a park ranger in Italy's Gran Bosco di Salbertrand, near Turin, in 1997. That same year the park recorded the first sightings of a wolf pack. They'd been extinct in the Italian Alps since the 1920s. She's spent the whole of her career tracking the local wolves, observing pack behaviour and family structures, while watching the population re-establish itself.

Erin Stahler is a biological science technician and the programme manager for the Yellowstone Wolf Project. Wolves were reintroduced to the park in 1995 and there's now 10 packs making up a steady population of around 100 wolves. She says the wide open spaces of Yellowstone National Park make it a perfect place for studying the fascinating behaviour of wolves.

Produced by Jane Thurlow

(Image: (L) Elisa Ramassa courtesy Elisa Ramassa. (R) Erin Stahler credit NPS.)

MON 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28h61w)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 05:06 Newsday (w172zspq9jpfl2g)

More than 100 lorries with aid supplies sent to Gaza

More than 100 lorries with aid supplies have been sent to Gaza after Israel eased restrictions. Aid agencies say a huge amount of food is still needed to prevent famine. We speak to an American doctor who has been working in Gaza.

The United States and European Union have agreed a trade deal, preventing a potentially damaging transatlantic trade war. We hear what impact the agreement could have on US and European businesses.

The prime ministers of Thailand and Cambodia are due to take part in peace talks in Malaysia to find a way to end the heaviest fighting between the neighbours in over a decade. We get the latest on efforts to end the five-day conflict.

And, England made it back to back titles as they overcame the team that beat them at the World Cup, Spain, to remain Women's European champions.

(Photo: Internally displaced Palestinians in Zikim, northern Gaza Strip, 27 July 2025; Credit: EPA/Shutterstock)

MON 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28h9t0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 06:06 Newsday (w172zspq9jpfptl)

Humanitarian aid starts to enter Gaza

Some aid has come into Gaza as Israel eased restrictions on Sunday but aid organisations warn the situation remains dire for millions of Palestinians in the territory, especially children who have been facing starvation and malnutrition. We'll be speaking to the spokesperson of Save the Children.

The European Union and the US have reached a trade deal framework, ending a months long standoff between the two sides; both sides have hailed it as a victory, but who's come out on too?

Greece continues to battle huge wildfires across the country amid a severe heatwave. We'll be getting the latest from our reporter in the capital, Athens.

(Photo: Internally displaced Palestinians, Zikim, northern Gaza Strip, 27 July 2025; Credit: EPA/Shutterstock)

MON 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28hfk4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 07:06 Newsday (w172zspq9jpftkq)

Israel allows aid into Gaza

More than a hundred lorries with aid supplies have been sent to Gaza after Israel eased restrictions. Aid agencies say a huge amount of food is still needed to prevent famine. We'll speak to a senior official from the World Food Programme.

The United States and European Union have agreed a trade deal, preventing a potentially damaging transatlantic trade war. We'll hear what impact it could have on US and European businesses.

The American musician and satirist, Tom Lehrer, has died at the age of 97. We'll get the thoughts of a writer who met the comic legend.

And England made it back to back titles as they overcame the team that beat them at the World Cup, Spain, to remain Women's European champion.

(Photo: Internally displaced Palestinians, Zikim, northern Gaza Strip, 27 July 2025; Credit: EPA/Shutterstock)

MON 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28hk98)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 08:06 The Interview (w3ct7wzw)

Sergei Tikhanovsky: Belarus will be free

Sarah Rainsford speaks to Belarussian opposition activist Sergei Tikhanovsky about his imprisonment after challenging the country's authoritarian leader, President Lukashenko.

He spent five years of solitary confinement in a high security prison in Belarus before being unexpectedly released this year, following a meeting between Lukashenko and an American special envoy.

Tikhanovsky had planned to run against the Belarussian leader in the 2020 presidential election, but was detained before the vote.

A year later, he was sentenced to serve 18 years in prison, convicted on charges of organising mass protests against President Lukashenko. His trial was condemned as a sham by international observers.

Tikhanovsky's wife, Svetlana, stood in for him in the 2020 election. But the day after Lukashenko claimed a disputed victory, she fled to Lithuania with her children fearing for her safety. In her absence, she was convicted by a Belarussian court on charges including high-treason and conspiracy to seize power.

Tikhanovsky is now reunited with his family in Lithuania, where he is living in enforced exile following his release from prison.

Thank you to Sarah Rainsford, Davide Ghiglione and Franceso Tosto for their help in making this programme.

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(Image: Sergei Tikhanovsky. Credit: Valda Kalnina/EPA-EFE/Shutterstock)

MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7sw5xkn)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON **08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6rxw)** What next after India's sandal scandal?

When Italian luxury brand Prada showcased leather sandals that looked a lot like India's traditional Kolhapuri chappals, and didn't credit their roots, it sparked a debate over fair pay and recognition for local artisans.

The company has since tried to make amends and has been

speaking to local producers.

We travel to Kolhapur, where these sandals are made to explore what this example means for the economics of luxury fashion.

Presenter: Devina Gupta Producer: Andrew Clarence

(Image: A shopkeeper shows a pair of Kolhapuri chappals displayed for sale at a street side shop in Maharashtra, India. Credit: Getty Images)

MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct746c)

The Russian revolutionaries nearly stranded in London

In 1907, the men who would go on to lead the Russian Revolution met in London for a crucial congress.

But the revolutionaries – including Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin, and Leon Trotsky – were nearly stranded after running out of funds.

The late British journalist Henry Brailsford played a key role in securing their fare home.

In 1947, he told the BBC how the meeting marked a point of no return for the party's two warring factions – the Bolsheviks and the Mensheviks – and ultimately led to the creation of the communist party.

Produced and presented by Vicky Farncombe.

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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.

(Photo: A group of revolutionaries including Bolshevik leader Vladimir Lenin (centre) and Menshevik leader Julius Martov (on his right). Credit: Getty Images)

MON 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28hp1d)

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MON 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8ph21s)

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MON 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7sw619s)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 09:32 CrowdScience (w3ct6ssy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

MON 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28hssj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct71w1)

Saxophone diplomacy and bulletproof vests

Max Pearson presents a collection of the week's Witness History interviews from the BBC World Service. Our guest is Dr Natalia Grincheva, an expert in cultural diplomacy from Lasalle, University of the Arts in Singapore.

We start by hearing about when US president Bill Clinton was presented with a saxophone on a 1994 visit to Prague and he and the Czech president Vaclav Havel performed together on stage.

Then, India's first female anthropologist, Irawati Karve.

Twenty years on, the cousin of John Charles de Menezes, describes the day the unarmed Brazilian man was shot dead by anti-terrorism police in London. Plus, the discovery of the super-strong fibre Kevlar in 1965 which was used in bulletproof vests.

And finally, 50 years on from the premiere of the Broadway hit A Chorus Line, an original cast member shares her memories.

Contributors:

Urmilla Deshpande - granddaughter of Irawati Karve.

Patricia da Silva - cousin of Jean Charles de Menezes.

Baayork Lee - Connie in A Chorus Line

Plus, archive recording of Stephanie Kwolek, and material from the Vaclav Havel Center and the William J Clinton Presidential Library.

(Photo: President Bill Clinton accepts a saxophone as a gift from a Belgian delegation in 1994. Credit: Luke Frazza/AFP via Getty Images)

MON 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28hxjn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8ph9k1)

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MON 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7sw68t1)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 11:32 The Conversation (w3ct708y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

MON 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28j18s)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6wpx)

My way out of the woods

A corporate high-flyer ended up living in a forest after a spiral of debt, shame and secrecy.

After avoiding a mounting debt to his landlord, Australian Mic Whitty's life started to crumble. Instead of facing his responsibilities, he tried to gamble and steal money to better his fortunes. As his mental health deteriorated, wracked by guilt and shame, he was determined to pay everyone back. Then he disappeared from his old life and ended up homeless, living in a forest. Through a stroke of luck, a kind librarian, and a 100-year-old war diary with a bullet hole in it, Mic would emerge from the woods with a new purpose and a shot at redemption.

This programme contains references to suicide

If you've been affected by any of the issues raised in this episode, you can find support at befrienders.org

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Producers: Edgar Maddicott and Elena Angelides

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(Photo: Mic Whitty. Credit: Dennis Farrell)

MON 12:50 Witness History (w3ct746c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

MON 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28j50x)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8phk19)

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MON 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7sw6j99)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 13:32 CrowdScience (w3ct6ssy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

MON 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28j8s1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 14:06 Newshour (w172zss5zzsnfbn)

More than 100 trucks of aid sent to Gaza

More aid trucks have been seen crossing into Gaza where Israel has eased its blockade and military operations under intense international pressure, but humanitarian organisations have warned that the supplies are nowhere near enough to ease the hunger crisis gripping the Palestinian territory.

Also in the programme: as France describes the European Union's trade deal with the US as "submission", the EU's top negotiator tries to make the case for the deal; and Google admits its earthquake warning system failed to alert millions of people in Turkey before the devastation of 2023.

(Photo shows trucks carrying aid lining up near the Rafah border crossing between Egypt and the Gaza Strip on 28 July 2025. Credit: Reuters)

MON 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28jdj5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 15:06 The Interview (w3ct7wzw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

MON 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7sw6rsk)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct76qs)

US-EU trade agreement - what's at stake?

The US and EU have struck a new trade agreement, easing tensions over tariffs.

Rahul Tandon explores what this breakthrough means for key

We hear from Karin Karlsbro of the European Parliament's Trade Committee and Hildegard Müller, President of the German Automotive Industry Association as well as Tomas Philipson who served as the Acting Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers in the First Trump administration.

MON 16:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28jj89)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 16:06 BBC OS (w173067w72nldd8)

Trump says there is 'real starvation' in Gaza

President Trump has admitted there's "real starvation" in Gaza and said Israel bore a responsibility for the delivery of aid into the territory. We speak to residents in Gaza where Israel has paused military operations to allow more aid in. The Hamas-run health ministry in Gaza say 14 more people have died of malnutrition.

We discuss the surge in popularity as well as challenges of women's football, after England retained their European Championship title and Nigeria sealed a record-equalling 10th Africa Cup of Nations title.

Virtual private networks or VPNs have become the most downloaded free apps in the UK after new rules came into force requiring age checks to access pornographic and other adult sites. Our technology reporter explains.

Thailand and Cambodia have agreed to an unconditional ceasefire following five days of fighting. Our regional editor has the details

(Photo: Internally displaced Palestinians carry bags of flour near a food distribution point in Zikim, northern Gaza Strip, 27 July 2025, Credit: MOHAMMED SABER/EPA/Shutterstock)

MON 17:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28jn0f)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 17:06 BBC OS (w173067w72nli4d)

Trump sets new deadline for Putin

President Trump says he's going to give Vladimir Putin a deadline of about 10 or 12 days to make progress on ending Russia's war in Ukraine. He said deadline would be reinforced by sanctions or secondary tariffs. Mr Trump again criticised his Russian counterpart for, as he put it, lobbing missiles into

President Trump has also said there's real starvation in Gaza and Israel bears some responsibility. He's promised additional measures to alleviate Palestinian suffering.

We speak to our correspondents about the developments

We discuss the surge in popularity as well as challenges of women's football, after England retained their European Championship title and Nigeria sealed a record-equalling 10th Africa Cup of Nations title

For the first time in its history, the Catholic church is holding a conference about the role of social media as a platform for faith. Hundred of priests, friars and Catholic influencers from all over the world are meeting in Rome today and tomorrow to talk about "digital missionary work". We speak to two influencers who are at the conference in Rome.

(Photo: U.S. President Donald Trump and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer hold a bilateral meeting at Trump Turnberry golf course in Turnberry, Scotland, Britain, July 28, 2025. Credit: Evelyn Hockstein/Reuters)

MON 18:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28jrrk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6wpx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

MON 18:50 Witness History (w3ct746c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

MON 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28iwhp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pj8j2)

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MON 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7sw77s2)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6z57)

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

MON 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28k07t)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct6trq) [Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7sw7ci6) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct6sw7)

Tooth and Claw: Praying Mantises

Investigating an insect known for eating its prey alive including, at times, its own species - the praying mantis! With bulging eyes and a triangular head, this predator uses it specially adapted front legs to trap its prey.

Able to predate animals of a size much larger than themselves. including birds, lizards and even fish, presenter Adam Hart hears about their cultural significance to human populations all around the world, as well as addressing their reputation for sexual cannibalism. We also hear about their biomaterial qualities and potential importance in agriculture, and also look into a parasitic relationship the praying mantis has with a worm in South America which has given them the name 'the mother of snakes'

Dr. Julio Rivera, entomologist and researcher at the Université de Montréal in Canada and research associate at the Montréal

Dr. Bianca Greyvenstein, postdoctoral fellow at North-West University in Potchefstroom and an expert in the praying mantises of South Africa.

Presenter: Professor Adam Hart Producer: Jonathan Blackwell

(Photo: Praying Mantis, Credit: Paul Starosta via Getty Images)

MON 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28k3zy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 21:06 Newshour (w172zss5zzsp8kk)

Trump: Gaza starvation is not 'fake'

President Trump said there is 'real starvation' in Gaza that cannot be 'faked', contradicting claims by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that reports starvation in the territory was exaggerated. We hear from the Doctors Without Borders on the ground in Gaza city, and one of the first Israeli rights groups to label Israel's campaign in Gaza 'genocide'.

Also in the program: Thailand and Cambodia announce an immediate ceasefire after days of border clashes, and the Shaolin Temple's chief monk is stripped of his position after accusations of embezzlement and breaking his vows of

Picture: A Palestinian child suffering from malnutrition receives treatment at a healthcare center, amid widespread hunger, as the conflict between Israel and Hamas continues, in Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip March 4, 2024 REUTERS/Mohammed Salem

MON 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28k7r2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 22:06 The Interview (w3ct7wzw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

MON 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7sw7m0g)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 22:32 The Conversation (w3ct708y)

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MON 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28kch6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pjrhl)

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MON 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7sw7qrl)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct76t1)

Withdrawing EU tariff retaliation plan a 'mistake': former EU

European exports to the U.S. are about to face a steep 15% tariff—while American goods heading to Europe will face a zero tariff rate. Is this a one-sided deal? We speak to former EU Trade Commissioner, Cecilia Malmstrom.

We also get perspectives from both sides of the Atlantic: an Irish pub landlord in Chicago who imports alcohol, and the CEO of the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, who's focused on exports.

Plus, Sam Fenwick explores the global surge in popularity for women's football and what it means for the future of the sport.

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TUE 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28kh7b)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct71w1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28klzg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 01:06 Business Matters (w172zrs5zklkrgm)

US-EU trade deal: A mixed industry response

European exports to the U.S. are about to face a steep 15%tariff-while American goods heading to Europe will face a zero tariff rate. We hear from the alcohol and automobile industries affected by these tariffs and why the former EU Trade Commissioner has called the deal 'a mistake'.

Plus, Sam Fenwick explores the global surge in popularity for women's football and what it means for the future of the sport.

Throughout the program, Sam will be joined by two guests on opposite sides of the world—Peter Morici, economist and Professor of Business at the University of Maryland in the United States and Business Consultant Jessica Khine in Malaysia.

TUE 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28kqql)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pk3qz)

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TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7sw82zz)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:32 Assignment (w3ct6rbt)

Can Greenland go it alone?

Until this year Greenland rarely made the international news and probably only the islanders themselves took much time to contemplate their future. But then US President Donald Trump said he wanted to annexe it for its strategic position and mineral wealth. So the question has become a lot more pressing. With a population of just over 55,000, the biggest island in the world has its own parliament, but foreign policy is controlled by Denmark, something many residents are unhappy about.

Denmark subsidises Greenland to the tune of around \$10 000 per person per year. On an island where fishing is the primary source of income, independence would mean either increasing tourism or allowing the mining of minerals like rare earth metals. However the islanders have always favoured strict environmental controls when it comes to mining and it's expensive for tourists. Hedi Nermin Aziz travels from Denmark to Greenland and talks to politicians, musicians and influencers about Greenland's Innuit identity and to find out if it can and should go it alone.

Producer: Bob Howard Studio Manager: Neil Churchill Production Coordinator: Gemma Ashman Editor: Penny Murphy

(Image: Aka Niviâna is a Greenlandic actor, artist and poet. Credit: BBC/Bob Howard)

TUE 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28kvgq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service

TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6wpx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Monday]

TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct746c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28kz6v)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pkc77)

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TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7sw8bh7)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct6vtn)

Marina Tabassum: Designing London's Serpentine Pavilion

Bangladeshi architect Marina Tabassum won the commission to create the 25th Serpentine Pavilion - a temporary summer structure for London's Kensington Gardens. A meeting place in the Royal Parks, A Capsule in Time will also be used for literary and musical events. The arched wooden structure's translucent panels allow dappled light through, like the South Asian Shamiyana awnings which inspired Tabassum's design. The side panels move along tracks to change the shape of the space, and at its centre there is a gingko tree, which will be replanted at the end of summer. Marina talks to Erika Wright about how she wanted make a space for the diverse people who use the parks in the summer.

TUE 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt2812vz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 05:06 Newsday (w172zspq9jpjgzk)

Thailand's army accuses Cambodia of violating ceasefire

Thailand's army has accused Cambodia of violating a ceasefire, after the two countries agreed to an 'immediate and unconditional' truce following peace talks on Monday

The former Colombian president Alvaro Uribe faces up to twelve years in prison after being found guilty of witness tampering. He was accused of colluding with right-wing paramilitaries when he was in power.

And, we'll hear from a mother of two in Gaza about the availability of food after more aid was allowed in. Donald Trump has spoken of 'real starvation' among Palestinian children, contradicting the Israeli leader who said there was no starvation in Gaza.

(Photo: Cambodia's PM Hun Manet (L), Thailand's acting PM Phumtham Wechayachai (R) and Malaysia's PM Anwar Ibrahim (C), Malaysia, 28 July 2025; Credit: EPA/Shutterstock)

TUE 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28l6q3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 06:06 Newsday (w172zspq9jpjlqp)

Thirty dead in Beijing following severe flooding

At least 30 people have died on the outskirts of Beijing as a result of severe flooding. About one-hundred-and-thirty villages have been left without electricity. We hear from the Chinese

More aid and supplies are airdropped into Gaza as humanitarian organisations warn of worsening conditions and these drops won't be enough. We have a report from our international editor who has been on one of the flight deliveries.

And, we head to Greenland to hear how those who support independence from Denmark are hoping to fund their dream.

(Photo: Four men look at a car washed away by flooding in Taishitun, in the district of Miyun, Beijing, China, 29 July 2025, Credit: Andrés Martínez Casares/EPA)

TUE 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28lbg7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 07:06 Newsday (w172zspq9jpjqgt)

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(Photo: Armoured personnel carriers near Thailand-Cambodia's border in Sisaket province, Thailand, 29 July 2025; Credit:

TUE 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28lg6c)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct6xxv)

How seaweed is surprisingly useful

From powering cars to feeding farm animals, how using seaweed more can help the planet. We hear how a local business in Barbados is using sargassum seaweed to power cars. providing an eco-friendly alternative for islanders and potentially helping to clear the beaches of smelly seaweed. Also we visit the European company aiming to replace single-use plastics with seaweed-based packaging. And how feeding seaweed to cattle can dramatically cut emissions of planetwarming methane gas

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(Image: A person holding clumps of dulse seaweed in Canada James MacDonald/Bloomberg)

TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7sw8tgr)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service

TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6s6x)

The Syrian businesses leaving Turkey

Syria remains an unstable country, with outbreaks of deadly violence, yet many refugees in Turkey are still choosing to return home after their brutal dictator Bashar al-Assad was toppled in December.

We're in Little Syria, in Turkey's largest city Istanbul, where lines of Arabic businesses once stood and where the streets are now noticeably quieter. As Syrians return home, what impact is that having on the Turkish economy?

If you'd like to get in touch with the programme, please email businessdaily@bbc.co.uk

Presented and produced by Emily Wither

(Picture: Women pass by Syrian shops at Malta bazaar, with other mainly Syrian shopkeepers at Fatih district in Istanbul Turkey, on the 6th of December 2024, two days before Bashar al-Assad was overthrown. At the time, 500,000 Syrian refugees were living in Istanbul. Credit: Getty Images)

TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct74my)

Eta's assassination of Juan Mari Jáuregui

On 29 July 2000, retired Spanish politician Juan Mari Jáuregui was assassinated by Basque separatists Eta. Deemed a terrorist organisation by the European Union, Eta killed more than 800 people between 1968 and 2010. Its goal was to create an independent Basque state out of territory in south-west France and northern Spain.

Following Jáuregui's murder, his widow Maixabel Lasa worked to help victims of political violence and highlight their suffering, weakening Eta's support. A decade later, she received a message from one of the men involved in Jáuregui's murder. He wanted to meet her and take responsibility for his actions, beginning a remarkable friendship.

In 2011, Eta declared a permanent ceasefire, and formally disbanded in 2018.

Maixabel Lasa speaks to Ben Henderson.

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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: Maixabel Lasa. Credit: Arnaitz Rubio/Europa Press via Getty Images)

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TUE 09:32 Assignment (w3ct6rbt)

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TUE 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28lppm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 10:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct6ztj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

TUE 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28ltfr)

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The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6x4l)

Dancing in the glow of the bomb: life on a nuclear test site

Sisters Teeua Tekonau and Teraabo Pollard spent their childhoods on Kritimati or Christmas Island in the westerncentral Pacific during the 1950s and 60s while the island was being used as the main base for British and American nuclear

It was an exciting time for them as children, but the tests left a legacy. In the years that followed there have been campaigns to recognise links between health problems suffered by the servicemen involved and exposure to the nuclear tests However, the impact of the tests on the indigenous population is less well known. The sisters tell us what they witnessed and how the tests affected them personally.

Part 2

Lizzie Crouch was always an incredibly active person. She loved sport and exercise, but in her 30's found she needed a hip replacement. Her friend the artist Helen Pynor helped her through and together they worked on an art project about attitudes to disability which involved making bone china sculptures.

With thanks to Dr Christopher Hill from the University of South Wales and his research into the impact of Britain's Pacific nuclear testing programme.

Archive sound from Imperial War Museum collection, Operation Grapple 'Y'

Presenter Asya Fouks Producer Julian Siddle

(Image: Bluegill, a high-altitude detonation over Christmas Island during Operation Dominic, 1962. Credit: National Defense Agency, US National Records and Archives Administration)

TUE 12:50 Witness History (w3ct74my)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

TUE 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28m1v0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8plfyd)

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TUE 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7sw9f6d)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 13:32 Discovery (w3ct6sw7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Monday]

TUE 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28m5p4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 14:06 Newshour (w172zss5zzsrb7r)

UN monitoring group warns famine is unfolding in Gaza

The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification has said what it calls "the worse case scenario of famine" is now unfolding in Gaza. The UN's World Food Programme says that the unfolding disaster is reminiscent of famines seen in Ethiopia and Biafra, Nigeria, in the last century.

Also in the programme: Google launches a new AI search tool in the UK; and as England's women's football squad celebrates its triumph at the Euros with an open-top bus parade in central London, we'll look at how the game is growing commercially around the world

(Photo: Palestinians gather to receive food from a charity kitchen. CREDIT: REUTERS/Khamis Al-Rifi)

TUE 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28m9f8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 15:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct6xxv)

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TUE 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7sw9npn)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct766v)

Can the US and China find common ground?

As trade talks continue between the world's two largest economies in Stockholm, Rahul Tandon hears from Xiaofei Xu of the South China Morning Post on what's at stake in the

Plus, the IMF has raised its global growth forecasts for this year and next.

And, the BBC's Shingai Nyoka travels to Lesotho, the tiny African kingdom unexpectedly caught in the crossfire of the US tariff war, now facing a potential 50% duty on its exports to America.

TUE 16:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28mf5d)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 16:06 BBC OS (w173067w72np99c)

Famine 'currently playing out' in Gaza

A UN-backed global hunger monitor has said "the worst case scenario of famine" is now unfolding in Gaza. The IPC's report highlights widespread starvation and malnutrition, with over 20,000 children admitted for treatment by mid-July. Israel continues to deny there's starvation in Gaza. We speak to aid workers in Gaza about the effect they are seeing on children there.

We also walk around the BBC building, speaking to our correspondents, experts and editors about the latest from the war in Ukraine, the floods in China, the wildfires in Turkey, and the latest violence in Nigeria.

Presenter: Pria Rai

Photo: A boy waiting to receive food from a charity kitchen in Gaza City, July 28, 2025. Credit: Reuters/Khamis Al-Rifi

TUE 17:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28mjxj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 17:06 BBC OS (w173067w72npf1h)

Gaza: Your questions answered

A UN-backed global hunger monitor has said "the worst case scenario of famine" is now unfolding in Gaza. The IPC's report highlights widespread starvation and malnutrition, with over 20,000 children admitted for treatment by mid-July. Israel continues to deny there's starvation in Gaza. Our Chief International Correspondent Lyse Doucet will answer your questions about what's happening in Gaza.

We speak to our Global Population Correspondent about how parents in China are being offered 3,600 yuan (\$500) a year for each of their children under three, in the government's first nationwide subsidy aimed at boosting birth rates

And we hear the latest on the floods in China which have killed at least 30 people

Presenter: Pria Rai

Photo: Aid enters Gaza Strip after Israel announces daily pause of hostilities, Zikim - 27 Jul 2025. Credit: EPA/Shutterstock

TUE 18:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28mnnn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6x4l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

TUE 18:50 Witness History (w3ct74my) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

TUE 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28msds)

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TUE 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pm5f5)

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TUE 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swb4p5)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6z9r) 2025/07/29 GMT

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

TUE 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28mx4x)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:06 Assignment (w3ct6rbt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swb8f9)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:32 Tech Life (w3ct6zp1)

Your AI servant

Imagine a world in which AI servants are at your beck and call. They work for you, shop for you, book your travel and help organise your family life. It's called Agentic AI. And it's coming. A senior figure at Amazon tells us how they see AI agents changing our lives.

Also this week on Tech Life: Kenya's plastic waste problem is being turned into a 3D-printed teaching solution. And a charity is helping to save animals from extinction by freezing their

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Presenter: Chris Vallance Producer: Tom Quinn Editor: Monica Soriano

Image: A futuristic illustration of a human head connected to technology by an AI Agent. Credit: MF3d/Getty Images

TUE 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28n0x1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service

TUE 21:06 Newshour (w172zss5zzss5gn)

Britain to recognise a Palestinian state

UK will recognise Palestinian state in September unless Israel agrees to a Gaza ceasefire and other conditions. Israel says the move rewards Hams.

Also in the programme: Ex-Colombian president Álvaro Uribe has been found guilty of witness-tampering; and an Australian woman - Joan Anderson - who went largely uncredited for her leading role in the creation of the hula hoop has died at the age

(Photo: UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer making a statement in Downing Street, London, following a Cabinet meeting to discuss the situation in Gaza. The UK will recognise the state of Palestine in September before the UN General Assembly, unless the Israeli government takes steps to end the "appalling situation" in Gaza, the Prime Minister has told the Cabinet. 29 July 2025. Credit: Toby Melville/PA Wire)

TUE 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28n4n5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 22:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct6xxv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

TUE 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swbhxk)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 22:32 In the Studio (w3ct6vtn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

TUE 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28n8d9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pmndp)

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TUE 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swbmnp)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct76bb)

Will Trump agree to China's tariff truce?

The U.S. and China move to extend their tariff truce, but it all hinges on President Trump's approval. We'll hear from voices inside the negotiations.

In Syria, growing numbers of refugees in Turkey are heading back, despite the risks. We find out what's driving their return.

Plus, Sam Fenwick finds out how natural disasters have cost the world \$131 billion so far this year.

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WED 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28nd4f)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 00:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct6ztj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

WED 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28nhwk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 01:06 Business Matters (w172zrs5zklnncq)

US-China: Tariff Deal or No Deal?

The U.S. and China may extend their tariff truce, but it hinges on Trump's approval. We hear from a former U.S. Ambassador to China and check in with small business owners.

Is Boeing showing signs of recovery? The plane maker narrowed its losses and reported a sharp rise in aircraft deliveries

Plus, Sam Fenwick finds out how natural disasters have cost the world \$131 billion so far this year.

Throughout the program, Sam will be joined by two guests on opposite sides of the world - Takara Small, National Technology Columnist for CBC in Canada and Zyma slam, Senior Reporter for The Daily Star in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

WED 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28nmmp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pn0n2)

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WED 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swbzx2)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 02:32 The Climate Question (w3ct7024)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28nrct)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6x4l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Tuesday]

WED 03:50 Witness History (w3ct74my)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Tuesday]

${\it WED~04:} \textbf{00~BBC~News~(w172zwwqt28nw3y)}$

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pn84b)

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WED 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swc7db)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 04:32 13 Minutes Presents: The Space Shuttle (w3ct80bk)

The Space Shuttle

The Space Shuttle: 2. The greatest test flight

The astronauts count down to flying a brand-new spacecraft for the very first time. If they pull it off, they will earn a place in space history.

The rocket is built. The astronauts are trained. Mission control is ready. Space Shuttle Columbia is about to attempt the unheard of. A crewed test flight.

It's 12 April 1981. The morning of launch for the very first space shuttle mission. The shuttle is sitting on the launchpad at Kennedy Space Center in Florida. And strapped into their seats on the flight deck of orbiter Columbia are commander John Young and pilot Bob Crippen.

Everyone at Nasa has been waiting almost a decade for this day. It's taken an army of designers, engineers, ground crew, flight controllers, and backroom staff to get to this point. To bring this vehicle to life. Will this new machine fly?

This episode contains scenes some listeners may find upsetting.

Some scenes in this series use recreated sound effects.

13 Minutes Presents: The Space Shuttle is a BBC Audio Science Unit production for BBC World Service.

Hosted by space scientist Maggie Aderin-Pocock.

Theme music by Hans Zimmer and Christian Lundberg, and produced by Russell Emanuel, for Bleeding Fingers Music.

Archive:

Launch of STS-1, BBC, ABC News, CBS News, NBC News, 1981

Mission audio and oral histories, Nasa History Office

WED 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28nzw2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 05:06 Newsday (w172zspq9jpmcwn)

8.8 magnitude earthquake off Russia triggers tsunami warnings

A huge 8.8 magnitude earthquake off Russia'a far eastern Kamchatka peninsula has triggered tsunami warnings across large parts of the Pacific region. Tsunami warnings have been issued for Russia, Japan, Hawaii, the West coast of America and Mexico. We go live to Alaska, Hawaii and Japan.

Britain's prime minister, Keir Starmer says he'll recognise Palestinian statehood unless Israel takes measures to end what he called the appalling situation in Gaza. The dramatic shift in policy comes a week after a similar announcement by France. Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the move "rewards Hamas's monstrous terrorism". We speak to an ardent supporter of the State of Israel in the United States.

And Ivory Coast's President Alassane Ouattara has announced he will run for a fourth term in October's election. In a statement, the 83-year-old said his health was not an issue and his candidacy was driven by a need, he said, to "preserve national stability amid ongoing security and economic challenges". Critics say this violates the original two-term limit and undermines constitutional continuity.

Presenters: Andrew Peach and Pria Rai

(Photo: A television screen shows a news report from the Japanese Meteorological Agency following a 8.8 magnitude quake occured off the Kamchatka Peninsula, in Tokyo, Japan. Credit: JIII/EPA).

WED 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28p3m6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 06:06 Newsday (w172zspq9jpmhms)

Widespread tsunami warnings after powerful 8.8 earthquake

A powerful magnitude 8.8 earthquake has struck off Russia's far eastern Kamchatka Peninsula. Tsunami warnings have been issued for Russia, Japan, Hawaii, the West coast of America and Mexico. We hear from a resident in Hawaii.

The Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, has criticised plans by Britain to recognise Palestinian statehood unless Israel reaches a Gaza ceasefire before September. He said doing so would be a reward for Hamas and would mean the anneasement

of jihadists. We speak to the Palestinian Ambassador to Denmark to get his reaction to the news. And hear from Ehud Olmert, former Prime Minister of Israel.

We return to the war in Sudan and the city of El-Fasher in Darfur, which has been under siege for more than a year by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces. We hear from the UNHCR refugee agency that has been in touch with people in the city.

Presenters: Andrew Peach and Pria Rai

(Photo:People watch the coastal area from Hiyoriyama Park after Japan issued evacuation alert following major quake in Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula that triggered a tsunami warning, in Ishinomaki, Miyagi prefecture, Japan. Credit: Kyodo/via Reuters).

WED 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28p7cb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 07:06 Newsday (w172zspq9jpmmcx)

Tsunami warnings after major earthquake off Russia

Evacuations are taking place in Japan and the United States as a major earthquake off Russia triggers widespread tsunami warning. We go live to Hawaii where people have been evacuated and authorities remain on alert. We also hear from our correspondent in Japan where more than 1.9 million people have been asked to evacuate.

The Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, has criticised plans by Britain to recognise Palestinian statehood unless Israel reaches a Gaza ceasefire before September. He said doing so would be a reward for Hamas.

And we look at an announcement by the Australian government to ban under sixteens from having YouTube accounts.

Presenters: Andrew Peach and Pria Rai

(Photo: Vacationers stand on balconies at the 'Alohilani Resort' looking towards Waikiki Beach after authorities warned of the possibility of tsunami waves, following an earthquake which earlier struck off Russia's Far Eastern Kamchatka Peninsula, in Honolulu. Hawaii. Credit:Nicola Groom/Reuters)

WED 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28pc3g)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 08:06 The Interview (w3ct7x6n)

Former US Secretary of State John Kerry: We face a special challenge in America

We face a special challenge in America.

James Naughtie speaks to veteran US politician John Kerry about the state of American politics and his long career at the top of global affairs.

As well as standing for president himself as the Democratic candidate in 2004, he served as Secretary of State in the Obama administration and as Joe Biden's climate envoy.

Secretary Kerry was at the centre of some of the most significant global crises in recent history from Iraq to Iran and Syria. He still believes one of America's greatest foreign policy mistakes was invading Iraq in 2003 without first seeking formal approval from the US Congress.

He is forthright in his views on America today, saying he has never seen anything like what the country is living through. He describes politics as defined by greed and insensitivity, and guided by the lowest aspirations. For his Democratic party to return to power once more, he challenges them to face and address the issues the American people care about, including immigration.

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Presenter: James Naughtie Producers: Lucy Sheppard, Giles Edwards Editor: Nick Holland

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(Image: John Kerry. Credit: Reuters)

WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swcqcv)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service

WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6scf)

Zambia: Copper country

The African nation relies heavily on its copper industry and exports – the football team is even nicknamed Chipolo-polo-The Copper Bullets.

Now, US President Donald Trump has announced a new 50% tariff on copper imports from early August.

We explore the impact this could have on major copper producers, like Zambia and neighbouring DR Congo.

Price volatility could affect earnings, but some companies are saying the long-term outlook still looks strong because of global demand for copper in data centres and EVs.

Presenter: Will Bain Producer: Hannah Bewley

(Image: Workers prepare casting units at the Mufulira refinery, operated by Mopani Copper Mines Plc, in Mufulira, Zambia in May 2022. Credit: Getty Images)

$\it WED~08:50~Witness~History~(w3ct74q6)$

Cleveland Balloonfest '86

In 1986, a world record attempt was launched by the city of Cleveland, in the US.

One and a half million balloons were blown up by volunteers ready to be released into the sky, with thousands of people watching.

It was meant to be a dazzling publicity stunt, but due to strong winds and a cold front, the balloons didn't float away as expected.

Colm Flynn speaks to Tom Holowatch, who was the project manager of BalloonFest '86, about how this became one of the most memorable days in the history of Cleveland, for all the right, and wrong reasons.

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: BalloonFest. Credit: Getty Images)

${\it WED~09:00~BBC~News~(w172zwwqt28pgvl)}$

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WED 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pnvvz)

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WED 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swcv3z)

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WED 09:32 The Climate Question (w3ct7024)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28pllq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 10:06 The Forum (w3ct712t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

WED 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28pqbv)

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WED 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pp3c7)

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WED 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swd2m7)

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WED 11:32 13 Minutes Presents: The Space Shuttle (w3ct80bk)

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WED 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28pv2z)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6xch)

A family's secret library and the Dirty War

Literature hidden from destruction during Argentina's Dirty War.

Siblings Luis and Ana Gerchunoff remember a moment of chaos at home: as children, both of them scrambling to gather and conceal their father's vast library behind a secret wall. It was 1976 when Argentina was under a brutal military dictatorship. Books were blacklisted and burned and people routinely disappeared. Their father was a leftist intellectual - he and his beloved books, which included limited edition poetry by the great Pablo Neruda, were in danger. (This episode was first broadcast in August 2023)

Presenter: Clayton Conn Producer: Maryam Maruf

Lost & Found theme music by Danny Greenwald

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(Photo: Ana and Luis Gerchunoff. Credit: Clayton Conn)

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WED 14:06 Newshour (w172zss5zzsv74v)

Israel criticises UK move on Palestinian statehood

The UK will recognise a Palestinian state in September unless Israel takes "substantive steps to end the appalling situation in Gaza", its prime minister Keir Starmer has said.

Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the move "rewards Hamas's monstrous terrorism".

Also in the programme: As tsunami waves reach the US west coast after Russian earthquake, we'll look at what's behind the earthquake and tsunamis; and the UK gets its first female astronomer roval in 350 years.

(Photo shows Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaking during a press conference in Jerusalem, Israel on 21 May 2025. Credit: Ronen Zvulun/Reuters)

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WED 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct76fr)

India reacts as Trump imposes 25% tariffs

President Trump has announced that all Indian goods sold in the United States will face a tariff of at least 25% beginning 1st August. In a post on Truth Social, he accused India of imposing unfair tariffs and trade barriers that make it too difficult for US businesses to operate.

Also, the U.S. economy grew in the second quarter, driven by increased consumer spending and a sharp decline in imports. Rahul Tandon examines the overall state of the world's largest economy.

And we hear from World Bank President Ajay Banga on the outlook for the global economy during a time of uncertainty.

WED 16:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28qb2h)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 16:06 BBC OS (w173067w72ns66g)

Tsunami warnings: Your questions answered

Tsunami alerts have been scaled back across much of the northern Pacific after one of the world's strongest earthquakes struck Russia's Far East. Waves of up to three metres are still possible for coastal Chile, Costa Rica, and other Pacific ocean islands. We have two experts who answer audience questions about earthquakes and tsunamis.

The Hamas-run health ministry in Gaza says seven more people have died of conditions linked to malnutrition over the last 24 hours. We speak to our correspondent in Jerusalem.

The streets of the English city of Birmingham have been packed with tens of thousands of heavy metal fans, paying their respects to the Black Sabbath frontman Ozzy Osbourne, as his funeral cortege travelled through his home city. We hear from fans and speak to our reporter in Birmingham.

Greece and Turkey have been hit particularly hard by wildfires over the past days. We hear how people's lives have been impacted; one of them tells us her mother was inside their house when the fire started. Their entire home burnt down.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Tsunami warning issued after M8.8 quake off Kamchatka Peninsula, Petropavlovsk Kamchatsky, Russian Federation - 30 Jul 2025 Credit:

Federation - 30 Jul 2025. Credit: RUSSIAN EMERGENCIES MINISTRY HANDOUT/EPA)

WED 17:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28qftm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 17:06 BBC OS (w173067w72ns9yl)

Heatwave and wildfires in Europe

Over the past few days, firefighters across southern Europe have been battling blazes. Two people in Greece share their stories. One of them describes how her mother was inside their family house when it started burning. They lost the entire house

Tsunami warnings have been scaled back across the northern Pacific after a huge earthquake off eastern Russia, but alerts are still in place for big waves in the southern part of the ocean. We visit BBC Weather to learn more about what happened.

Ukraine's armed forces have confirmed a Russian missile strike hit a military training unit, causing a number of casualties. We speak to our Europe digital editor.

In the last 24 hours, more than 100 people have been killed in Gaza and seven more have died from malnutrition, the Hamasrun health ministry reports. Our Middle East regional editor has the latest.

The women's dating safety app, Tea, says a hacking attack on its systems was more extensive than previously thought. The US-based app said earlier this week that tens of thousands of members' images, posts and comments had been exposed. Our newsroom reporter explains.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Andromeda Liberiou's destoyed house in Kryoneri, Athens. Credit: Andromeda Liberiou)

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WED 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swf5bd)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct6vim)

Making human blood deadly to mosquitoes

Antiparasitic drug Ivermectin has been shown to reduce malaria transmission by making the blood of treated persons deadly to the mosquitoes that carry the disease. Journalist Layal Liverpool explores the impact this new approach could have

Six months on from President Trump's dramatic cuts to US foreign aid, the HIV/AIDS relief fund PEPFAR hangs in the balance. We hear how the cuts have impacts one HIV clinic in Thailand and Devex correspondent Andrew Green unpacks the bigger picture.

Could a temporary tattoo help combat drink spiking? We hear how it works and consider if anyone would actually wear one.

A new neuroscience project is training non-specialists in India and Tanzania to gather brain data using portable headsets. Dr Tara Thiagarajan from Sapien Labs explains how diversifying brain data sets, which are often biased towards western populations, might improve health outcomes

How we sweat and why it matters. Layal and Claudia unpick new research that suggests sweat rises like a tide inside our skin.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond Producer: Hannah Robins Assistant Producer: Alice McKee

WED 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28qxt4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 21:06 Newshour (w172zss5zzsw2cr)

Increase in Israeli settler violence

Developments in the Middle East have come thick and fast this week. On Tuesday the IPC - a UN-backed monitor group warned that the "worst-case scenario of famine" is unfolding in the Gaza Strip. Britain, meanwhile, warned that unless Israel met a number of conditions before the UN General Assembly convenes next month, it would join France in recognising a

Meanwhile, the Israeli occupied West Bank has received little international attention since the war in Gaza began. Attacks by Jewish settlers on Palestinians living there are on the rise - up by 13 percent over the past year, says the UN. We examine attacks in one village and a town.

Also in the programme: Why is Greece detaining all migrants arriving from North Africa? And the English city of Birmingham says goodbye to Black Sabbath's Ozzy Osbourne.

(Photo: Locals inspect a burnt car in the Palestinian Christian village of Taybeh near the West Bank city of Ramallah, 28 July 2025. According to the Palestinian news agency Wafa, Israeli

settlers attacked the village of Taybeh and set two vehicles on fire and spray-painted racist slurs on walls. Credit: Alaa Badarneeh/EPA/Shutterstock)

WED 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28r1k8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 22:06 The Interview (w3ct7x6n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

WED 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swfdtn)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 22:32 13 Minutes Presents: The Space Shuttle (w3ct80bk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

WED 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28r59d)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pqk9s)

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WED 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swfjks)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct76i0)

Why will key Brazilian exports escape US tariffs?

President Trump says imports from Brazil will face a 50% tariff from next week. But why did key Brazilian exports get a pass?

Also, dissent at America's central bank, but the Federal Reserve has kept interest rates unchanged.

And what does Europe's pharmaceutical industry think of the EU-US trade deal? Ed Butler hears from the head of Germany's leading pharma association.

THURSDAY 31 HILY 2025

THU 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28r91j)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service

THU 00:06 The Forum (w3ct712t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

THU 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28rdsn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 01:06 Business Matters (w172zrs5zklrk8t)

Trump's new tariff targets: South Korea, Brazil and India

Ed Butler unpacks the latest developments in global trade tensions, as President Trump singles out South Korea, Brazil and India.

In Brazil, why are some key exporters getting a free pass? We also hear from small business owners navigating the complexities of the US-India tea trade.

Plus, amid signs of dissent within the Federal Reserve, interest rates remain unchanged—for now

Throughout the program, Ed Butler will be joined by two guests on opposite sides of the world - Rintaro Nishimura is a Tokyobased Associate in The Asia Group's Japan practice and Fermin Koop, a freelance journalist, specializing in environmental issues, based in Buenos Aires in Argentina.

THU 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28rjjs)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pqxk5)

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THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swfwt5)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 02:32 The Documentary (w3ct80h1)

Controlling nature's data

Could AI cure cancer using nature's DNA? A London tech firm, Basecamp Research, harvests genetic information from organisms and microbes around the world. Its genome database - the world's biggest - will help supercomputers to create new products, from detergents to medicines. It's a bewildering new frontier, and it comes with big questions - who should own this valuable information? Who should benefit? And what could it unleash?

Presenter/producer: Dan Ashby and Lucy Taylor

Sound engineer: Jarek Zaba Executive producer: Philip Abrams

A Smoke Trail production for BBC World Service

(Photo: Basecamp Research employees collecting samples in the UK to harvest the genetic information from microbes within them. Credit: Lucy Taylor)

THU 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28rn8x)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6xch)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Wednesday]

THU 03:50 Witness History (w3ct74q6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28rs11)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pr51f)

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THU 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swg49f)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct70vr)

Eating well with dementia

Dementia is a syndrome associated with a decline of brain function that can affect memory, thought processes and behaviour. In some cases this can impact people's ability to shop, cook and eat a meal. The most common form of dementia is Alzheimer's Disease.

In this programme Ruth Alexander meets people living with dementia and their families, to hear about the ways in which a diagnosis can impact mealtimes.

Ruth meets Alan and Amy Lambert in Manchester, England. Alan was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease in 2024 and his daughter Amy lives with him. They share some of the techniques they've developed at home to support Alan.

For Ruby Qureshi in Canada, cooking was a huge part of her life before being diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2020. Ruth hears how her husband Pasha Qureshi has joined her in the kitchen in a supporting role.

Jo Bonser in Nottingham, UK shares her experiences of supporting her mother who lived with vascular dementia and in 2016 stopped eating and drinking. Jo has gone on to set up a company, Dignified Dining that offers training in this area.

And Aideen McGuinness is a registered dietitian working in the Memory Assessment and Support Service in Country Wexford Ireland, and co-author of a guide on dementia and nutrition.

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

Produced by Beatrice Pickup.

(Image: Alan and Amy Lambert sat at the kitchen table with a bowl of soup and plate of toast. Credit: BBC)

THU 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28rws5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 05:06 Newsday (w172zspq9jpq8sr)

Canada announces plan to recognise Palestinian state

Canada has become the latest western country to say it will recognise a Palestinian state in September. The announcement by Canada's prime minister Mark Carney follows similar moves by the UK and France. Mr Carney said the move depends on an Israeli ceasefire and other conditions. He also said the move would also depend on democratic reforms, including the Palestinian Authoritiy holding elections next year without Hamas. We find out what the political mood is from Canada.

A BBC report looking at how songs are getting longer again, despite pressure to make easily digestible pop hits for streaming services like Spotify.

And the United Nations in Nigeria says it will today run out of money needed to continue supporting over a million people displaced by militants. The Boko Haram group is considered one of the world's deadliest and has killed thousands of people across northern Nigeria, forcing tens of thousands to flee and seek refuge in UN camps. But now the World Food Programme says cuts to global aid budgets - including by the US which was the biggest donor - could leave people hungry and force families back into the hands of the insurgents. We have a report from Nigeria.

Presenters: Rob Young and Pria Rai

(Photo: Canada's Prime Minister Mark Carney speaks at a press conference about recognizing Palestinian statehood, in Ottawa. Credit: Patrick Doyle/Reuters)

THU 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28s0j9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 06:06 Newsday (w172zspq9jpqdjw)

Carney says Canada will recognise Palestinian state

Canada has become the latest western power to announce plans to recognise a Palestinian state. Ww speak to the French Ambassador to the United Nations to find out why these western powers are moving on recognition now. We also hear from our Gaza correspondent and find out how realistic it would be to estabish a functioning Palestinian state.

President Trump has stepped up his diplomatic assault on the government of Brazil's left- wing President, Luis Inacio Lula da Silva. He's signed an executive order which brings total tariffs on Brazilian goods to fifty percent. It follows an announcement from the US Treasury imposing financial sanctions on the senior Brazilian judge Alexandre de Moraes overseeing the criminal case for coup plotting against Brazil's former President, Jair Bolsonaro. We speak to an opposition MP in the country.

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(Photo: Canada's Prime Minister Mark Carney speaks at a press conference about recognizing Palestinian statehood in Ottawa. Credit: Patrick Doyle/Reuters)

THU 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28s48f)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 07:06 Newsday (w172zspq9jpqj90)

US Middle East envoy to meet Israeli officials

President Trump's Middle East envoy, Steve Witkoff, is due to meet Israeli officials amid growing international outrage about the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza. Hamas officials said dozens of people were killed yesterday while trying to collect aid in the north of the territory. The Israeli military said it had no knowledge of casualties. We go live to Israel.

We have a report from a Palestinian village in the occupied West Bank. Our International Editor has been getting reaction from Palestianians to the news that several western countries are planning to recognise their statehood.

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Presenters: Rob Young and Pria Rai

(Photo: Steve Witkoff, US special envoy to the Middle East. Credit: AL DRAGO/EPA)

THU 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28s80k)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct722v)

How has one leaked phone call shaken Thai politics?

What lies behind the clashes on the Thai Cambodian border is a fractured friendship between the two nations.

In July both countries strike each other with civilians killed and injured in the crossfire. More than a hundred thousand are evacuated.

Thailand warns the clashes could escalate to war. In May a brief gunfire exchange killed a Cambodian soldier. Just over two weeks later surprising details from a recorded private phone conversation went public.

On that 17-minute call to Cambodia was Thailand's Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra. It was supposed to defuse the situation - instead it has erupted.

Away from the border, there's been public outrage in Thailand, a major prime ministerial setback, fractured friendships, diplomatic ties downgraded and even more political pressure on a far from robust government.

Contributors:

Dr Petra Alderman, Centre manager at the Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre at the London School of Economics and Political Science

Dr Thitinan Pongsudhirak, Professor and senior fellow of the Institute of Security and International Studies at Chulalongkorn University

Dr Vu Lam, Lecturer at the University of New South Wales Dr Pavida Pananond, Professor of International Business and Strategy at Thammasat University's Business School based in Bangkok

Presented by Charmaine Cozier Produced by Daniel Rosney Researched by Evie Yabsley Technical producer Criag Boardman Production co-ordinator Liam Morrey Editor Tara McDermott

THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swgm8y)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6s2d)

Thailand and Malaysia: Powered by migrants

Around a fifth of the workforce in both come from abroad.

That's much more than in most high income countries - and these workers are key to powering growth and economic development.

However as we hear, life can be incredibly difficult for migrant workers in South East Asia.

Produced and presented by Ed Butler

(Image: A Myanmar migrant worker harvests chilies on the bank of the Moei River, which separates Thailand and Myanmar in July 2025. Credit: Getty Images)

THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct74jj)

Chuquicamata: Chile's abandoned mining town

By 2007, the 25,000 residents of a Chilean mining town had moved out of their homes due to concerns about pollution levels from one of the largest copper mines in the world.

Today, the ghost town of Chuquicamata, located in the Atacama Desert, lies empty.

But once a year, the former residents return to celebrate the life they once had there with a weekend of partying, during which they sing happy birthday to the town.

Patricia Rojas revisits and reflects on her 25 years living in this now-deserted desert town with Robin Markwell.

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: Chuquicamata. Credit: BBC)

THU 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28scrp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8prrs2)

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THU 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swgr12)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 09:32 The Documentary (w3ct80h1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

THU 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28shht)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 10:06 The Explanation (w3ct7ys9)

The Media Show: Is AI polluting the internet beyond repair?

A growing concern among digital commentators is whether artificial intelligence is irreversibly distorting the internet. Once a conspiracy, dead internet theory now reflects widespread anxiety about Al-generated content and its impact on online authenticity. Al-written articles, spam-like social posts and misinformation have contributed to fears that human-created content is being overwhelmed. Alex Hern, Al writer at The Economist, explains how user behaviour mimicking algorithms helped the idea take root, while Isis Blachez from NewsGuard outlines how Russian-linked sites are laundering propaganda to influence AI outputs. Mark Graham, Director of the Wayback Machine at the Internet Archive, describes how the organisation is adapting its efforts to preserve online content in a post-AI era.

Christiane Amanpour, CNN's Chief International Anchor, reflects on changes to the news industry since she began reporting during the first Gulf War. From accusations of "fake news" by political leaders to the challenges of reporting on the Gaza conflict amid restrictions on access, she describes unprecedented pressures on international journalism. Amanpour also discusses her new foreign affairs podeast co-hosted with her ex-husband and former US diplomat James Rubin, The Ex Files.

Presenter: Ros Atkins Producer: Lucy Wai Assistant Producer: Martha Owen

THU 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swgvs6)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

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Monica Puig: Puerto Rican pride

Puerto Rican tennis player Monica Puig wasn't ranked among the favourites for the women's singles at the 2016 Rio Olympics. Though she was in the best form of her life, she hadn't been seeded in the draw, which contained multiple Grand Slam champions and finalists, including both Venus and Serena Williams.

Nobody knew that she was about to have the best week of her career - including Monica herself. When she beat reigning French Open champion Garbiñe Muguruza, she began to think she had a shot at a medal; when she beat two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova, the chance of winning her country's first ever Olympic gold medal was within sight. As she faced reigning Australian Open champion Angelique Kerber in the final, Puerto Rico held its breath.

Eliza Skinner and Ed Harry hear the story of how Monica became a national hero, and what it meant for her to be the first Puerto Rican to ever reach the top step of the Olympic podium. She explains why, eight years later, she feels she still hasn't fully processed the significance of that week, and just what her achievements have meant for her island. She also gives Eliza and Ed an insight into how tough it is to maintain a career on

the professional tennis tour, and why a new sporting adventure has helped her deal with retiring from the court

On the Podium is the podcast that sits down with Olympic and Paralympic medallists to discover the real stories behind their success. Pole vault pioneer Stacy Dragila talks about her battle to get her sport on the Olympic programme, and triathlete Jess Learmonth reveals what led her back to sport after walking away as a teenager. Basketball champion Breanna Stewart and shot-putter Raven Saunders explain why they use the platform sport gives them to act as advocates. Swimmer Anastasia Pagonis and rower Brigit Skarstein share how sport helped them rebuild their futures after life-changing events, while Markus Rogan and Maarten van der Weijden talk about the lives they have found after leaving competition behind. Multi-sport stars like Oksana Masters and Jana Pittman reveal what it's like to compete at both the summer and winter Games. There's stories of memorable victories, like the moment high jump champion Gianmarco Tamberi chose to share his gold medal, and Shaunae Miller-Uibo putting everything on the line to reach the top step of the podium. Plus, the triumphs nobody predicted, including Molly Seidel's shock marathon bronze, and the day Anna Kiesenhofer rode away from cycling's biggest names to claim gold in Tokyo.

THU 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28sm7y)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8ps08b)

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THU 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swgzjb)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 11:32 The Food Chain (w3ct70yr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

THU 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28sr02)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6wxp)

India's 'Pickle Queen' and her jars of joy

Usha Prabakaran is India's 'Oueen of Pickles'. She learnt the art of pickle making from her in-laws, a family from the Komiti Chettiar community known as the Arya Vysyas and famed in India for their culinary skills. After demand from friends and family grew for her creations, she began hunting down and compiling over 5000 pickle recipes, some of them closelyguarded secrets. But just as she released her first cookbook, Usha was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumour and became a recluse. Unknown to her the book became a global hit - drawing in foodie fans desperate to try her recipes. After her recovery years later, Usha would gain new fame and status with

Nicholas McCarthy was 14 when he had a life-changing musical experience watching a piano recital. Despite never having played any instrument before, he decided he wanted to be a concert pianist. But there was an even bigger obstacle to overcome - he only had one hand. His supportive parents bought him a keyboard and incredibly, within a few years, he became good enough to secure a place at a top UK music school. There was one condition: he had to concentrate on the notoriously challenging scores of the left-hand alone repertoire. It would mean giving up the music he loved, composers like Chopin and Beethoven, but could also be his way to carve a career from the piano. This interview was first broadcast in 2023

Presenter: Mobeen Azhar Producer: Tommy Dixon

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(Photo: Usha stringing a sour & spicy masala pickle. Credit: Saumya Khandelwal / New York Times)

THU 12:50 Witness History (w3ct74ii)

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THU 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28svr6)

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THU 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8ps7rl)

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THU 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swh70l)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 13:32 Health Check (w3ct6vim)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Wednesday]

THU 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28szhb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 14:06 Newshour (w172zss5zzsy41y)

Trump hits Brazil with 50% tariffs and sanctions judge in Bolsonaro case

Donald Trump has stepped up his diplomatic assault on the government of Brazil's left- wing president, Luis Inacio Lula da Silva. He's signed an executive order which brings total tariffs on Brazilian goods to fifty percent. At the same time, the US Treasury has imposed financial sanctions on the senior Brazilian judge overseeing the criminal case for coup plotting against Brazil's former leader, Jair Bolsonaro. We speak to Brazilian ambassador to London, Antonio Patriota.

Also, we speak to Yehuda Cohen - the father of an Israeli soldier taken hostage on October 7th -- who tells us he thinks the recognition of a Palestinian state will help pressure his government to get his son home.

And the actor Stephen Fry on playing a formidable aristocratic woman in Oscar Wilde's most famous play, the Importance of Being Earnest.

(Photo: President Trump and Brazilian then-President Bolsonaro at Mar-a-Lago in 2020. Credit: Getty Images)

THU 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28t37g)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 15:06 The Inquiry (w3ct722v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

THU 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swhghv)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct75vn) US tariff deadline looms

Is President Trump's trade war gamble paying off? More countries squeeze in last minute deals on tariffs, but many questions remain. Brazil faces 50% levies on its exports to the US. How will this go down with America's coffee-loving consumer? Meanwhile, a potential winner, South Korea is among the countries settling for a late deal before Friday's deadline. In a dizzying day of wheeling and dealing we try to make sense of the great tariffs merry go round.

THU 16:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28t6zl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 16:06 BBC OS (w173067w72nw33k)

International pressure grows on Israel

Prime Minister Mark Carney has said Canada plans to recognise a Palestinian state in September, becoming the third G7 nation to make such an announcement in recent days. We speak to Palestinians around the world to get their reaction.

TikTok made songs shorter, but is the trend over? Our music correspondent explains

And what does screen time do to children's brains? We have a global conversation with parents

OS presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Canada's Prime Minister Mark Carney speaks at a press conference about recognizing Palestinian statehood while Foreign Affairs Minister Anita Anand listens, in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, July 30, 2025. Credit: REUTERS/Patrick Dovle)

THU 17:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28tbqq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 17:06 BBC OS (w173067w72nw6vp)

Trump's envoy in Israel

The US special envoy to the Middle East, Steve Witkoff, is meeting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Israel, with reports he may also visit aid sites in Gaza. This comes as Gaza's Hamas-run health ministry says 91 people have been killed while seeking aid in the past day and two people have died of malnutrition. We get the latest and speak to Israelis from around the world, after Canada said it planned to recognise a

Eight people have been killed and more than 130 others were wounded in a barrage of Russian drones and missiles that struck several districts of Kyiv and brought down an apartment block overnight, Ukrainian officials have said. We speak to our correspondent for more

And what does screen time do to children's brains? We have a global conversation with parents.

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(Photo: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is meeting in his office with the US President's special envoy for the Middle East, Steve Witkoff. Credit: Israel Prime Minister's Office)

THU 18:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28tggv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6wxp)

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THU 18:50 Witness History (w3ct74jj) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

THU 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28tl6z)

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THU 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8psz7c)

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THU 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swhyhc)

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THU 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6z7h)

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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 (w172zwwqt28tpz3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 20:06 The Documentary (w3ct80h1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swj27h)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 20:32 Science In Action (w3ct6vfn)

Getting ahead of tsunamis

After most of the population of the Pacific rim sought higher ground this week, we speak with the architect of the tsunami warning technology. Also how aging Killifish might help us probe our senior moments.

This week, an M8.8 earthquake near Kamchatka in the western pacific led to tsunami evacuation alerts thousands of miles away. Seismologist Judith Hubbard was writing about the area in the days leading up to it, following a M7.4 event 9 days before, which we now know to categorize as a foreshock. As she says, it's these subduction zones between tectonic plates that give out the most energy, produce the biggest quakes, leading to the worst tsunamis.

The Tsunami alarms were based on modelling developed by Vasily Titov of NOAA's Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory in Seattle. Having studied these phenomena for many decades, he describes the fine balance between the potential accuracy of a prediction, and the practical actionable advice authorities need to give out to save as many lives as

Finally, how can a short-lived African freshwater fish help scientists studying senescence? Stanford's Judith Frydman and colleagues publish this week a study in Science that finds Killifish's brain cells' ability to encode proteins degrades with age, in keeping with similar patterns of older human brains. Because Killifish have such brief life cycles, yet seem to follow the brain cycles of most vertebrates, they provide an ideal

model species from which to find out more, as she explains.

Presenter: Roland Pease

Producer: Imaan Moin and Alex Mansfield Production Coordinator: Jana Holesworth

(Image Credit: Vasily Titov PMEL/NOAA)

THU 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28ttq7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 21:06 Newshour (w172zss5zzsyz8v)

US envoy Steve Witkoff to visit Gaza

The US special envoy Steve Witkoff is to visit Gaza on Friday. We hear from American medics working in the south and centre of the strip calling on him to include hospitals in his tour, and on their government to take action to end the suffering.

Also in the programme: Ukraine's parliament votes to reverse anti-corruption legislation that was heavily criticised both inside and outside the country; and the stunning tattoos of a 2,500 year old mummy.

(IMAGE: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu meets the US President's special envoy for the Middle East, Steve Witkoff, in Mr Netanyahu's office in Jerusalem, Israel, amid warnings of a famine in Gaza. 31st July 2025 / CREDIT: Kobi Gideon / GPO / Prime Minister's Office)

THU 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28tygc)

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THU 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct75xx)

The final countdown to President Trump's tariff deadline

The final countdown in on for President Trump's tariff deadline. Without deals in the next few hours, dozens of countries will face the cost of sharply higher tax rates on goods they export to the US - up to close to 50% in some cases. We hear from some of these countries, and ask is Donald Trump winning his trade war?

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FRI 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28v5ym)

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FRI 00:06 The Explanation (w3ct7ys9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swjk70)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:32 On the Podium (w3ct80k0)

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FRI 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28v9pr)

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FRI 01:06 Business Matters (w172zrs5zklvg5x)

The final countdown to President Trump's tariff deadline

The final countdown in on for President Trump's tariff deadline. Without deals in the next few hours, dozens of countries will face the cost of sharply higher tax rates on goods they export to the US - up to close to 50% in some cases. We hear from some of these countries, and ask is Donald Trump winning his trade war?

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FRI 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28vffw)

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FRI 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pttg8)

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FRI 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swjsq8)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:32 Tech Life (w3ct6zp1)

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FRI 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28vk60)

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FRI 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6wxp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Thursday]

FRI 03:50 Witness History (w3ct74jj)

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FRI 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28vny4)

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FRI 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pv1yj)

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FRI 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swk16j)

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FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct6vp4)

Bergen-Belsen: Among graves, we were born

Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp in Germany was the only camp liberated by the British Forces in April, 1945. Prior to that, over 50,000 people were murdered there. After liberation, the British Forces, alongside the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (AJDC) set up another camp about 2 kilometres away - the Bergen-Belsen Displaced Persons (DP) Camp - the largest DP camp in Europe, where over 2,000 babies were born. Known as 'Bergen-Belsen Babies', Susan Schwartz and Karen Lasky were two of the many born stateless who gained citizenship after their families were eventually accepted and immigrated to Canada.

On the anniversary of the liberation, survivors, alongside Bergen-Belsen Babies gathered for the week, trying to fill in the gaps of what happened to their families and reflect on their childhoods.

Executive Producer: Rajeev Gupta

Editor: Chloe Walker

Production co-ordinator: Mica Nepomuceno

(Photo: A mix of old photos from a survivor of the DP camp. Credit: Andrew Schwartz)

FRI 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28vsp8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 05:06 Newsday (w172zspq9jpt5pv)

BBC report examines how some children died in Gaza

The BBC World Service has compiled material on more than one-hundred and sixty cases of children shot in Gaza and found that in ninety-five of them, the victim was shot in the head or chest. Many had no other injury. In most cases, the child was younger than twelve. The investigation looked at material from the first few weeks of the war up until July this year. The Israeli military said intentional harm to civilians, especially children, was strictly prohibited.

The White House has announced new tariff rates for dozens of countries that haven't yet reached a trade deal with the United

States. Most of the measures are due to come into effect in seven days. Donald Trump's extending the cut-off for a deal with Mexico by another 90 days. We speak to a former Mexican ambassador to the United States on what might be in store.

And we discuss the situation of over a million people displaced by militants in norhern Nigeria. The United Nations has run out of money to support them. We look at what comes next with a Nigerian government representative.

Presenters: Rob Young and Pria Rai.

(Mourners react during the funeral of Palestinians killed, in what the Gaza health ministry say was Israeli fire near a distribution site in Rafah, at Nasser hospital in Khan Younis, in the southern Gaza Strip. Credit: Hatem Khaled/Reuters)

FRI 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28vxfd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 06:06 Newsday (w172zspq9jpt9fz)

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And we hear from nurses in Nigeria, who have just joined other medical professions nationally, in strikes for better pay and conditions.

Presenters: Rob Young and Pria Rai

(Photo: Palestinians injured in what the Gaza health ministry say was Israeli fire near a distribution site in Rafah, receive treatment at Nasser hospital in Khan Younis. Credit: Hatem Khaled/Reuters)

FRI 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28w15j)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 07:06 Newsday (w172zspq9jptf63)

Trump raises tariffs for dozens of countries

The White House has announced new tariff rates on dozens of countries that haven't yet reached a trade deal with the United States. Canadian imports will face some of the highest taxes of thirty-five percent, we speak to a Former Canadian Foreign Minister.

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(Photo: Illustration shows 3D-printed miniature model of U.S. President Donald Trump, Canada flag and word "Tariffs." Credit: Dado Ruvic/Reuters)

FRI 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28w4xn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:06 Americast (w3ct7t5q)

Trump v Murdoch: Who will win?

Donald Trump and Rupert Murdoch have had a tumultuous relationship over the decades, but increasingly tensions have

threatened to boil over. Following Donald Trump's claim that he's 'been treated very unfairly by The Wall Street Journal on everything', it's the president versus the press.

Will this dispute end their relationship, or are they just going through a rough patch?

Joining us on today's podcast is one of Rupert Murdoch's former editors - David Yelland. He helps us understand Trump's relationship with Murdoch throughout the years, what the current tensions could mean for the future of the press, and who will come out on top.

We are doing some research to find out the things you love about Americast, and even the stuff you don't. If you want to help shape the future of the podcast you can answer some questions. The link is in the description of the podcast and if you want to type it in to your browser it's bit.ly/americastfeedback

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FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swkj61)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6rsc)

Business Daily meets: Sean Turnell

The university academic was working in Australia when he developed an interest in Myanmar.

He then became an adviser to Aung San Suu Kyi but was jailed for nearly two years by the country's military regime following the 2021 coup.

Sean Turnell recalls the moment of his arrest and tells us about the harsh conditions he endured – and how books, along with pacing the length of his tiny cell, helped him survive.

He also reflects on Myanmar's deepening economic crisis – and shares his hopes for the country's future.

Produced and presented by Sam Fenwick

(Sean Turnell with Myanmar's former leader Aung San Suu Kyi)

FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct7443)

Japan's record-breaking rollercoaster

On 1 August 2000, a new roller coaster opened to the public at a theme park in Japan.

Named Steel Dragon 2000, it's located at the Nagashima Spa Land amusement park in Kuwana. When it first opened, it broke world records, being named the longest rollercoaster in the world, at just under 2.5km long.

Kurt Brookes hears from its designer, Steve Okamoto.

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(Photo: Steel Dragon 2000. Credit: Getty Images)

FRI 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28w8ns)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pvnp5)

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FRI 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swkmy5)

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FRI 09:32 Science In Action (w3ct6yfn)

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FRI 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28wddx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct72wb)

Traffic science

This week, a viral video of a robo-traffic-cop in Shanghai has the team contemplating the science of traffic. How do traffic jams with no discernible cause actually form? Does the weather experience traffic jams? And why do our cords also seem to get tangled in their own little cord-traffic-jams no matter how hard we try to keep them separate?

Christine Yohannes from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and Tristan Ahtone in Helsinki, Finland, join Marnie Chesterton to discuss all this, plus many more Unexpected Elements.

Presenter: Marnie Chesterton, with Christine Yohannes and Tristan Ahtone

Producers: Margaret Sessa-Hawkins, with Alice Lipscombe-Southwell and Lucy Davies

FRI 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28wj51)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pvx5f)

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FRI 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swkwff)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 11:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct6vp4)

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FRI 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28wmx5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6wh4)

Brazil's loneliest fan and his footballing fairytale

In 2012 Tiago Rech was the only Santa Cruz FC fan at a big

away game for his team. When they scored, his timid, lone celebration was caught by TV cameras and went viral. All this attention earned him a role with the club, where full of ideas and enthusiasm, he made his way to the very top, to his dream job of football club president. But there would be a sting in this fairytale.

Producer / presenter: Andrea Kennedy.

Clips courtesy of Federação Gaúcha de Futebol and Canal Duda Garbi.

This programme was first broadcast in September 2023.

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(Photo: Tiago Rech alone in the stands. Credit: RBS TV)

FRI 12:50 Witness History (w3ct7443)

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FRI 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28wrn9)

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FRI 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pw4np)

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FRI 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swl3xp)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 13:32 Science In Action (w3ct6yfn)

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FRI 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28wwdf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 14:06 Newshour (w172zss5zzt10z1)

The story of a little girl shot in Gaza

The BBC World Service has pieced together the story of twoyear-old Layan al-Majdalawi, who was killed in Gaza in areas where the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) was operating. Layan is just one of more than 160 cases of children shot in the war in Gaza, for whom we have gathered accounts. The IDF told us they are examining the case, and that: "Intentional harm to civilians, especially children, is strictly prohibited."

Also the programme: President Trump announces he is imposing higher tax rates on imports to America from dozens of countries who've failed to reach a trade deal with him; and Chinese schoolgirl Yu Zidi becomes the youngest swimmer in history to win a medal at the World Aquatics Championships.

(Picture: Layan al-Majdalawi, two, killed in Gaza in November 2023. Credit: Majdalawi family).

FRI 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28x04k)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:06 Americast (w3ct7t5q)

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FRI 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swlcdy) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

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FRI 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct7618)

Swiss businesses shocked by 39% tariffs

After months of intensive negotiations, the US tariff deadline has finally arrived. Unable to reach a deal at the final hour, Switzerland is reeling from 39% tariffs. We look at how this will affect Swiss businesses, and if it's likely to stick.

Elsewhere, we get the reaction from two other countries that were able to strike a deal - Taiwan and Lesotho.

And the 78th Edinburgh Festival Fringe gets under way, with millions of visitors.

FRI 16:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28x3wp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 16:06 BBC OS (w173067w72nz00n)

US tariffs: Your questions answered

China and Canada have both criticised President Trump's decision to impose fresh tariff rates on more than 90 countries. Duties on some Canadian goods will rise to 35%. Our experts answer audience questions about the impact of the tariffs around the world.

Donald Trump's Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff and the US ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee have visited Gaza to inspect aid distribution sites backed by the US and Israel. Mr Huckabee has described the centres as "an incredible feat". Our correspondent in Jerusalem gives the latest on the visit.

We also hear an audio diary by a young student doctor in Gaza, as she records a day in her life.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: US President Trump signs executive order to revive Presidential Fitness Test, Washington, USA - 31 Jul 2025. Credit: ERIC LEE/POOL/EPA/Shutterstock)

FRI 17:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28x7mt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 17:06 BBC OS (w173067w72nz3rs)

BBC investigation into deaths of children in Gaza

The BBC World Service has pieced together the stories of Layan al-Majdalawi, two, and Mira Tanboura, six, both killed in Gaza in separate incidents in November 2023, in areas where the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) was operating. Layan and Mira are just two of more than 160 cases of children shot in the war in Gaza, for whom we have gathered accounts. In response to our findings, the IDF said the details of Layan and Mira's cases had been recorded and "will be examined by the competent authorities". We speak to our population correspondent who has been investigating.

The US ambassador to Israel, who has inspected one of the widely-criticised food distribution sites in Gaza with Wash-inigton's special envoy Steve Witkoff, has described them as "an incredible feat."

US stock market opened lower after falls in Europe and Asia, following US President Donald Trump announcement of new tariffs on more than 90 countries. We speak to our regional experts about the impact in Russia, Brazil, Myanmar, Syria and India

US singer Justin Timberlake has revealed he is living with Lyme disease. We hear from people who also have the disease.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Layan al-Majdalawi, two, killed in Gaza in November 2023. Credit: Majdalawi family)

FRI 18:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28xccy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6wh4)

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FRI 18:50 Witness History (w3ct7443)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

FRI 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28xh42)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI~19:06~The~Newsroom~(w172zwl5y8pww4g)

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FRI 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swlvdg)

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FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6z2z) 2025/08/01 GMT

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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 (w172zwwqt28xlw6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct6rmv) Hunger in Gaza

Israel faces growing international isolation over the shocking images of starvation in Gaza.

Although Israel says there are no restrictions on aid deliveries – which it co-ordinates – or any starvation, charities warn the aid being allowed in is only a fraction of what is needed.

The BBC is banned by Israel from reporting in Gaza but, in our conversations, doctors and journalists in the territory tell us how shortages of food, water and medical supplies are affecting them and their families.

"We are not the same, this is not our shape, this is not our appearance," Ghada, a journalist working in Gaza City tell us. "We are losing too much weight – more than 10kg – I have become almost a skeleton."

We also hear from a medical student who shares her experiences of a typical day in Gaza and her hopes for the

Presenter: Mark Lowen

BBC producers: Iqra Farooq, Laura Cress, Rachel Hagan Boffin Media producer: Richard Hollingham An EcoAudio certified Boffin Media production in partnership with the OS team

(Photo: A Palestinian girl receives treatment at the International Medical Corps field hospital in Deir Al-Balah in Gaza. Credit: Mohammed Salem/Reuters)

FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swlz4l)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct6ssz)

How are teeth made?

CrowdScience listener Jon started wondering how our teeth are created while he was in the dentist's chair. It took his mind off the drilling. He wants to know how our teeth are made, what goes into them and how come we only get two sets of teeth when other animals, like sharks, grow thousands of new ones throughout their lives.

Anand Jagatia goes back to prehistoric times to discover how the story of teeth began millions of years ago. Palaeontologist Yara Haridy explains that teeth weren't designed originally for eating at all, but as a kind of armour on the exoskeletons of fish that was also sensitive to the environment. It turns out that our teeth in fact are part of our evolutionary success story. Biological anthropologist Peter Ungar reveals that we flourished as a species because our teeth are designed to get the maximum energy from our food.

Anand discovers how teeth can even be grown in a lab when he meets researchers Ana Angelova Volponi and Xuechen Zhang whose team has managed to replicate the environment in which teeth develop. He also talks to Katsu Takahashi who has discovered a method for developing a third set of teeth. It's a whole new way of creating teeth that will change the way we make them.

Presenter Anand Jagatia
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Production co-ordinator Ishmael Soriano
Translation, Katsu Takahashi interview Bethan Jones

FRI 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28xqmb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 21:06 Newshour (w172zss5zzt1w5y)

Trump envoy visits controversial Gaza aid distribution site

President Trump says he wants to help the people of Gaza to live, following a visit by his special envoy, Steve Witkoff, to a controversial US and Israeli- backed aid site in the territory. Plus, the BBC investigates the cases of 160 children shot dead inside the Gaza Strip.

Also in the programme: Malawi hits its UN development goals for HIV and AIDS ahead of its targets; radioactive injections aimed at saving South Africa's rhinos; and we follow the market reaction to Donald Trump's global tariff deals -- and new US job figures.

(Photo credit: US government)

FRI 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28xvcg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 22:06 Americast (w3ct7t5q)

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FRI 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swm6mv)

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FRI 22:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct6vp4)

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FRI 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28xz3l)

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FRI 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pxc3z)

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FRI 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swmbcz)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct76nj)

US job growth hits pandemic lows as trade tensions rise

The US added 73,000 jobs last month - the weakest performance since the Covid pandemic. Economists were caught off guard, and earlier figures have been revised down. Democrats say President Trump's trade policy is damaging business confidence and stalling hiring.

Meanwhile, tensions with Canada are escalating as Trump hikes tariffs to 35% on some goods, blaming issues from fentanyl to foreign policy.

And in Southeast Asia, some countries learned after the deadline that their tariffs would be lowered - raising questions about transparency.

Plus, is the world signing off early on Fridays? New UK data points to a quiet remote work trend.