#### SATURDAY 02 AUGUST 2025

#### SAT 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28y2vq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

## SAT 00:06 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

## SAT 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28y6lv)

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#### SAT 01:06 Business Matters (w172zrs5zklvc30)

US job growth slumps as trade tensions escalate

The US jobs market has taken a sharp turn - 73,000 jobs were added last month, marking the weakest monthly gain since the Covid pandemic. Economists were caught off guard, and revised figures show earlier job creation was also far lower than first reported. Democrats blame President Trump's trade policy for hurting business confidence.

Meanwhile, trade tensions are rising. Trump has imposed steep new tariffs on some Canadian goods.

A jury in Florida has ordered Tesla to pay more than \$2,000,000 after finding the company's autopilot technology was partly to blame for a fatal crash.

And we take a lighter look and head to Edinburgh, where the world's largest arts jamboree is underway.

# SAT 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28ybbz)

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# SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pxqcc)

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# SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swmpmc)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct6zjj)

Is India's head coach Gautam Gambhir feeling the pressure?

Alison Mitchell, Sunil Gupta and Jim Maxwell discuss whether India head coach Gautam Gambhir is feeling the pressure. It's after he was seen arguing with the Oval's head groundsman, Lee Fortis, ahead of the fifth and final Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy. Out of their last 10 matches ahead of the Oval test, India have lost six and won two. We also ask what long term impact Ben Stokes' shoulder injury may have on England after he was ruled out for six to seven weeks.

We debate where Joe Root ranks among the greatest men's batters of all time after he moved up to second on the all-time list of Test run scorers. This week's guest, cricket writer and broadcaster, Jarrod Kimber, tells the show that Root's ability to get off strike when under pressure is his 'super skill' and the best in modern cricket.

And we hear from former India women's captain Mithali Raj as we build up to this September's World Cup.

Image: India Head Coach, Gautam Gambhir speaks to the team ahead of Day Two of the 4th Rothesay Test Match between England and India at Emirates Old Trafford on July 24, 2025 in Manchester, England. (Photo by Alex Davidson/Getty Images)

# SAT 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28yg33)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# SAT 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6wh4)

Brazil's loneliest fan and his footballing fairvtale

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

Producer / presenter: Andrea Kennedy.

Clips courtesy of Federação Gaúcha de Futebol and Canal Duda

This programme was first broadcast in September 2023.

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

## SAT 03:50 Witness History (w3ct7443)

Japan's record-breaking rollercoaster

On 1 August 2000, a new rollercoaster 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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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'

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: Steel Dragon 2000. Credit: Getty Images)

# SAT 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28vkv7)

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# SAT 04:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct72wb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 today]

#### SAT 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28yplc) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# SAT 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8py2lr)

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# SAT 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swn1vr)

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# SAT 05:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct7zqr)

Divorce is not a dirty word

When Vandana's marriage ended in divorce, she felt stigmatised and outcast. After a long and turbulent legal process, she ended up retraining as a divorce lawyer and setting up a group for others who felt unable to talk about the breakdown of their

In the process, she found out what was really happening inside the marriages of many Indian women. She's since remarried and has twin sons but she wants to tell the daughters of India that they have choices, and that no-one needs to stay in a bad

Letter writer: Vandana

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.

ach 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 just want to write a letter, send us a WhatsApp message on +44 800 030 4404 or visit www.bbcworldservice.com/deardaughter

#### SAT 05:50 More or Less (w3ct6vz5)

Are abortion numbers rising in the US?

In June 2022 the United States Supreme Court passed what became known as 'the Dobbs decision'. In doing so they overturned the long standing constitutional right for women to access abortion in the US.

Since then a number of states have banned abortion completely with many others having highly prohibitive rules. You'd expect the numbers of abortions to go down. They haven't.

How is it possible that more people are accessing abortions in a post Dobbs society and why is it not true that states which have total bans have zero abortions per year?

Presenter: Lizzy McNeill Producer: Lizzy McNeill Series Producer: Tom Colls

Production Co-ordinator: Rosie Strawbridge Studio Manager: Neil Churchill Editor: Richard Vadon, Bridget Harney.

# SAT 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28ytbh)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service

# SAT 06:06 Weekend (w172zw8689v6d1g)

What next for Gaza after Witkoff visit?

US Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff has for the first time visited a controversial Israel-and US-backed aid distribution site in Gaza. The United Nations has described the aid system run by the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, as a death trap,

Also in the programme: President Trump has ordered the sacking of the head of the US Bureau of Labour Statistics, Erika McEntarfer, just hours after the agency she headed reported weaker than expected jobs growth; and, many countries are looking at changing their laws on social media platforms with Australia leading the way.

Presenter Rebecca Kesby is joined by Olga Oliker, Programme Director for Europe and Central Asia at the International Crisis Group and Eric Albert, a French journalist and European Economic Correspondent for the French daily, Le Monde

(Photo: Mike Huckabee and Steve Witkoff visit Gaza Aid Camp, August 1st 2025/ Office of United States Special Envoy to the Middle East)

# SAT 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28vv2m)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# SAT 07:06 Weekend (w172zw8689v6hsl)

Palestinian official on Gaza and statehood

President Trump has said he'll announce a new humanitarian plan to improve food supplies in Gaza, after US Middle East special envoy Steve Witkoff's visit to a controversial US Israelibacked aid site in the territory. The UN has described Gaza Humanitarian Foundation's aid system as "a death trap". Salah Abdel-Shafi, Palestinian Authority's Permanent Observer to the United Nations agencies, joins us.

Also in the programme: Ukraine's soldiers are experiencing a new kind of PTSD - one caused specifically by sounds of the drones. A leading military psychiatrist says the condition is affecting thousands of troops; and, in the world of literature, US writer Gary Shteyngart speaks to Weekend's Julian Worricker about his latest book, "Vera, or Faith".

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Photo: Spain air drops 12 tonnes of humanitarian aid to Gaza. 1 August 2025/ Spanish Defence Ministry

#### SAT 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwgt28z1tr)

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# SAT 08:06 Weekend (w172zw8689y6mjq)

Surge in West Bank violence

The humanitarian crisis in Gaza has reached new desperate levels this week. US Middle East envoy visited one of the controversial aid sites run by US-Israeli back group the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation. The UN has described the sites as

Also in the programme: A consultant who worked on the award winning film "No other land", Awdah Hathaleen,31,was shot dead in Umm Al-Khair village. Basel Adra, his friend and colleague and director of the film talks to us; and the 20th century's most influential musician Woody Guthrie's granddaughter Anna Canoni and daughter Nora Guthrie tells us why Woody's music is so special.

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Photo: Funeral of Khamis Ayyad, a Palestinian-American who was killed in an attack by Israeli settlers, in Silwad. 1 August 2025/Reuters

#### SAT 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28z5kw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# SAT 09:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct6rmv)

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

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

# SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swnjv8)

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# SAT 09:32 Pick of the World (w3ct7z52)

Why you love stories about buried things

Archaeologists uncover what is believed to be Europe's oldest lake settlement in Albania - so why do social media audiences love stories about buried artefacts? Plus, the future of the Alawites in Syria, the joy of swimming in the Arctic circle and the man who said no to Disney.

# SAT 09:50 Over to You (w3ct6xvl)

Getting to grips with the new BBC app

For users outside the UK, the BBC Sounds app is now no longer available, as many of you have been in touch about. It's been replaced by a new BBC app.

But how are you finding it? Is it user-friendly? And just why

We air your feedback and we're joined by a senior executive, one of the team responsible for the switch.

Presenter: Rajan Datar Producer: Howard Shannon

A Whistledown production for BBC World Service

## SAT 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28z9b0)

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# SAT 10:06 Not by the Playbook (w3ct7z0k)

We meet the ultra-marathon runner with a love of breaking records and taboos. As side from breaking the two treadmill World Record, Sophie Power has completed some of the toughest, longest and energy sapping races. It was whilst doing one of the world's most famous, Ultra-Trail du Mont-Blanc that a picture of her breastfeeding her second child went viral. It raised all sorts of questions about the lack of equity between male and female competitors and forced the sport to rethink its

Life in the mountains is both a dazzling display of nature with a twist of constant danger. Free ride skier Kim Vinet spent many years competing and then more than a decade guiding others on and around the pristine and untouched snow of British Columbia. She explains the dramatic views and exhilaration of skiing these untouched paths, and the difficulty of loss all too often experienced in mountain communities. Kim is also part of the EcoAthletes collective, a non-profit that inspires and coaches athletes to lead climate action.

Emma Pooley enjoyed cycling up mountains so much, she eventually moved to Switzerland! The Olympic medallist in the Beijing time trial is now a triathlete and she's being powered by her own recipes! Having looked at what was available and how it didn't meet her needs, Emma has developed more than 50 recipes for a new cookbook for aspiring and actual athletes attempting to climb their own mountains

In 2013 Arunima Sinha became the first woman amputee to climb Mount Everest - just two years after suffering an horrific accident during an armed robbery on a train in the north of India. The accident robbed Arunima of a promising career in volleyball, but she was determined to prove to herself that she could still do anything.

Photo: A young mother carrying her little child in a child carrier rucksack on her back. Kangtega Mountain can be seen in the background, (CREDIT: Frank Bienewald/LightRocket via Getty Images)

# SAT 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28zf24)

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# SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pyt2j)

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# SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swnsbj)

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# SAT 11:32 The Global Jigsaw (w3ct7yv9)

The JNIM branch of al-Qaeda

The JNIM branch of al-Oaeda is one of the world's deadliest jihadist groups. It has firmly planted its flag in the Sahel. Sub-Saharan Africa has emerged as a key battlefront for jihadists: around 50 percent of deaths from terrorism in 2024 were registered in the Sahel region alone, according to the Global Terrorism Index. JNIM is an eclectic vet united coalition rooted in the tribal desert regions of Mali, Niger, and Burkina Faso. We look into its leaders, its narrative, and its modus operandi, and analyse the complexity of a region beleaguered by military coups, ethnic violence, and climate change.

Contributors: Barry Marston, Jacob Boswall Producer: Kriszta Satori, Elchin Sulevmanov Presenter: Krassi Ivanova Twigg

# SAT 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28zjt8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# SAT 12:06 World Book Club (w3ct74s2)

Juhea Kim - Beasts of a Little Land

Harriett Gilbert talks with Juhea Kim about her debut novel Beasts of a Little Land.

Set during the turbulent years of Japanese-occupied Korea in the early 20th century, this sweeping historical epic traces the lives of two unforgettable characters: Jade, a young girl sold to courtesan school, and JungHo, the orphaned son of a hunter who becomes swept up in the Communist resistance. Over five decades, their paths cross and recross as they navigate war, occupation, and revolution.

Rich with lyrical prose, folklore, and unflinching insight into the brutality of empire, Beasts of a Little Land explores identity, loyalty, and the high price of survival.

Juhea Kim will be talking about why the Tiger is such an important symbol in Korean history, how her writing is structured like a symphony, and how as a writer she strives to show the humanity of all her characters when they are on very different sides of war and colonialism.

#### SAT 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28znkd)

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#### SAT 13:06 Newshour (w172zss5zzt3t40)

Trump moves nuclear submarines after Russian ex-president's

Russian media have dismissed Donald Trump's announcement that he will deploy nuclear submarines closer to Russia. Mr Trump said his decision was prompted by "provocative comments" on social media by the former Russian presiden Dmitry Medvedev. Mr Medvedev said in a post on X on Monday that President Trump was playing "the ultimatum game" with Russia, and that such an approach could lead to a war involving the United States.

Also in the programme: The world's first legislation to control artificial intelligence starts coming into force in the EU today; and from Gaza, the sixteen-year-old with a dream to become a great violinist

(Photo: Dmitry Medvedev was Russia's president in 2008-12. Credit: Reuters)

# SAT 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt28zs9j)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w172ztqm9kkmdnz)

Live Sporting Action

Lee James and the team will have updates from the fifth and final Test of the series between England and India at The Oval. They'll also reflect on the 2005 Ashes, 20 years on from the famous series between England and Australia.

Away from cricket, Sportsworld will have discussion around the big pre-season stories and transfers in football. The British and Irish Lions are hoping to complete a 3-0 series win over Australia in rugby union and there will also be the latest from the World Aquatics Championships on the penultimate day of

It's the third day of the Women's Open Championship golf, stage eight of the Tour de France Femmes and the Copa America Feminina Final. We'll be in Budapest for the Hungary F1 Grand Prix, the last race before the summer break and in Eugene for the US World Championship Athletics Trials.

Photo: Captain Michael Vaughan holds the Ashes trophy aloft as the England Cricket team enter Trafalgar Square as part of the Ashes victory celebration on September 13, 2005 in London, England. Thousands of English cricket fans lined the streets of London to celebrate after England defeated Australia to claim back the Ashes, (Credit; Getty Images)

# SAT 18:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt290891)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# SAT 18:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8pzn9f)

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# SAT 18:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swpmkf)

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# SAT 18:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct7zgr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 today]

# SAT 18:50 More or Less (w3ct6vz5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 today]

# SAT 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt290d15)

# SAT 19:06 BBC Proms on the World Service (w3ct80h2)

Ibrahim Maalouf, Arooj Aftab and friends

Two leading contemporary artists join forces with the BBC Symphony Orchestra for a unique collaboration that adds an orchestral dimension to their signature sound worlds. Ibrahim Maalouf's work blends a wide range of influences from Middle Eastern melodies to jazz and modern pop; Arooj Aftab finds as much inspiration in Urdu poetry as in the cacophony of the modern metropolis.

Presented by Andrew McGregor and Ahsan Yunus.

#### Performers:

Ibrahim Maalouf, trumpet; Arooj Aftab, vocals; BBC Singers, BBC Symphony Orchestra, Jules Buckley, conductor

(Photo: Ibrahim Maalouf at BBC Proms 2025. Credit: BBC/Mark Allan)

### SAT 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt290hs9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct6ztk)

Ugandan poet and playwright Nick Makoha

Nikki talks to Ugandan poet and playwright Nick Makoha about his latest collection The New Carthaginians, and is joined by Rhianna Dhillon

American music legend Stevie Wonder on how he approaches

Star of The Crown and Harry Potter, Imelda Staunton and her daughter, Bessie Carter, discuss working alongside each other for the first time.

Hollywood producer behind Top Gun and Pirates of Carribean, Jerry Bruckheimer, discusses getting Brad Pitt on the track for his latest film F1.

British Nigerian novelist Bolu Babalola on her follow up to her TikTok Book of the Year Award-winning novel Honey and

And Legendary conductor Gustavo Dudamel on his musical upbringing in Venezuela.

Main image: Nick Makoha Photo credit: Dirk Skiba

# SAT 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt290mjf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service

# SAT 21:06 Newshour (w172zss5zzt4s31)

Trump envoy meets with Israeli hostage families

Hamas releases a shocking video of an emaciated Israeli hostage as the US special envoy says they are determined to push for a deal to end this war rather than reach a temporary

We speak to one of the Israeli hostage families who met US President Donald Trump's Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff in Tel Aviv

Also on the programme: a court in southern India has sentenced a prominent politician to life in prison for raping one of his domestic staff; and would you use an app allowing guests to buy a seat at your wedding for €150?

(Photo: Steve Witkoff meets with Israeli hostage family members on August 2, 2025. Credit: The Hostages and Missing Families Forum Headquarters)

# SAT 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt290r8k)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# SAT 22:06 Not by the Playbook (w3ct7z0k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 today]

# SAT 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt290w0p)

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# SAT 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5v8q0812)

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# SAT 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swq792)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# SAT 23:32 This Is Africa (w3ct72d6)

Milton Kizzy is proudly South Sudanese and wants the world to hear what he can do. Songs such as Antidote, Kujur and My Wish have made him popular with his countrymen and women, and they've achieved numbers on streaming sites rarely seen for South Sudanese artists.

Milton - real name Dhal Samuel Thiong - fled South Sudan when the war broke out and spent much of his childhood in Uganda in a refugee camp. Getting into music wasn't easy, and when he was starting out he almost fell foul of scammers who tried to get money from him in return for supposedly promoting

But Milton Kizzy was undeterred and his perseverance has paid off. His latest body of work is called Child of Grace, because he believes the success he is now enjoying is a blessing from God. His mother also happens to be called Grace!

#### SUNDAY 03 AUGUST 2025

#### SUN 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt290zrt)

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#### SUN 00:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct6rmv) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]

## SUN 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swqc16) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 00:32 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

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)

# SUN 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt2913hy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# SUN 01:06 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.

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 Management Assistant Liam Morrey Editor Tara McDermott

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#### SUN 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swqgsb)

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#### SUN 01:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct7zqr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

## SUN 01:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct7zrx)

Jack Brabham: A champion in his own construction

Australian driver Jack Brabham was a pioneer in the 1960s, winning an Formula 1 world title in 1966 in a car he built himself - a remarkable feat that has never been matched.

His son, David Brabham, speaks to Jarek Zaba about Jack's incredible journey - from racing in his native Australia - to starting an F1 revolution and becoming the first person knighted forservices to motorsport. A 2 Degrees West

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

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

(Photo: Jack Brabham racing in 1966. Credit: Rainer Schlegelmilch/Getty Images

# SUN 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt291782)

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# SUN 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5v8q0m8g)

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#### SUN 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swqljg) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

#### SUN 02:32 Health Check (w3ct6vjm) 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.

Producer: Hannah Robins Assistant Producer: Alice McKee

#### SUN 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt291c06)

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# SUN 03:06 World Book Club (w3ct74s2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

## SUN 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt291grb)

Lesotho and Peru.

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct6trr) Gaza: a turning point?

Max Pearson introduces stories from Gaza and Israel, the US,

This week the British government pledged to recognise a Palestinian state, unless Israel meets certain conditions, including agreeing to a ceasefire in Gaza and reviving the prospect of a two-state solution. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the decision rewarded 'Hamas's monstrous terrorism.' Jeremy Bowen reflects on this latest chapter in Britain's long-standing influence in the region.

At the UN, Saudi Arabia and France co-hosted a summit to rekindle plans for a two-state solution as a means to find peace between Israel and the Palestinians. Dozens of countries were in attendance - others were notable by their absence. Tom Bateman reports from New York.

Donald Trump once claimed Lesotho was a country 'nobody has heard of' — but it has been feeling the pinch of his trade policy. While the White House rowed back on its threat of imposing 50 per cent tariffs, the uncertainty has already led to many job losses, finds Shingai Nyoka.

And finally, many of our staple foods are at risk because of increasingly frequent extreme weather - including the humble potato. But some farmers are tracing the crop's ancient roots in search of solutions to help mitigate the risks, as Beth Timmins has been finding out in the Peruvian Andes.

Image: Palestinians gather to collect humanitarian aid dropped by parachute in the Al-Zawaida area of Deir al-Balah (Photo by Hassan Jedi/Anadolu via Getty Images)

# SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swqv0q)

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# SUN~04:32~On~the~Podium~(w3ct80k0)

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 Giannmarco 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 (w172zwwqt291lhg)

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## SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8q0zhv)

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#### SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swqyrv)

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## SUN 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct80h1)

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## SUN 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt291q7l)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# SUN 06:06 Weekend (w172zw8689y98yk)

Ukraine arrests officials for corruption

President Zelensky has described bribery in military procurement uncovered by Ukraine's anti-corruption agencies as "absolutely immoral".

Also in the programme: Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has expressed shock at the videos released by Hamas in which two hostages, Evyatar David and Rom Braslavski are shown looking emaciated and weak; and, Africa is known for having some of the longest serving leaders in the world, but how long is too long? Patience Akumu, a Ugandan lawyer and social justice campaigner, joins us.

Our presenter Rebecca Kesby is joined by Negah Angha, a US State Department and National Security Council official under the Biden administration and Matthew Green, a British journalist and author.

Photo: Kyiv protest calls for restoring independence of Ukrainian anti-corruption agencies, Ukraine - 30 Jul 2025/ EPA

# SUN 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt291tzq)

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# SUN 07:06 Weekend (w172zw8689y9dpp)

Zelensky: Bribery in military procurement is "absolutely immoral"

In Ukraine four people have been arrested after investigations by anti-corruption agencies uncovered what they say is a largescale bribery scheme. They say it's connected to the buying of drones and warfare systems used by the military.

Also in the programme: A new film "Late Shift" about nursing which is already a box-office hit in German speaking Europe is opening here in the UK and Ireland this week. Petra Volpe, the film's director tells us why she focussed on nursing; and, the story of The Waiting Room about a little baby who was wrapped up and left in the ladies waiting room on the Reading Station platform.

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Photo: Kyiv protest calls for restoring independence of Ukrainian anti-corruption agencies, Ukraine - 30 Jul 2025/EPA

# SUN 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt291yqv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# SUN 08:06 Weekend (w172zw8689y9jft)

Witkoff meets Israeli hostage families

US Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff, met families of the hostages being held by Hamas in Tel Aviv and he told them that he was working with the Israeli government on a plan that would end the war in Gaza. We speak to Ruby Chen, father of Itay, a 19-year-old dual American-Israeli citizen who was taken hostage in Gaza in October 2023.

Also in the programme: The Vatican has been hosting the first ever "Jubilee of Catholic Influencers" this week in an effort to harmess the power of social media; and, the documentary film 'An Unlikely Fandom' takes us behind the scenes of a community of Thomas The Tank Engine fans that spans the globe. The film's director Brannon Carty reminisces about the beginning of the iconic steam train's long journey and its creation during the Second World War.

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(Photo:Ruby Chen, father of deceased U.S.-Israeli hostage Itay Chen, whose body is held by the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas in the Gaza Strip, sits on a park bench. March 13, 2024/Reuters)

#### SUN 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt2922gz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN **09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct6trr)** [Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today]

#### SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swrfrc)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# SUN 09:32 The Food Chain (w3ct70yr)

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: the foodchain@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)

# SUN 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt292673)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# SUN 10:06 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)

SUN 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swrkhh)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

#### SUN 10:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct70t7)

Why a South Korean church bought a village in Paraguay

Puerto Casado is a remote village in Paraguay, in South America. It's not dissimilar to many other rural towns in the area: red-brick houses, small grocery stores and unpaved roads. But what makes Puerto Casado an exception is that it's at the centre of a land dispute between the Paraguayan state, local residents and the Unification Church, a controversial religious group from South Korea. Ronald Avila-Claudio from BBC Mundo has recently been there. Plus, what the re-opening of the border between Ethiopia and Eritrea means to people living there, with Girmay Gebru from BBC News Africa; and a diver swimming with a great white shark and other viral stories, with BBC Indonesian's Famega Syavira Putri.

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. This is an EcoAudio certified production.

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

## SUN 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt2929z7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

## SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8q1pzm)

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## SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swrp7m)

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## SUN 11:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct7zqr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

# SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct6vz5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

# SUN 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt292fqc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# SUN 12:06 BBC Proms on the World Service (w3ct80h2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:06 on Saturday]

# SUN 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt292kgh)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# SUN 13:06 Newshour (w172zss5zzt6q13)

Pope Leo presides over jubilee Mass

Hundreds of thousands of young Catholics, including many social media influencers, have gathered for a vigil and Mass celebrated by Pope Leo XIV.

Also in the programme: the former Bangladesh prime minister Sheikh Hasina faces a criminal trial; Russia's Krasheninnikov volcano in Kamchatka erupts for the first time in hundreds of years; and the enduring appeal of Thomas the Tank Engine.

(Picture: Pope Leo XIV waves to the faithful during a Holy Mass on the occasion of the Jubilee of Youth, in Rome, Italy. Credit: Photo by ANGELO CARCONI/EPA/Shutterstock)

# SUN 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt292p6m)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# SUN 14:06 The Climate Question (w3ct7025)

Bill Gates: Why I'm a climate optimist

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

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

But the billionaire remains optimistic and believes the power of human ingenuity will win out with a technology-driven approach to reducing carbon emissions and dealing with the impact of global warming.

In 2023, Graihagh Jackson sat down with Bill Gates to talk about his positive outlook and the billions he's investing in tackling climate change.

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#### SUN 14:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7sws1h0)

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#### SUN 14:32 Happy News (w3ct6tyk)

The Happy Pod: Learning begins with breakfast

Mary's Meals is a charity providing free breakfasts for three million children across 16 countries. We visit a school in Malawi to see how the charity is helping children to focus on learning. For many students there, it is a reason to stay in school. Also on the podcast, we hear from the micro-farm in Montreal growing fruit and veg for local people on low incomes

Plus, a social club trying to combat loneliness in Venezuela by bringing elderly people together for a dance, and the Italians coming together to save a tiny island from developers. The Happy Pod, our weekly collection of uplifting and inspiring stories from around the world. Part of the Global News Podcast from the BBC World Service.

Presenter: Ankur Desai Music: Iona Hampson

(Photo: Pupils at a school in Malawi)

# SUN 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt292syr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

## SUN 15:06 Sportsworld (w172ztqm9kkqfb6)

Live Sporting Action

With the top-flight domestic football seasons across Europe just a few weeks away, Delyth Lloyd takes you around the continent to take a look at the big transfer stories and how teams are shaping up ahead of the 2025-26 season.

We've got the best of series five of On the Podium, where Eliza Skinner and Ed Harry find out what it takes to make it to the medal positions at the Olympic and Paralympic games, featuring Puerto Rico's first Olympic medallist in tennis and the Netherlands most successful sailor.

Plus, ahead of the World Athletics Championships in September, World Indoor 800m champion Prudence Sekgodiso is our guest on The Warm Up Track. We'll check in on the USA trials ahead of Tokyo, plus we'll reflect on the final day of swimming at the World Aquatics Championships, the Women's Copa America final between Colombia and Brazil, and the final stage of the Tour de France Femmes.

Photo: Viktor Gyoekeres of Arsenal acknowledges the fans as he walks out onto the pitch following his recent transfer from Sporting CP prior to the Pre-Season Friendly between Arsenal FC and Newcastle United at The Singapore National Stadium on July 27, 2025 in Singapore. (Credit: Arsenal FC via Getty Images)

# SUN 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt2938y8)

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# SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8q2nyn)

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# SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swsn6n)

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# SUN 19:32 The Global Jigsaw (w3ct7yv9)

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# SUN 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt293dpd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct72wb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 on Saturday]

#### SUN 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt293jfj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

## SUN 21:06 Newshour (w172zss5zzt7p04)

A thousand young Catholics spread the gospel online

Pope Leo XIV has implored a million young Catholics from around the world to aspire to great things and not settle for less at a special Jubilee celebration in Rome.

We have a report on the Catholic social media influencers who spread the gospel online.

Also on the programme: Arab nations have condemned a visit to the al-Aqsa mosque compound in Jerusalem by Israel's farright national security minister, Itamar Ben-Gvir; and Kim Kardashian's new facial wrap you wear while sleeping generates much online chatter.

(Photo: Pope Leo XIV presides over Holy Mass on the occasion of the Jubilee of Youth, at Tor Vergata in Rome, Italy, 03 August 2025. Credit: EPA/Shutterstock)

#### SUN 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt293n5n)

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# SUN 22:06 The Climate Question (w3ct7025)

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## SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swt0g1)

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## SUN 22:32 Pick of the World (w3ct7z52)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

# SUN 22:50 Over to You (w3ct6xvl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

# SUN 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt293rxs)

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# SUN 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl5y8q34y5)

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# SUN 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swt465)

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# SUN 23:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct70t7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:32 today]

# MONDAY 04 AUGUST 2025

# MON 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwqt293wnx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# MON **00:06** From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct6trr) [Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxk7swt7y9)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# MON 00:32 Science In Action (w3ct6yfn)

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

possible.

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

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#### MON 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bl7vp6)

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#### MON 01:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k077pl)

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# MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm25y6yl)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

## MON 01:32 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'

## Contributors:

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 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bl7zfb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k07cfq)

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MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm25ybpq) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# MON 02:32 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

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 Producer Jo Glanville Editor Ben Motley Studio Manager Bob Nettles Production co-ordinator Ishmael Soriano Translation, Katsu Takahashi interview Bethan Jones

#### MON 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bl835g)

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#### MON 03:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct6xxv)

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#### MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k07lxz)

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# MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm25yl5z)

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# MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct708z)

Women training dogs to be superheroe

Two women from Greece and Sweden tell Datshiane Navanayagam about the dog training process and the prejudices service dogs still face when it comes to broader societal

Lia Stoll is a Greek-Canadian guide dog trainer and co-founder of Lara Guide Dogs school in Greece. She was inspired by her father, who was also a guide dog mobility instructor, as Lia grew up with guide dogs and working with people who are blind and partially sighted.

Anki Celander is a dog behaviourist and trainer who cofounded an assistance dog school in Sweden and now helps people with disabilities to train their own dogs to become certified assistance animals. She has over two decades of

Produced by Emily Navlor

(Image: (L) Lia Stoll courtesy Lia Stoll. (R) Anki Celander courtesy Anki Celander.)

# MON 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bl8bng)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# MON 05:06 Newsday (w172zspqnt06qp9)

Father of Palestinian-American killed in West Bank speaks out

We'll speak to the father of a twenty year old Palestinian-American who was killed, allegedly by extremist Israeli settlers, in the West Bank last month. The US ambassador to Israel has called for the murder to be aggressively investigated. The victim's father tells us he isn't aware anything is being done.

Thousands of workers at Boeing, the US aerospace giant, are due to begin strike action on Monday after rejecting a revised proposal for new contracts.

And we'll hear from Tanzanian footballer Aisha Masaka, who missed out on the recent Women's Africa Cup of Nations, after picking up an injury.

(Photo: The funeral of Sayfollah Kamel Musallet andd Mohammad Al-Shalabi, 13 July 2025; Credit: Reuters)

# MON 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bl8gdv) Supported by bbc.co.uk/programmes/

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### MON 06:06 Newsday (w172zspqnt06vff)

Dozens of migrants die as boat sinks off Yemen

Dozens of migrants died while trying to cross the Gulf of Aden to Yemen. We'll bring you the latest

We'll speak to the father of a twenty year old Palestinian-American who was killed, allegedly by extremist Israeli settlers, in the West Bank last month

And, what was it like growing up in Hiroshima after the US dropped the world's first nuclear bomb? This week marks eighty years since it happened. We'll hear from someone who used to live in the Japanese city.

(Photo: Migrants on a fiberglass boat wait to be assisted by NGO Open Arms rescue boat, Mediterranean Sea, 24 July 2025; Credit: Reuters)

# MON 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bl8l4z)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

## MON 07:06 Newsday (w172zspqnt06z5k)

More than 60 people die as boat sinks off Yemen

At least sixty-eight migrants have died after a boat sank off Yemen's coast. We'll speak to the International Organisation for Migration.

We'll also hear from Gaza as Palestinians seeking aid near distribution points are reported to have under fire from Israeli

And in our business news, thousands of Boeing workers - from the defence division - are due to start strike action after rejecting a revised proposal for new contracts. We have the latest from our business desk

(Photo: NGO Open Arms rescue boat "Astral" assists migrants in the Mediterranean Sea, 25 July 2025; Credit: Reuters)

# MON 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bl8px3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# MON 08:06 The Interview (w3ct7wzx)

Petr Pavel. Czech President: Russia cannot stand economic

Maria Jevstaf jeva speaks to Czech President, Petr Pavel about ending the war between Ukraine and Russia.

Mr. Pavel was elected to the role in 2023, having retired from a military career that began with serving in the military of communist Czechoslovakia during the Cold War in the 1980s and ended three decades later after chairing Nato's Military Committee.

The first military officer from the former Eastern Bloc to hold the post, he oversaw the Alliance's responses to a number of crises - including the fallout from Russia's 2014 annexation of the Crimean peninsula in Ukraine.

As Russia's war on Ukraine continues into its third year, Western leaders are renewing efforts to bring an end to the bloodshed and implement a ceasefire, Mr. Pavel, who was elected on a platform of closer ties with the EU and Nato, believes the only way to do this is by getting Putin to the negotiating table - even if that means allowing Russia to occupy parts of Ukraine, but without recognising Moscow's claim to

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# MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm25z25h)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

#### MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6rxx)

France: Building a 'war econom

France, the world's second-biggest arms exporter, is expected to double military spending in the next two years

We visit a factory in the north of the country that's switched production from civilian to military equipment, as part of what French President Emmanuel Macron is calling a "war

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sented and produced by John Laurenson

(Picture: President Emmanuel Macron delivers a speech to army leaders at l'Hôtel de Brienne in Paris on July 13, 2025, on the eve of the annual Bastille Day Parade in the French capital. Credit: Getty Images)

# MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct746d)

On 9 August 1945, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan, killing at least 74,000 people.

It led to the end of World War Two in Asia, with Japan surrendering to the Allies six days later.

The Nagasaki bomb, alongside the Hiroshima bomb on 6 August, remain the only times nuclear weapons have been used

In an interview he gave to the BBC in 1980, British prisoner of war Geoff Sherring describes how he survived the explosion. Produced and presented by Rachel Naylor.

This programme was made in collaboration with BBC Archives.

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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'

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: The Nagasaki bomb on 9 August 1945. Credit: Universal History Archive/Universal Images Group/Getty Images)

# MON 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bl8tn7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# MON 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k086nm)

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# MON 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm25z5xm)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# MON 09:32 CrowdScience (w3ct6ssz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

# MON 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bl8ydc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct71w2)

Russian revolutionaries and Japan's record breaking

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

Our guest is Dr Lara Douds, Assistant Professor of Russian

We start in 1907, the men who would go on to lead the Russian Revolution met in London for a crucial congress marking a point of no return between the Bolsheviks and the Mensheviks.

Then, in 2000, the launch of Steel Dragon 2000 at Nagashima Spa Land in Japan, becoming the world's longest rollercoaster at nearly 2.5 km in length

Next, the political assisination of Juan Mari Jauregui, a retired Spanish politician and long-time campaigner for independence, by Basque separatists in 2000.

Plus, how in 1986, during a world record attempt and publicity stunt, one and a half million balloons were released as a storm rolled over the city.

Finally, the story of Chuquicamata, Chile's abandoned mining town after its 25,000 residents left due to pollution concerns

Contributors:

Henry Brailsford - British journalist Dr Lara Douds - Assistant Professor of Russian history Steve Okamoto - rollercoaster designer Maixabel Lasa - widow of Juan Mari Jauregui Tom Holowatch - project manager of BalloonFest '86 Patricia Rojas - former resident of Chuquicamata

(Photo: Lenin giving a speech in Red Square. Credit: Universal History Archive/Getty Images)

## MON 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bl924h)

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# MON 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k08g4w)

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# MON 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm25zfdw)

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# MON 11:32 The Conversation (w3ct708z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

# MON 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5hl95wm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6wpy)

How a Greek grandmother's cooking helped us heal

When Australian brothers Luke and Daniel Mancuso started posting videos of the homecooked meals their next door neighbour, a Greek grandmother called Nina, would pass to them over the garden fence in Melbourne, it became a surprise

At first, people thought that 'Yiayia Next Door' was simply a heartwarming story about good neighbours—but behind Nina's kindness lay a tragedy.

This story contains a reference to domestic violence.

This episode was first broadcast in 2023.

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Presenter: Jo Fidgen Producer: Zoe Gelber

(Photo: Luke and Daniel Mancuso with Nina. Credit: Tina Smigielski)

# MON 12:50 Witness History (w3ct746d)

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# MON 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bl99mr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# MON 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k08pn4)

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# MON 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm25znx4)

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# MON 13:32 CrowdScience (w3ct6ssz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

#### MON 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bl9fcw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### MON 14:06 Newshour (w172zss6c83fkvh)

Hundreds of Israeli ex-officials appeal to Trump to help end Gaza war

The Israeli prime minister is reportedly planning to expand military operations in Gaza. It comes as hundreds of retired Israeli security officials have written to President Trump, urging him to pressurise their government to end the war. They say Hamas is no longer a threat and the war is no longer just. We speak to one of signatories of the letter Ami Ayalon, a former director of Shin Bet, Israel's domestic secret service

Also in the programme: More than 70 migrants have died in a shipwreck in the Red Sea off the coast of Yemen; why Texan Democrats are running away from a vote; and Sir David Attenborough's latest BBC One series documents how parents from across the animal kingdom sacrifice everything in order to raise their young.

(Photo: Protest outside Israeli PM Netanyahu's office in Jerusalem, Credit; Reuters)

## MON 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bl9k40)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# MON 15:06 The Interview (w3ct7wzx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

## MON 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm25zxdd)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# MON 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct76qt)

What South African retailer Shoprite tells us about growth

We begin a new series on Africa's economic future, as the continent's population heads toward 2.5 billion. Today, we're in South Africa, We hear from Pieter Engelbrecht, CEO of Shoprite - the country's biggest private employer on how customer loyalty helped drive the supermarket's success.

Also, As France ramps up defence spending, we visit a town where factories are shifting to arms production.

And in India, the growing trend of the fake wedding party a full celebration, with no wedding.

# MON 16:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bl9nw4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service

# MON 16:06 BBC OS (w173067wlbzck03)

Plastic pollution: Your questions answered

Health experts are warning that plastic pollution is a grave, growing and under-recognised danger to health. In a review to coincide with talks in Geneva, they say plastics cause disease and death from infancy to old age. Our experts will answer audience questions about the impact of plastics on our health

At least 76 people are feared drowned off Yemen after a boat carrying Ethiopian migrants sank. We look at the major pathways for migrants from the Horn of Africa and further north across the Mediterranean and the English Channel.

Pakistani officials say the forced deportations of Afghan refugees have resumed after the federal government declined to extend a key deadline for their stay. Our correspondent in Pakistan explains.

The board of Tesla has granted its CEO Elon Musk twenty nine billion dollars' worth of new shares in an effort to keep him at the helm of the US electric carmaker. We speak to our business correspondent in New York.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Marine scientist Anna Sanchez Vidal shows microplastics collected from the sea with a microscope at Barcelona's University, during a research project "Surfing for Science" to assess contamination by microplastics on the coastline, in Barcelona, Spain, July 5, 2022. Credit: Albert Gea/File Photo/Reuters)

# MON 17:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bl9sm8)

#### MON 17:06 BBC OS (w173067wlbzcnr7)

Israeli ex-officials appeal to Trump to help end Gaza war

Hundreds of former senior Israeli security officials have urged President Trump to pressurise their government into ending its war in Gaza. They say it is no longer just. The main hostage support group accuses the prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, of leading the country to doom. We speak to our correspondent in Jerusalem and hear from a brother of one of the hostages shown in a video released by Hamas over the weekend.

China is hoping that plans for its new mega-embassy in London will be approved by the UK government but some dissidents say this could be an espionage risk. We speak to a Hong Kong democracy activist and a former British Army intelligence

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(Photo: A demonstrator holds a placard, as people protest in support of Israeli Attorney General Gali Baharav-Miara, and to demand the end of the war in Gaza and release of all hostages. outside Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office in Jerusalem August 4, 2025. Credit: Ronen Zvulun/Reuters)

## MON 18:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bl9xcd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# MON 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6wpy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

# MON 18:50 Witness History (w3ct746d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

# MON 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blb13j)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# MON 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k09f3x)

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# MON 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm260dcx)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6z58)

2025/08/04 GMT

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

# MON 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blb4vn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct6trr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

# MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm260j41)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct6sw8)

The Life Scientific: Anthony Fauci

Welcome to a world where medicine meets politics: a space that brings together scientific research, government wrangling, public push-back and healthcare conspiracies...

Dr Anthony Fauci was the Director of America's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for nearly four decades, during which time he not only helped study, treat and prevent viruses such as HIV/AIDS and Covid-19; he also advised seven US Presidents, from Ronald Regan through to Joe Biden.

Along the way, Tony Fauci's picked up a public profile and taken a fair amount of flack; not least because of his

complicated relationship with President Donald Trump. But he's also made great strides in medical research and policy, from working with activists who initially challenged him on the government response to HIV/AIDS - to spearheading the USA's PEPFAR project to share vital medication with developing

In a candid conversation with Professor Jim Al-Khalili, Tony discusses his childhood in Brooklyn, the dark early days of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and lessons from the Covid-19.

## Presented by Jim Al-Khalili

Produced for BBC Studios by Lucy Taylor Reversion for World Service by Minnie Harrop

#### MON 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blb8ls)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### MON 21:06 Newshour (w172zss6c83gf5d)

Former Israeli security chiefs say Gaza war must end

The former head of the Israeli internal security agency Shin Bet, Ami Ayalon, tells Newshour why he thinks Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu needs to end the Gaza war, Meanwhile, reports suggest that the prime minister may order the Israeli Defence Forces to seize and hold the entire Gaza Strip

Also in the programme: the family of a Hiroshima atom bomb survivor reflect as the 80th anniversary of the bomb approaches; the devastation plastic pollution is wreaking on human health; and why Indian cricket fans have been ecstatic over today's game in London.

(Photo: Protest outside Israeli PM Netanyahu's office in Jerusalem. Credit: REUTERS/Ronen Zvulun)

## MON 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blbdbx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### MON 22:06 The Interview (w3ct7wzx)

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# MON 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm260rm9)

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# MON 22:32 The Conversation (w3ct708z)

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# MON 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blbi31)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# MON 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k09x3f)

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# MON 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm260wcf)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# MON 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct76t2)

Tesla awards \$29bn of shares to Elon Musk

The world's richest man could get richer as Tesla's board moves to give CEO Elon Musk a bigger stake to keep him at the company. We'll hear from a Tesla investor.

Meanwhile, more tariff threats from President Trump - this time against India over its Russian oil purchases. India called the move unfair targeting. We'll be getting reaction on the mounting tensions between the two countries

And we look at the new trend of 'fake' weddings - for those who en joy wedding parties, but don't know anyone getting married.

# TUESDAY 05 AUGUST 2025

# TUE 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blbmv5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct71w2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]

# TUE 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blhrl9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# TUE 01:06 Business Matters (w172zrs6btxbx2g)

India calls threat of further US tariffs 'unjustified'

India is one of the biggest buyers of Russian oil, but President Trump wants that to stop. He's threatened India with even more tariffs, a move that India says is both'unjustified' and 'unreasonable.' We'll be getting reaction to the mounting tensions between the two countries.

The world's richest man could get richer as Tesla's board moves to give CEO Elon Musk a bigger stake to keep him at the company. We'll hear from a Tesla investor.

And we look at the new trend of 'fake' weddings - for those who enjoy wedding parties, but don't know anyone getting married.

#### TUE 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blbwbf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0b8bt)

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# TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm2617lt)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

#### TUE 02:32 Assignment (w3ct6rby)

Waiting for my Dad: Ukraine's children of the missing

A pioneering summer camp for Ukrainian children with missing parents.

According to the Ukrainian government more than 70 thousand people are missing in the war, leaving families, including thousands of children, anxious for news of their loved ones and unable to move on.

Psychologists say these children are some of the most traumatised they have worked with.

Now for the first time a leading Ukrainian children's charity is putting on a special summer camp for some of these children, offering them therapy, fun activities and a safe place.

For Assignment, Will Vernon is given exclusive access to this project, where psychologists are developing a new framework to treat these deeply traumatised children.

Producer: John Murphy

Sound mixer: Neil Churchill

Production Coordinator: Gemma Ashman Series editor: Penny Murphy

(Photo: Children hug each other after a tearful group therapy session in Ukraine's Carpathian Mountains. Credit: John

TUE 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blc02k) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6wpy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Monday]

# TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct746d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Monday]

# TUE 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blc3tp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0bhv2)

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# TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm261h32)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

#### TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct6vtp) Luke Jerram: A Good Yarn

Luke Jerram creates spectacular art installations all over the world. He reached millions of people with his work 'Play Me, I'm Yours', inviting anyone to make music on the 2,000 pianos he'd placed on the streets of more than 70 cities. He's also created large sculptures of the moon, the planet Mars and the sun, which were suspended in spaces like cathedrals so that visitors could admire the celestial bodies up close. For In the Studio Julian May follows the creation of the artist's latest work, made for Bradford, this year's UK City of Culture. "A Good Yarn" plays on the double meaning of the word "yarn" - both a length of thread and a story. It looks like a giant multicoloured ball of wool, 3 metres high, which will be rolled

through the city's streets.

During the Industrial Revolution Bradford became the centre of the woollen industry. By 1836 there were 73 mills in Bradford, creating 70,000 jobs, drawing people to work in the city first from Ireland and Germany and, in the 1960s, from Pakistan. Luke Jerram is a collaborative artist and Bradford residents have worked together to create a kilometre-long rope, made from woollen fabric donated by the public or from second-hand shops. It's made up of all kinds of cloth - children's bedsheets, men's old shirts, saris, a ballet tutu - so the rope mirrors the intertwined lives of local people. As the work takes shape, the theatre company Bloomin' Buds gather the volunteers' textilerelated memories, including from women who worked in the mills. Musicians The Broken Orchestra have been weaving these into a soundscape.

In the programme Julian May follows Luke Jerram from his initial idea through the winding of the rope into a huge ball and rolling it - accompanied by local musicians - through the streets where the people who contributed the fabric - and their stories -

#### TUE 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blc7kt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

## TUE 05:06 Newsday (w172zspqnt09mld)

Netanyahu to update Gaza military plan

The war in Gaza may be about to intensify. Multiple Israeli media reports, quoting unnamed senior officials in the prime minister's office, say Benjamin Netanyahu has decided to reoccupy the entirety of the Gaza Strip. We'll speak to a former Israeli military chief who wants the war to end now.

President Trump says he plans to 'substantially' raise trade tariffs on goods imported from India. We'll hear why Indian farmers are particularly worried about the trade war with the

In Brazil, the the former president, Jair Bolsonaro, who is on trial for allegedly trying to overthrow the government, has been placed under house arrest, after a judge said he failed to comply with court orders including a ban on using social media.

In the Sudanese city of El Fasher, reports say some people are having to eat animal feed after a fifteen-month siege by paramilitaries.

And we'll hear how South Africa is looking for new markets for its goods, after a trade row with the United States.

(Photo: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Jerusalem, 27 July 2025; Credit: Reuters)

# TUE 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blcc9y)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# TUE 06:06 Newsday (w172zspqnt09rbj)

Reports say Netanyahu to push for full Gaza occupation

We'll discuss reports that Israel's prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu's cabinet is reportedly due to meet to endorse his plans to expand military operations in Gaza.

From the United States, Democratic Texas Representative, Jolanda Jones, joins us - but not from Texas, as she and others in her party look to stand against Republicans who want to redraw boundaries in the state.

We'll speak to a Swiss member of parliament as we continue to look at what Donald Trumps tariffs mean for people around the worlds. Switzerland is facing 39% duties on its goods imported

(Photo: Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Washington, 8 July 2025; Credit: Reuters)

# TUE 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blch22)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# TUE 07:06 Newsday (w172zspqnt09w2n)

Netanyahu reported to favour Gaza military expansion

The war in Gaza may be about to intensify. Multiple Israeli media reports, quoting unnamed senior officials in the prime minister's office, say Benjamin Netanyahu has decided to reoccupy the entirety of the Gaza Strip.

Amid concern about a lack of food in Gaza, the Israeli military says it will allow the gradual and controlled entry of goods to Gaza via private merchants.

President Trump says he plans to 'substantially' raise trade tariffs on goods imported from India. We'll hear why Indian farmers are particularly worried about the trade war with the

A protest against re-drawing boundaries in the US state of Texas leads to the Governor ordering the arrest of fifty

(Photo: Israeli prime minister Netanyahu, Washington, 7 July 2025; Credit: EPA/Shutterstock)

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#### TUE 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blclt6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

## TUE 08:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct80hk)

Safer streets in Cairo

What if reimagining how cities are designed could make women safer? In Cairo, sexual harassment and violence against women on the streets has been endemic. Women don't feel safe enough to walk or take public transport. A pioneering programme called Safer Cities, is hoping to find the solution through radical urban redesigns, women friendly spaces and raising awareness about sexual harassment.

Salma El-Wardany, who was born in Cairo, visits a women's only park in Imbaba, Giza and meets Samaha who runs the park. She not only oversees the children playing, but also organises events for local women with advice and support.

Salma visits Zenein Market in Giza, which was redesigned to better support the majority of female sellers there. They show Salma the older part of the market which is yet to be regenerated.

Salma also speaks to Caroline Nassif, who worked as Project Officer at UN Women, as well as local NGOs, and Minister Manal Awad Mikhail who was one of the driving forces behind the scheme across locations.

## TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm261z2l)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6s6y)

The quiet power behind smart tech

WiFi Bluetooth and mobile networks are familiar names in wireless communication - but there's a fourth contender transforming everything from city water systems to African wildlife conservation

LPWAN - or Low Power Wide Area Network technology - is used when you need to send small amounts of data over long distances, using very little power.

We head to rural Portugal where it's used for solar and water systems, and from conservation parks in Africa to find out how this low-cost network could become the most influential wireless tech of them all

Produced and presented by Alastair Leithead

(Image: An adult female Iberian Lynx named Lava with GPS tracking collar on January 12, 2023 in Toledo, Spain. Credit: Getty Images)

# TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct74mz)

When Stalin silenced Shostakovich

Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich was one of the greatest musicians of the 20th century. But in 1936, Joseph Stalin attended a performance of Shostakovich's opera, Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk

The Soviet leader was unimpressed and left early. Days later, the state newspaper Pravda published a scathing review titled 'Muddle instead of music', castigating the music as bourgeois.

Shostakovich was blacklisted from public life, and feared for his safety during Stalin's ongoing purges.

The traditional style of his comeback Symphony No 5 in 1937 was a hit with the authorities, and Shostakovich's reputation was restored. But his true intentions are hugely debated - some experts argue the Fifth Symphony was a cleverly veiled act of dissent.

Fifty years on from the composer's death, his son Maxim Shostakovich unfolds the mystery with Ben Henderson.

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(Photo: Dmitri Shostakovich and his son Maxim Shostakovich. Credit: Express/Getty Images)

## TUE 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blcqkb)

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#### TUE 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0c3kq)

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# TUE 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm2622tq)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# TUE 09:32 Assignment (w3ct6rbv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

# TUE 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blcv9g)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# TUE 10:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct6ztk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

# TUE 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blcz1l)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service

# TUE 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0cc1z)

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#### TUE 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm262b9z) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

#### TUE 11:32 In the Studio (w3ct6vtp) [Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

# TUE 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bld2sq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# TUE 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6x4m)

Becoming Black - how a Ska 'princess' found her calling

This episode contains outdated racial language.

In 1979, Pauline Black was thrust into the limelight as lead singer of The Selecter, a British band which fused ska, punk and reggae. Fans were enthralled by her dramatic stage presence dressed in sharply tailored suits and a trademark trilby. Pauline crafted a unique 'rude girl' persona characteristic of ska fans and British-Jamaican youth culture. The Selecter, with its mix of Black and white musicians were trailblazers in a society where racism was commonplace.

Pauline was no stranger to racial tension. The daughter of a Nigerian prince, she was adopted by a white family who taught her that Black men were dangerous and to be avoided. Her childhood was confusing and complex and it would take Pauline decades to reclaim her identity and learn the truth about her birth parents.

Presenter: Jo Fidgen Producer: Maryam Maruf

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(Photo: Singer Pauline Black in the 1980s. Credit: Getty Images)

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#### TUE 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bld6jv)

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## TUE 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0clk7)

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## TUE 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm262kt7)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

#### TUE 13:32 Discovery (w3ct6sw8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Monday]

## TUE 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bldb8z)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

## TUE 14:06 Newshour (w172zss6c83jgvl)

Israel to let some commercial goods into Gaza

Israel has authorised the gradual re-entry of goods including food supplies to Gaza via private traders for the first time in ten months. How does food distribution operate at the moment, and how often can it be a case of survival of the fittest?

Also in the programme: as the final push for a global plastics treaty begins in Geneva, we hear from the head of the United Nations Environment Programme on why it needs to happen; and we report from a camp for Ukrainian children trying to cope with the trauma of parents missing because of the war with Russia; plus why Dolly Parton has been given the status of global icon.

# TUE 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bldg13)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# $\it TUE~15:06~People~Fixing~The~World~(w3ct80hk)$

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

# TUE 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm262t9h)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# TUE 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct766z)

Marketing or misfire? Sydney Sweeny ad fuels 23 percent stock surge

Is American Eagle's latest ad campaign genius marketing or just bad taste? The play on words, featuring actress Sydney Sweeney, has divided opinion and even caught the attention of former President Trump. David Harper explores whether the backlash actually worked in the brand's favour.

We also speak to the OECD's Chief Economist to ask whether companies are investing enough to fuel global economic growth.

And we unpack a landmark defence deal between Australia and a Japanese shipbuilder — the first of its kind.

# TUE 16:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bldks7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# TUE 16:06 BBC OS (w173067wlbzgfx6)

Bangladesh's interim leader promises elections next February.

Thousands have gathered in the Bangladeshi capital Dhaka for colourful rallies, concerts and prayer sessions marking a year since the autocratic former prime minister, Sheikh Hasina, was ousted in a student-led uprising. We speak to young people in Bangladesh to find out what has changed one year on.

Two UN agencies have issued warnings about the hunger crisis in Sudan, with the besieged city of El Fasher facing starvation, and child malnutrition rife across the country. We speak to our correspondent.

As the Ukraine war continues, Moscow has said it did not want to be involved in polemics after US President Donald Trump ordered two nuclear submarines to be positioned closer to Russia. Our Russia editor Steve Rosenberg joins us to discuss whether relations between Mr Trump and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin have soured.

Country music legend Dolly Parton has been named a Guinness World Record Icon, in honour of her eleven record-breaking achievements. We speak to country artists about Dolly Parton's influence on their music.

Presenter: Mark Lower

[Photo: People celebrate one year anniversary since student-led protests ousted Bangladesh's former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, at Manik Mia Avenue, outside of the parliament building, in Dhaka, Bangladesh, August 5, 2025. Credit: REUTERS/Mohammad Ponir Hossain]

#### TUE 17:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bldpjc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### TUE 17:06 BBC OS (w173067wlbzgknb)

BBC investigation uncovers Channel smuggling gang's hideout

A BBC investigation has exposed the French and British links of a powerful and violent Iraqi smuggling gang taking people across the English Channel in small boats. We are joined by our correspondent Andrew Harding who also gained unprecedented access to the smugglers' forest hideout in northern France.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is to propose fully reoccupying the Gaza Strip when he meets his security cabinet, Israeli media say. This comes after indirect talks with Hamas on a ceasefire and hostage deal broke down. Our Middle East correspondent brings us the latest from Jerusalem.

The interim leader of Bangladesh, Muhammad Yunus, says he will ask the election commission to hold national elections next February, as thousands there marked a year since a student uprising led to the overthrow of the last autocratic government. We speak to people in Bangladesh to find out what has changed one year on.

A US congressional committee has issued subpoenas to the expresident Bill Clinton and his wife the former Secretary of State Hilary Clinton as part of its probe into the sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. We speak to our North America correspondent Anthony Zurcher in Washington DC.

The US coastguard has released a damning report on the deadly implosion of the Titan submersible on a visit to the wreck of the Titanic in 2023. Our reporter tells us more.

# Presenter: Mark Lowen

[Photo: Migrants being led through a forest by smuggler Abdullah, ahead of attempting a Channel crossing. Credit: BBC]

# TUE 18:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bldt8h)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# TUE 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6x4m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

# TUE 18:50 Witness History (w3ct74mz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

# TUE 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bldy0m)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# TUE 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0db10)

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

# TUE 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm263990)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# TUE 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6z9s)

2025/08/05 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 (w172zwwr5blf1rr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# TUE 20:06 Assignment (w3ct6rbv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

# TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm263f14)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

#### TUE 20:32 Tech Life (w3ct6zp2)

What happened to DeepSeek?

China's DeepSeek took the AI world by storm this year. Where is it now? Plus the AI doomsday scenario capturing the imagination of the tech world. How seriously should we take it? And the future of driving with Volvo's tech lead.

Presenter: Graham Fraser Producer: Imran Rahman-Jones Editor: Monica Soriano

(Image: A hand holding a phone with the blue and white Deepseek whale logo on it. In the background is the red flag of China. Credit: Getty Images)

## TUE 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blf5hw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### TUE 21:06 Newshour (w172zss6c83kb2h)

Besieged Sudan city residents face starvation, UN warns

The UN's food agency has warned that families trapped within the besieged Sudanese city of el-Fasher face starvation. Also on the programme, an investigation into the gangs running illegal migration from France to Britain; we speak to 93 year-old Nobel prize winner Setsuko Thurlow about surviving the Hiroshima nuclear bomb.

(Photo: Houda Ali Mohammed, 32, a displaced Sudanese mother of four, prepares food at a camp shelter amid the ongoing conflict between the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and the Sudanese army, in Tawila, North Darfur, Sudan, July 30, 2025. REUTERS/Mohamed Jamal/File Photo)

# TUE 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blf980)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# TUE 22:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct80hk) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

TUE 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm263njd)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# TUE 22:32 In the Studio (w3ct6vtp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

# TUE 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blff04)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# $\it TUE~\bf 23:06~The~Newsroom~(w172zwl69k0dt0j)$

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

# TUE 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm263s8j)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# TUE 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct76bc)

Trump warns of steep tariffs on pharmaceuticals

President Trump signals pharmaceuticals could be next on his tariffs list. But what does that mean for the makers and distributors of non-branded medicines? We'll be speaking to an association representing them.

Love it or loathe it, AI is creeping into everyday life. But how much of a threat does AI pose to emerging economies? The president of the World Bank Group shares his thoughts.

And in electric car sales in Europe it's bad news for Tesla, but much brighter news for BYD. We'll look at the reasons for the difference in performance for the rival carmakers.

# WEDNESDAY 06 AUGUST 2025

# WED 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blfjr8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# WED 00:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct6ztk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

# WED 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blfnhd)

#### WED 01:06 Business Matters (w172zrs6btxfszk)

Pharmaceuticals set for US tariffs hike

US tariffs of up to 250 percent - that's what pharmaceutical imports could soon be facing But what would this mean for the makers and distributors of non-branded medicines? We'll be speaking to an association representing them.

Is Europe turning its back on Tesla? Electric car sales from the company continue to drop in Europe, but sales from Chinese electric carmaker BYD are on the rise. An automotive analyst tells us why.

And the messaging service WhatsApp says it shut down almost seven million accounts linked to scammers in the first half of the year. WhatsApp's external affairs director explains more.

#### WED 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blfs7j)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### WED 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0f57x)

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## WED 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm2644hx)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# $\it WED~02:32~The~Climate~Question~(w3ct7025)$

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

## WED 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blfwzn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### WED 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6x4m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Tuesday]

## WED 03:50 Witness History (w3ct74mz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Tuesday]

# WED 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blg0qs)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# WED 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0fdr5)

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# WED 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm264d05)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# WED 04:32 13 Minutes Presents: The Space Shuttle (w3ct80bl)

The Space Shuttle

The Space Shuttle: 3. Glass rocket

Columbia reaches orbit. But astronaut Bob Crippen discovers that the shuttle has been damaged – can he and John Young make it home safely?

Parts of the heatshield to protect the shuttle from searing temperatures on re-entry to Earth have fallen off during the journey into space. This new heatshield has never been tested before in orbit. Could more tiles be missing?

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:

Nichelle Nichols NASA advertisement, Nasa Archives, 1977 STS-1 Columbia landing sequence, ABC News, CBS News, 1981

Mission audio and oral histories, Nasa History Office

# WED 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blg4gx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# WED 05:06 Newsday (w172zspqnt0djhh)

What is it like to give birth in Gaza?

Giving birth in war torn Gaza; we'll speak to a young Palestinian

mother who just had her first baby girl.

Brazil braces itself for US trade tariffs kicking off today. How will it affect the economy?

Eighty years on from the nuclear attack on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. We'll hear from a peace activist in the city.

Hundreds of thousands of people in El Fasher in Sudan face starvation. We'll hear from a doctor in the city.

And our reporter has been meeting new Chinese immigrants in the United States.

(Photo: Mervat Salha, the grandmother of Palestinian baby girl

# Mariam, Rafah, 17 December 2023; Credit: Reuters) WED 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blo871)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### WED 06:06 Newsday (w172zspqnt0dn7m)

BBC investigation exposes migrant smuggling gang

We'll hear about the year-long BBC investigation that has exposed a violent people smuggling gang taking migrants illegally across the English channel from France to the United Kingdom.

We'll also hear from a new mother in Gaza about living through war and displacement.

And we'll speak to the founder of a soup kitchen which prepares and distributes meals to people in shelters and communities across Gaza.

(Photo: People thought to be migrants scramble to board a small boat near Wimereux, France, 17July 2025; Credit: PA)

## WED 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blgcz5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

## WED 07:06 Newsday (w172zspqnt0drzr)

Giving birth in Gaza

Giving birth in war torn Gaza; we'll speak to a young Palestinian mother who just had her first baby girl.

We'll also speak to the Head of Operations for for the charity Save the Children in Gaza, about the challenges of giving birth in a humanitarian disaster zone.

And our reporter has been meeting new Chinese immigrants in

(Photo: Nemah Hamouda holds a baby bottle while cradling her three-month-old granddaughter, Gaza City, 29 July 2025; Credit: Reuters)

# WED 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blghq9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# WED 08:06 The Interview (w3ct7x6p)

John Denton, Secretary-General of the ICC: Uncertainty is harming business

Suranjana Tewari speaks to John Denton, Secretary-General of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), about the impact of global tariffs.

Based in Paris, the ICC represents 45 million businesses, large and small, from across 170 different countries. These businesses were amongst the first to feel the effects of Trump's tariffs, which have been implemented for various reasons by the US President. Mr. Denton believes that the uncertainty is hurting businesses who worry about making a decision today, only for the rules to be changed tomorrow.

Mr. Denton also reveals how new markets are forming away from the US and its tariffs, with South East Asia transitioning from an export-based economy to one of consumption. And despite all the chaos, he points out the World Trade Organisation, and other economic architecture, has actually continued to function. He praises those who have not issued retaliatory tariffs.

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Presenter: Suraniana Tewari

Producers: Ben Cooper and Olivia Lace-Evans

Editor: Nick Holland

Get in touch with us on email TheInterview@bbc.co.uk and use the hashtag #TheInterviewBBC on social media.

(Image: John Denton. Credit: John Lamparski/Getty Images North America)

#### WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm264vzp)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

#### WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6scg)

From China to California: What's next for Chinese migrants?

In 2023, Business Daily met Chinese people trying to get into the US using an unexpected route – the established migrant trail through South and Central America.

We've re-connected with some of those migrants who have made it across the border and are now living in California.

Have they managed to find work and accommodation? And what are their plans for the future given US President Donald Trump's crackdown on immigration?

Presented and produced by Shawn Yuan Additional production by David Cann and Helen Thomas

(Image: Pan, a man in his fifties from China, now works at a Chinese restaurant in Barstow, California, after having come to the US by way of Latin America two years ago)

# WED 08:50 Witness History (w3ct74q7)

The Assam-Tibet earthquake

On 15 August 1950, an 8.6 magnitude earthquake shook the Himalaya mountains – wiping out whole villages in Tibet and north-east India.

The death toll was estimated to be about 4,800.

The late British botanist Frank Kingdon-Ward was camping in Tibet with his wife Jean when the ground beneath them began to sag.

"I felt as though we were lying on a pie crust against whicha steam hammer was drumming," he said.

"In another minute it must crack, crumple, and drop us into the shuddering interior of the earth.

"I can't convey to you our terror, bewilderment, sense of utter helplessness."

The pair had been planning to go seed hunting in the mountains. Instead, they were stranded with limited rations.

In an interview he gave to the BBC in 1951, Frank Kingdon-Ward describes the destruction the quake caused and their perilous journey to safety.

This programme is made in collaboration with BBC Archives. It's produced and presented by Vicky Farncombe.

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: A bridge damaged by the 1950 earthquake in Assam, India. Credit: Getty Images)

WED 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blgmgf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### WED 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0g0gt)

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#### WED 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm264zqt)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

## WED 09:32 The Climate Question (w3ct7025)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

#### WED 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blgr6k)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### WED 10:06 World Book Club (w3ct74s2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

## WED 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blgvyp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### WED 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0g7z2)

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## WED 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm265772)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# WED 11:32 13 Minutes Presents: The Space Shuttle (w3ct80bl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

#### WED 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blgzpt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# WED 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6xcj)

The day I woke up with new, beautiful hands

Luka Krizanac was 12 when his parents picked him up from a friend's birthday party in Switzerland, when everything changed. A sore throat transpired to be an infection, which improperly treated, led to severe sepsis and organ failure. Lying in a coma, he had to have both of his hands and lower legs amputated in order to save his life. With the support of his family and friends, Luka slowly rebuilt. He wanted to ensure he lived a full life. He travelled, studied for a degree and got a job in banking. Last year, an opportunity arose for Luka to fly to the US, and receive a double-hand transplant - and 17 years after losing his hands, Luka was gifted a pair by a stranger

When Bear, a ferocious-looking but lovable former police dog, came to live with Julia Pope and her husband in southern England, he made himself at home immediately and settled down for a comfortable retirement. But then Bear's many years of strenuous service in the force took its toll and he became seriously ill. Julia feared the worst for Bear, but as he was recovering from surgery - the old dog made use of his old tricks and would end up unexpectedly saving the life of a missing person.

Presenter: Jo Fidgen

Producers: Elena Angelides, Florian Bohr and Maryam Maruf

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(Photo: Luka Krizanac. Credit: Luka Krizanac)

# WED 12:50 Witness History (w3ct74q7)

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# WED 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blh3fy)

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# WED 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0ghgb)

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# WED 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm265gqb)

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# $\textit{WED } \textbf{13:32 Tech Life} \ (\textbf{w3ct6zp2})$

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Tuesday]

WED 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blh762)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### WED 14:06 Newshour (w172zss6c83mcrn)

US government halts mRNA vaccine development projects

The US Health Secretary has stopped about \$500m worth of funding for the development of mRNA vaccines against viruses that cause illnesses such as flu and Covid-19. Robert F. Kennedy - a vaccine sceptic - claims they pose many risks. Newshour hears from vaccinology professor Dr. Paul Offit who says Mr Kennedy's decision is not based on science.

Also in the programme: we hear from a Hiroshima survivor; and the gorilla sisterhood.

(Picture: A nurse prepares a booster dose of the Moderna mRNA Covid-19 vaccine, Spikevax, at a vaccination centre in Berlin, Germany, January 1, 2022. Credit: Reuters)

#### WED 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blhbv6)

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## WED 15:06 The Interview (w3ct7x6p)

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## WED 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm265q6l)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

## WED 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct76fs)

What do US tariffs mean for Brazillian coffee?

50% tariffs on some Brazillian goods being imported into the US come into force. We look at the details, and ask how much of an effect they will actually have.

We're also looking at debt, and its continuing impact on African economies.

And - Disney makes a big commitment to the NFL, as it invests in sports for its streaming services.

# WED 16:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blhgpb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# $\mathit{WED}~16:06~BBC~OS~(w173067wlbzkbt9)$

US-Russia hold 'constructive' talks

The Kremlin says US envoy Steve Witkoff and Russia's Vladimir Putin have held "constructive" talks, as Donald Trump's deadline for Moscow to agree a ceasefire in Ukraine looms. We speak to Russians to get their reaction.

And hear from Rabbis with different views on the war in Gaza, as Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reportedly considers occupying the whole of the strip.

OS presenter: Mark Lowen

(Photo: Russian President Vladimir Putin (L) and U.S. Special Envoy for the Middle East Steve Witkoff shake hands before a meeting at the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia, 06 August 2025. Credit: GAVRIIL GRIGOROV/SPUTNIK/KREMLIN POOL/EPA/Shutterstock)

# WED 17:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blhlfg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# WED~17:06~BBC~OS~(w173067wlbzkgkf)

How will US tariffs impact Brazil's coffee trade?

US tariffs of 50% have come into effect on a number of Brazilian products, as Donald Trump exerts pressure on the country over the trial of its former president, Jair Bolsonaro. The import taxes are the highest in the world and are expected to have an impact on coffee prices. We speak to businesses impacted by the tariffs.

We explain why the US plans to cancel \$500m in funding for mRNA vaccines being developed to counter viruses that cause diseases such as the flu and Covid-19.

And as the regulator in Britain bans two Zara adverts over models looking unhealthily thin, we speak to models about the state of the industry.

(Photo: A worker checks roasted coffee beans at a farm near Brasilia, Brazil July 15, 2025. Credit: REUTERS/Adriano Machado)

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# ${\it WED~19:32~Sport~Today}~(w3ct6zd1)$

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# WED 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm2669y7)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct6vjn)

Malnutrition in Gaza

UN-backed experts – the IPC - say the "worst-case scenario of famine is currently playing out" in Gaza and that there is mounting evidence that widespread malnutrition is driving a rapid rise in hunger-related deaths among the 2.1 million Palestinians there. Aid worker Olga Cherevko shares what she's witnessed on the ground and Claudia is also joined by specialist Dr Marko Kerac to understand the health impacts of malnutrition and what interventions are urgently needed. In a world-first the UK have begun to rollout a vaccine for gonorrhoea, an infection that if left untreated can lead to infertility. We ask what impact this vaccine might have on a global level.

The WHO has issued an urgent call for action to tackle mosquito-borne Chikungunya virus that has seen increasing cases since the beginning of the year. Professor Trudie Lang explains how the hardest hit countries are responding.

Using virtual reality, scientists have discovered that our immune system kicks into action at just the sight of a sick person. Matt and Claudia look at the unusual methods used to understand how our brains prepare for contact with a nathogen.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond

Producer: Hannah Robins

Assistant Producers: Alice McKee & Katie Tomsett

# WED 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blj2dz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# WED 21:06 Newshour (w172zss6c83n6zl) Russia talks: President Trump says 'great progress' has been

nade

The United States is imposing an extra twenty-five percent tariff on imports from India because Delhi continues to buy Russian oil. President Trump is using this to increase pressure for a ceasefire in Ukraine. Delhi's called it 'unfair'. The executive order came after the US envoy Steve Witkoff met Vladimir Putin in Moscow.

Also on the programme: As dozens are injured and killed in Gaza when four aid trucks tipped over, we take a look at how the crisis is being reported in Israel and whether public opinion is changing; Italy plans the longest suspension bridge in the world; and the new research that shows how female gorillas form strong friendships with each other that last years.

(Photo: Russian President Putin meets U.S. envoy Steve Witkoff in Moscow Credit: Sputnik/Gavriil Grigorov/via

REUTERS)

#### WED 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blj653)

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#### WED 22:06 The Interview (w3ct7x6p)

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## WED 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm266p5m)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# WED 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct76j1)

Trump slaps a further 25% tariff on India

As president Donald Trump's tariff regime on goods entering the United States from 69 countries around the world comes into effect, we discuss the impact it will have on global trade.

With India facing a threat of 50% tariffs on exports to the US due Delhi's purchase of oil from Russia, we hear whether India will ever wean itself off Russian supplies?

And what will be the impact of Washington's tariff mark-ups on Brazil and Switzerland?

Elsewhere, with the world's most revered investor - Warren Buffett - set to step down, Roger Hearing finds out who the 'sage of Omaha' really is.

The latest business and finance news from around the world, on

# THURSDAY 07 AUGUST 2025

# THU 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bljfnc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# $\it THU~00:06~World~Book~Club~(w3ct74s2)$

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

# THU~01:00~BBC~News~(w172zwwr5bljkdh)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# THU 01:06 Business Matters (w172zrs6btxjpwn)

India faces the threat of 50% mark ups on imports into the US

As US president Donald Trump's global tariffs regime comes into place, we discuss what effect it will have on the international trade architecture.

India faces a threat of 50% mark ups on what it sells to the US, with Washington unhappy over Delhi's purchase of oil from Russia. But will India ever wean itself off Russian supplies?

Meanwhile Trump's claiming a big win as Apple commits to an extra hundred billion dollars in investment in the States.

Elsewhere we hear of the summer of stink as bin workers strike in many US cities, and Roger Hearing talks about 'the sage of Omaha' during his last months as the world's most famous investor.

Global business news, with live guests and contributions from Asia and the USA.

# THU 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bljp4m)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# THU 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0j250)

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#### THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm2671f0)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

#### THU 02:32 The Documentary (w3ct80hg)

New Zealand: Heading across the ditch

New Zealand citizens, particularly young professionals and graduates, are leaving the country in record numbers. Most are heading across the Tasman Sea – known colloquially as "the ditch" - to Australia, lured by better job opportunities and higher wages. However, immigration is also at an all-time high, with migrant arrivals from India the largest group, followed by the Philippines and China.

Ruth Evans reports on what lies behind this Kiwi 'brain drain', and asks what the rapidly changing demographics mean for the country's future.

A Ruth Evans Production for the BBC World Service.

Image: The coastline of Wellington, New Zealand (Credit: Ruth Evans)

#### THU 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bljswr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# THU 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6xcj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Wednesday]

# THU 03:50 Witness History (w3ct74q7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Wednesday]

## THU 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bljxmw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# THU 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0j9n8)

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## THU 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm2678x8)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct70ys)

The anti-dementia diet

The World Health Organisation says close to 60 million people are living with dementia; and there are 10 million new cases every year. But could what we eat help to prevent it?

Three guests who've been exploring the potential for diet to help prevent dementia tell Ruth Alexander about their findings. We hear from Professor Christy Tangney of Rush University System for Health in the United States – she co-created the MIND diet; Anne-Marie Minihane, Professor of Nutrition and Genetics or Nutrigenetics as it's known, at Norwich Medical School at the University of East Anglia in the UK; and Dr Lizette Kuhn, a dietitian in Pretoria, South Africa.

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

Produced by Izzy Greenfield and Alistair Kleebauer

(Image: two sides of a brain; one made up of fruits and vegetables, and the other a sketch. Credit: Getty Images)

# THU 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blk1d0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# THU 05:06 Newsday (w172zspqnt0hfdl)

Trump could meet Putin soon

The US continues to push for peace in Ukraine. President Trump's special envoy met Russia's President Vladimir Putin in Moscow. So, has any progress towards a deal been made?

Several senior US politicians are calling for an independent enquiry into the killing of a Palestinian-American in the West Bank. We'll hear from a Senator.

We'll also look at US tariffs on India.

And we have a report from our correspondent on unprecedented wildfires in France.

(Photo: Russia's President Vladimir Putin and US President Donald Trump, Osaka, Japan, 28 June 2019; Credit: Reuters)

# THU 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blk544)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### THU 06:06 Newsday (w172zspqnt0hk4q)

The realities of treating the injured in Gaza

In Gaza, at least twenty people have been killed after aid trucks overturned amid a scramble for food. We'll hear what it's like working in an intensive care unit in the territory. And a warning, some may find some of the descriptions of injuries in the interview upsetting.

Several senior US politicians are calling for an independent enquiry into the killing of a Palestinian-American in the West Bank. We'll hear from a Senator.

And US president Donald Trump threatens 50% tariffs on India over ties to Russia - we have the details from the BBC's Devina Gupta in Delhi.

(Photo: A wounded Palestinian, Khan Younis, 24 May 2025; Credit: Reuters)

#### THU 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blk8w8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

## THU 07:06 Newsday (w172zspqnt0hnwv)

Trump threatens 50% tariffs on India

India is bracing itself as US president Donald Trump threatens 50% tariffs over ties to Russia. We have the details from the BBC's Devina Gupta in Delhi.

Meanwhile, the US continues to push for peace in Ukraine. President Trump's special envoy met Russia's President Vladimir Putin in Moscow. So, has any progress towards a deal been made?

And, the Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, is expected to convene his security cabinet later today to approve fresh plans for the war in Gaza. We'll hear from a Gaza resident and an Israeli politician.

(Photo: US President Donald Trump and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Washington, 26 June 2017; Credit: Reuters)

# THU 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blkdmd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct722w)

What does Syria's recent conflict tell us about al-Sharaa's presidency?

In July, a brutal highway hijacking in southern Syria sparked titfor-tat clashes between Druze and Bedouin fighters.

During the week-long violence, over a thousand people were killed and more than 125,000 displaced. Syrian government forces and Israel also entered the conflict.

The latest hostilities come less than a year after Syrians celebrated the end of dictatorship and the promise of renewal. The resurgence of sectarian violence raises urgent questions about interim President Ahmed al-Sharaa's leadership and whether his government can truly unify a fractured nation.

What does Syria's recent conflict tell us about al-Sharaa's presidency?

Contributors: Dr Rim Turkmani, Research Fellow at Director of Syria Conflict Research Programme (CRP); Makram Rabah, Assistant professor of history at the American University of Beirut; Dr Rahaf Aldoughli, Middle East and North African Studies at Lancaster University; Dr Burcu Ozcelik, Senior Research Fellow for Middle East Security at the Royal United Services Institute.

Presenter: Tanya Beckett Producer: Matt Toulson Researcher: Evie Yabsley Technical Producer: Richard Hannaford Editor: Tara McDermott

Image credit Reuters via BBC Images

# THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm267rws)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6s2f)

Singapore at 60: Raffles and the Republic

We take a tour of one of the world's most famous luxury hotels,

the Raffles in Singapore.

Raffles' 83-year-old resident historian Leslie Danker tells us about some of the famous guests who have stayed in the Beach Road suites, including the author Somerset Maugham. But with Sikh doormen manning the lobby and a cocktail bar designed to evoke the days when British miners and planters dominated the local economy, the hotel can be read as an unapologetic celebration of the country's colonial era.

As Singapore marks 60 years of independence, does it matter how hotels - and tourists - frame the past?

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

Presented and produced by Vivienne Nunis

(Picture: Leslie Danker, resident historian at the Raffles Hotel, Singapore.)

## THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct74jk)

Brazil's biggest bank heist

In August, 2005, a gang of robbers tunnelled their way into a Brazilian bank vault in a heist straight out of the movies.

Three months before, the thieves had set up a landscaping business, Grama Sintetica - or Synthetic Grass, from a house close to the Banco Central in Fortaleza. But it was a plot to disguise their real activity.

Working in shifts, they dug an 80 metre tunnel from the house, under a neighbouring street and into the vault before escaping with more than 160million reais, then the equivalent of \$70million

Antonio Celso Dos Santos, then a federal police chief, was one of the detectives who tracked down the gang. He spoke to Jane Wilkinson about the investigation.

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 artist's 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: Police and journalists examine the Banco Central tunnel, 2005. Credit: Tuno Viera/AFP via Getty Images)

# THU 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blkjcj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# THU 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0jxcx)

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# THU 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm267wmx)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# $\it THU$ 09:32 The Documentary (w3ct80hg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

# THU 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blkn3n)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# THU 10:06 The Explanation (w3ct7ysb)

The Media Show: Taiwan's war drama tests political boundaries on screen

A new Taiwanese television series depicts a fictional Chinese military invasion. Zero Day Attack has prompted debate over censorship, political influence and media independence. Chris Buckley, China and Taiwan correspondent for the New York

Times, outlines the production's background and the reaction it has provoked.

A whistleblower leak of internal Tesla documents has led to renewed scrutiny of the electric carmaker's safety record and corporate culture. The files include thousands of alleged customer complaints and were used to inform a new book, The Tesla Files, by investigative journalist Sönke Iwersen. He describes the reporting process and the challenges of handling sensitive data.

The UK government has held Downing Street's first official reception for content creators. TikTok creator Gabriel Nussbaum and Politics Home reporter Zoe Crowther discuss the event, how governments can engage influencers, and the broader implications for transparency and political journalism.

Presenter: Katie Razzall Producer: Dan Hardoon Assistant Producer: Lucy Wai Production Coordinator: Ruth Waites Technical Coordinator: Samuel Iyiola Sound: Rohan Madison

#### THU 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm2680d1)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

## THU 10:32 On the Podium (w3ct80k1)

Derrick Loccident: A new challenge, a new life

Derek Loccident was a college American football player when, in 2018, an accident changed the course of his life. But despite becoming a below-the-knee amputee, he refused to give up on returning to the football field, and ended up exceeding everyone's expectations. Then another opportunity arose that set him on a path he'd never expected - competing at the 2024 Paris Paralympics.

Eliza Skinner and Ed Harry hear Derek's story, from why he draws inspiration from his Haitian mother to how he rebuilt his mentality as he faced new challenges. He also explains what it's like to compete in the unusual pairing of high jump and long jump, and why the brilliance of his biggest rival, German long-jumper Markus Rehm, is inspiring him to see just how far he can go.

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 (w172zwwr5blkrvs)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# THU 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0k4w5)

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# THU~11:30~BBC~News~Summary~(w172zwxkm268445)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# THU 11:32 The Food Chain (w3ct70ys)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

# THU 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blkwlx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6wxq)

My photo on a magazine cover got me out of jail

Aged 17 Kieu Chinh was separated from her family, Vietnam had been divided into Communist-run North and a pro-US regime in the South. Kieu found herself alone in Saigon waiting for her father and brother to join her but they never came. Her fortunes changed when two years later she was stopped in the

street by a Hollywood producer, the encounter would kick off a successful career in film, as an actor and film producer, and her own TV chat show.

Then in 1975 the Vietnam War came to Saigon. Kieu fled just as South Vietnam was falling to the Communists. She found herself in Singapore with no valid passport and was promptly put in jail. In a queue for the toilets she spotted a guard reading a magazine featuring her on the front cover and convinced him to allow her a phone call, finally she found her way out of the country en route to Canada as a refugee. From here, she had to build her life back up, from work on a chicken farm, all the way back to the screen and a role on the TV hit M\*A\*S\*H and the film The Joy Luck Club. In 1995, she made her first trip back to Vietnam to finally reunite with her brother and find out what had happened to her family.

Kieu's memoir is called 'An Artist in Exile'.

Presenter: Asya Fouks Producer: Sarah Kendal

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(Photo: Kieu Chinh, at the Asian World Film Festival, November 2024. Credit: Greg Doherty / Getty Images)

## THU 12:50 Witness History (w3ct74jk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

## THU 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bll0c1)

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## THU 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0kdcf)

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# THU 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm268cmf)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

## THU 13:32 Health Check (w3ct6vjn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Wednesday]

# THU 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bll435)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# THU 14:06 Newshour (w172zss6c83q8ns)

Trump tariffs hit dozens of countries

Sweeping new tariffs on more than 90 countries around the world - which US president Donald Trump has advocated for - have come into effect

Producers of staple goods such as Brazilian coffee say the tariffs will have a big impact on their industry.

Also in the programme: The Kremlin says presidents Trump and Putin will meet in the coming days to talk about Ukraine; and we'll get a rare glimpse into a besieged city, el Fasher in Sudan, where people are starving and terrified.

(Photo shows shipping containers in Frankfurt, Germany on 7 August 2025. Credit: Hannes P Albert/EPA)

# THU 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bll7v9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# THU 15:06 The Inquiry (w3ct722w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

# THU 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm268m3p)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# THU 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct75vp)

Can the world survive Trump's new tariffs?

A whole swathe of the tariffs threatened by Donald Trump for months finally come into force in dozens of countries. It sees 15% to 50% added on a variety of imports into the United States.

David Harper hears the thoughts of importers, exporters and industry experts.

# THU 16:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bllclf)

#### THU 16:06 BBC OS (w173067wlbzn7qd)

Russia-Ukraine war: Your questions answered

The leaders of the US and Russia have reportedly agreed to meet "very soon" to discuss the war in Ukraine. It's as President Trump's deadline for Russia to agree a ceasefire in Ukraine or face more sweeping sanctions is due to expire on Friday. Our Washington, Ukraine and Russia experts answer audience questions about efforts to end the war.

Israel's security cabinet is set to meet to discuss plans to occupy more of the Gaza Strip. We are joined by our BBC Arabic reporter.

Civilians trapped in the besieged Sudanese city of El Fasher have called for urgent action to prevent more people from dying of starvation. It comes as the Sudanese army says it shot down an Emirati plane allegedly carrying Colombian mercenaries and weapons for the Rapid Support Forces (RSF). Abu Dhabi has denied any involvement, despite repeated UN reports suggesting links. We speak to colleagues covering Sudan and Colombia, and to Sudanese citizens around the world.

Presenter: Mark Lowen

(Photo: Russian President Vladimir Putin attends a meeting with President of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan at the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia, 7 August, 2025. Credit: Gavriil Grigorov/Sputnik/Reuters)

## THU 17:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bllhbk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

## THU 17:06 BBC OS (w173067wlbzncgj)

Israel's cabinet discusses Gaza takeover plan

Israel's PM Benjamin Netanyahu is meeting his security cabinet to decide on whether to order a complete military takeover of the Gaza Strip. The meeting comes as Israel faces growing international pressure, including from its allies, to end the war in Gaza and allow more aid into the territory. We are joined by BBC Arabic reporter Sally Nabil with the latest.

The leaders of the US and Russia say they will meet, as soon as next week, to discuss the war in Ukraine. President Trump's deadline for Russia to agree a ceasefire in Ukraine or face more sweeping sanctions is due to expire on Friday. Our Washington, Ukraine and Russia experts answer audience questions about efforts to end the war.

Meanwhile President Trump's latest wave of country-specific tariffs has come into force. We speak to Washington-based journalists from countries who stand to be particularly badly hit

A row over pasta has escalated into a minor international diplomatic spat after a British website published a recipe for a beloved Italian dish. It suggests that cacio e pepe, traditionally made only with three ingredients - pasta, black pepper, and pecorino cheese - could also be made with parmesan and butter. We speak to Italian chefs about the controversy.

Presenter: Mark Lowen

(Photo: Protesters demand the release of hostages held in Gaza and the end of the war outside Israeli PM Netanyahu's office, in Jerusalem, 7 August, 2025. Credit: Ronen Zvulun/Reuters)

# THU 18:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bllm2p)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6wxq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

THU 18:50 Witness History (w3ct74jk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

THU 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bllqtt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

 $THU~\bf 19:06~The~Newsroom~(w172zwl69k0l3v6)$ 

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THU 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm269336)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6z7j) 2025/08/07 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.

#### THU 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bllvky)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 20:06 The Documentary (w3ct80hg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm2696vb)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

## THU 20:32 Science In Action (w3ct6yfp)

An end to allergic reactions?

As the United States secretary of health and human services, Robert F Kennedy Jr., announces a \$500 million cut to mRNA vaccine research in the United States, we hear a statement from the Nobel Prize winning biologist who made mRNA vaccines possible.

A team of scientists from Northwestern University have uncovered the pathway believed to protect some people from allergic reactions (even when they are sensitive to an allergen) and have tested a drug which could protect the most severely allergic.

Also this week, satellite data shows that large parts of the Earth are running dangerously low on ground water.

And although people often believe scientific fraud is committed by a few bad actors, a new paper uncovers networks of journals, editors, and authors who are allegedly cooperating to publish fraudulent papers.

Presenter: Roland Pease

Producer: Ella Hubber and Alex Mansfield Assistant Producer: Minnie Harrop Production Coordinator: Jana Bennett-Holesworth

(Image: Allergy testing. Credit: Peter Dazeley via Getty Images)

#### THU 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bllzb2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# THU 21:06 Newshour (w172zss6c83r3wp)

Israeli security cabinet discusses plan to fully occupy Gaza

The Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been meeting with his security cabinet and says he wants a complete military takeover of the entire Gaza Strip, starting with Gaza City. The Israeli leader believes a full takeover is "the only way" to destroy Hamas and free the remaining Israeli hostages.

Also on the programme: reports that Sudan's military destroyed a UAE plane carrying Colombian mercenaries; and a tribute to the pioneering Latin-jazz musician Eddie Palmieri, who has died aged 88.

(Photo: A damaged Israeli flag stands in Gaza, as seen from the Israeli side of the border between Israel and Gaza, 7th August, 2025. Credit: Amir Cohen/Reuters)

# THU 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blm326)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

 $\it THU~22:06~The~Inquiry~(w3ct722w)$ 

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

# THU 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm269gbl)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 22:32 The Food Chain (w3ct70ys) [Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

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# THU 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blm6tb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# THU 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0lltq)

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# THU 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm269l2q)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct75xy)
Can countries defy Trump's new tariffs?

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As US president Donald Trump's new tariffs begin to take hold, Roger Hearing finds out whether India, Brazil and Canada can survive without a trade deal with the world's largest economy.

We hear how scientists and engineers in Sweden are trying to revolutionise the global steel industry by using new technology to make the material greener.

And how good is the latest AI app - GPT5?

The latest business and finance news from around the world, on the BBC.

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#### FRI 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blmbkg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

## FRI 00:06 The Explanation (w3ct7ysb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Thursday]

#### FRI 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm269ptv)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# FRI 00:32 On the Podium (w3ct80k1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:32 on Thursday]

## FRI 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blmg9l)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

## FRI 01:06 Business Matters (w172zrs6btxmlsr)

Is there a way countries could defy Trump's tariffs?

With India prime minister Modi and Brazil president Lula vowing to "defend multilateralism" against what they see as "rising US protectionism", Roger Hearing is joined by Alison van Diggelen and Travis Paterson to discuss how businesses in countries that don't have a trade deal with Washington will be impacted by US president Trump's new tariffs.

We hear how scientists and engineers in Sweden are using new technology to revolutionise the global steel industry and make the material green.

Elsewhere, how good is the latest AI app - GPT5?

Plus the strange case of the fluffy toys and a million-dollar lawsuit

Global business news, with live guests and contributions from Asia and the USA.

# FRI 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blml1q)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# FRI 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0lz23)

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# FRI 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm269yb3)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# FRI 02:32 Tech Life (w3ct6zp2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Tuesday]

# FRI 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blmpsv)

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# FRI 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6wxq)

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# FRI 03:50 Witness History (w3ct74jk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Thursday]

# FRI 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blmtjz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# FRI 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0m6kc)

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# FRI 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm26b5tc)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service

#### FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct6vp5)

Freddie's second verse

Freddie once signed to a major record label. He appeared in high-production music videos and looked set for fame. But the pressure and pace of that life left him feeling hollow. In one of the world's busiest cities, he now follows a very different path—one built on silence, discipline, and spiritual growth. In this episode, Freddie reflects on his decision to leave the music industry behind and embrace Buddhism. He now works as a nail technician and shares how his beliefs shape his daily life. Alongside him is Carl, his partner, who offers moving insights into how their shared values deepen their relationship.

The episode captures striking contrasts: the buzz of the city versus the calm of local temples; a nail salon's chatter against the resonance of monastery chanting. Through honest conversations and ambient recordings, we step into Freddie and Carl's world, where Buddhist practice offers an anchor amid chaos.

Their story explores what it means to redefine success, maintain spiritual discipline in a hyperactive city, and find peace through faith. It also touches on themes of identity, mindfulness, and how love and belief can thrive under pressure.

Freddie's journey is not one of retreat, but of radical reorientation—a decision to slow down in a world that keeps speeding up. This is a rare and intimate portrait of life shaped by stillness, purpose, and the search for something more lasting than applause.

Producer/Presenter: John Offord Executive Producer: Rajeev Gupta Editor: Chloe Walker Production Coordinator: Mica Nepomuceno

## FRI 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blmy93)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# FRI 05:06 Newsday (w172zspqnt0lb9p)

Israel's security cabinet approves occupation of Gaza City

Benjamin Netanyahu's office said that the security cabinet voted by a majority to adopt what he called "the five principles for ending the war".

Earlier, the UN warned that Israel expanding military operations risked "catastrophic consequences" for Palestinian civilians and Israeli hostages. We hear from a Palestinian who still has family in Gaza.

The Kremlin says Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin will meet in a matter of days, but will it bring a ceasefire to Ukraine? Former US diplomat Kurt Volker is not convinced.

(Photo: Overcrowding of displaced Palestinians in areas declared unsafe by the Israeli occupation; Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

# FRI 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bln217)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# FRI 06:06 Newsday (w172zspqnt0lg1t)

Israel approves plan to take control of Gaza City

The Israeli security cabinet also adopted five principles for ending the war, which include an alternative civilian government that is not Hamas or the Palestinian Authority.

A senior United Nations official had earlier expressed serious concerns about Israel expanding its military operations in Gaza, in response to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's push to occupy the entire territory.

Meanwhile - is the end of the war in Ukraine any closer? We're told a meeting between Russia's President Putin and US President Trump IS on the cards in coming days... we ask what if anything - it can achieve - as we get the view from Moscow

And -- as Son Heung Min makes the move from Tottenham to Los Angeles - George Addo joins us with reaction to the South Korea captain making a move to Major League Soccer.

(Photo: An Israeli tank enters Israel from Gaza, July 28, 2025; Credit: Reuters)

# FRI 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bln5sc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# FRI 07:06 Newsday (w172zspqnt0lksy)

Israeli hostages families oppose Gaza City occupation

Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu had earlier said he wanted to

take over all of the Gaza Strip but the approved plan focuses specifically on Gaza City, the largest city in the enclave. The UN has previously warned that Israel expanding military operations risks "catastrophic consequences" for Palestinian civilians and Israeli hostages.

The Kremlin says Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin will meet in a matter of days, but will it bring a ceasefire to Ukraine? Former US diplomat Kurt Volker is not convinced.

(Photo: Demonstrators and relatives of hostages kidnapped demand the immediate release of the hostages and the end of the war; Credit: Reuters)

#### FRI 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5bln9jh)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### FRI 08:06 Americast (w3ct7t5r)

Why are Texan Democrats on the run?

Illinois Governor JB Pritzker said on Monday: "There are no rules anymore, apparently," as he stood alongside the Democrat lawmakers who fled Texas to prevent a vote which would redraw the state's political map in favour of the Republican Party.

It is a process known as 'redistricting', which normally occurs at the end of each decade when the census takes place. But in a move designed to give the Republicans a crucial advantage heading into the 2026 Midterms, Donald Trump wants it to take place now. It would give Republicans five extra seats in the House.

It is an unconventional request by Donald Trump's administration, but Democrat governors are now threatening to do the same thing in their states, including California Governor Gavin Newsom.

Presenter Justin Webb and North America correspondent Anthony Zurcher, discuss whether this a fight the Democrats can win, and whether this is an audition for some 2028 presidential hopefuls. They are joined by special guest Steve Israel, former New York Congressman (2001-2017)

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# FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm26bnsw)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6rsd)

Business Daily meets: Ellen Johnson Sirlea

It was a significant moment when Ellen Johnson Sirleaf was declared president of Liberia in 2005 - Africa's first elected female head of state.

Although she made significant progress in promoting peace and development - which earned her a Nobel Peace Prize - her accomplishments were overshadowed by allegations of corruption and nepotism.

She discusses her journey, which includes both achievements

and controversies; what she would have done differently; and the various economic challenges that African countries are facing today.

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

Presenter: Rahul Tandon Producer: Amber Mehmood

(Picture: Ellen Johnson Sirleaf speaks after receiving the "Lifetime Achievement Award" during the Forbes 30/50 Summit International Women's Day Awards Gala 2024 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Credit: Getty Images)

## FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct7444)

1965 Singaporean independence

On 9 August 1965 Singapore announced it had left the Federation of Malaysia and become an independent sovereign state. Explaining the separation at a news conference, the prime minister, Lee Kuan Yew, was overcome with emotion.

Fifty years later in 2015, Catherine Davis spoke to Manjeet Kaur who was 15-years-old when Singapore became independent.

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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: Lee Kuan Yew, Prime Minister of Singapore, announcing secession from the Federation of Malaysia. Credit: John Cantwell/AP Photo)

# FRI 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blnf8m)

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# FRI 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0mt90)

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# FRI 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm26bsk0)

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# FRI 09:32 Science In Action (w3ct6yfp)

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# FRI 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blnk0r)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# FRI 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct72wc)

Floods, mangroves and rampaging tractors

This week, floods have hit the global headlines. First up, we delve into the various reasons why floods form.

After learning about the causes of floods, we discover a naturebased solution in the form of mangrove forests. Laura Michie from the Mangrove Action Project tells us why these ecosystems are important, and how they can protect coastal zones.

We also find out that humans have moved so much water around the planet that we've shifted the location of the geographic North Pole.

Plus, a rare flooding event is currently taking place in the Australian Outback, awakening an ecosystem after years of dormancy.

And what could happen when hackers take control of tractors?

All that, plus many more Unexpected Elements.

Presenter: Marnie Chesterton, with Andrada Fiscutean and Sandy Ong

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

## FRI 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blnnrw)

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#### FRI 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0n1s8)

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#### FRI 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm26c118)

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#### FRI 11:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct6vp5)

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#### FRI 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blnsj0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### FRI 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6wh5)

Outlook Mixtape: The Key Ingredients

Today's mixtape is all about humble ingredients made special by the people who lavish them with love.

Usha Prabakaran is India's 'Queen 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. Unbeknown 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 her jars of joy.

Slobodan Simić is a former Serbian parliamentarian turned donkey farmer. He runs a nature reserve which produces a rare delicacy - Balkan donkey cheese. Priced at over \$1,000 per kilogram, this cheese is possibly the most expensive in the world. This interview was first broadcast in 2019.

Gerald Stratford is a British gardening enthusiast whose photos and videos of his produce have earned him the nickname 'the undisputed king of giant veg'. This interview was first broadcast in 2021.

Dave Benscoter is a former FBI investigator now known as the 'apple detective.' He's taken it upon himself to find lost varieties of American apples, inspired by his father's love of the fruit. This interview was first broadcast in 2018.

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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty Images)

# FRI 12:50 Witness History (w3ct7444)

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# FRI 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blnx84)

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# FRI 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0n98j)

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# FRI 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm26c8jj)

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# FRI 13:32 Science In Action (w3ct6yfp)

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# FRI 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blp108)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# FRI 14:06 Newshour (w172zss6c83t5kw)

Condemnation of Israel for plan to take over Gaza City

Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu's controversial plans for a new military push in the Gaza Strip have raised warnings from the army leadership, opposition from hostage families and concerns that more Palestinians will be killed.

We'll hear from a resident of the territory and find out why the Israeli government thinks an intensification of the war will work now.

Also in the programme: We'll hear about fresh allegations against the Australian woman who poisoned three of her relatives; and why some of France's most prestigious mineral water companies are up to their necks in crisis.

(Photo shows Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaking at a conference in Jerusalem on 27July 2025. Credit: Ronen Zvulun/Reuters)

## FRI 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blp4rd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### FRI 15:06 Americast (w3ct7t5r)

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## FRI 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm26cj0s)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

#### FRI 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct7619)

US firm Lyten acquires assets of bankrupt European battery maker Northvolt

A fresh start for what was once Europe's most ambitious electric battery manufacturer.

We explore why California-based Lyten has stepped in to acquire the bankrupt Swedish firm Northvolt and whether a startup can truly take on China's dominance in battery technology.

Climate change is threatening the purity of France's famous mineral waters. The BBC's Hugh Schofield visits the home of Perrier to find out why.

Plus, Africa's first elected female president, Liberia's Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, argues it's time for the continent's vast natural resource wealth to deliver greater benefits at home.

# FRI 16:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blp8hj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# FRI 16:06 BBC OS (w173067wlbzr4mh)

Major Israeli expansion into Gaza

There's growing criticism of the Israeli government's decision to step up its war against Hamas by taking control of Gaza City. One of Israel's staunchest allies, Germany, has halted military exports and the European Commission president, Ursula von der Leyen, urged Benjamin Netanyahu's government to reconsider. We speak to our correspondents on the ground to get the latest developments from Jerusalem and reaction from Washington.

We hear a conversation with young Israelis due to be called up to military service, including a young woman who intends to refuse to serve in the IDF for conscientious reasons.

We speak to Palestinians living around the world to get their reaction to the announcement.

Presenter: Emma Vardy.

(Photo: Palestinians inspect the site of a morning Israeli strike on a house, in Gaza City, August 8, 2025. REUTERS/Mahmoud Issa)

# FRI 17:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blpd7n)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# FRI 17:06 BBC OS (w173067wlbzr8cm)

Israel to take control of Gaza City

There's growing criticism of the Israeli government's decision to step up its war against Hamas by taking control of Gaza City. The aims include the disarmament of Hamas, the return of all hostages and the establishment of an alternative civilian administration. We are joined by our Gaza correspondent Rushdi Abualouf, and our Chief International Correspondent Lyse Doucet - who answer your questions.

We hear a conversation with young Israelis due to be called up to military service, including a young woman who intends to refuse to serve in the IDF for conscientious reasons. Donald Trump's deadline for Russia to agree a ceasefire in Ukraine is due to expire today. He has not clarified whether he'll implement a threat to impose sanctions on Moscow and its trading partners. Our regional expert joins us to explain the story.

Presenter: Emma Vardy

(Photo: An Israeli tank manoeuvres, amid the Israel-Hamas conflict, near the Israel-Gaza border, in Israel, July 9, 2024. REUTERS/Amir Cohen)

#### FRI 18:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blphzs)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### FRI 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6wh5)

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## FRI 18:50 Witness History (w3ct7444)

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#### FRI 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blpmqx)

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## FRI 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl69k0p0r9)

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## FRI 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm26d009)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

# FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6z30)

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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 (w172zwwr5blprh1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

# FRI 20:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct6rmw)

Israelis and the war in Gaza

Israel faces growing international pressure to end the war in Gaza. But on Thursday night Israel's security cabinet approved plans to expand military operations, with the aim of defeating Hamas and returning the hostages. The decision has been criticised by world leaders, the United Nations and even the country's own military leadership.

In conversations recorded over the past week, we hear from people in Israel including 18-year-old David, who is shortly to join the Israel Defense Forces. He tells us why he believes the war is necessary:

"I think it's horrible that there are citizens of Gaza that are dying, I think it's horrible that there are hostages in Gaza that are starving, it's horrible for all sides," David says. "But I think it's still necessary, at least until we have our hostages back, and I think it's necessary to ensure it won't happen again."

We also bring together the families of two hostages who were killed by Hamas. They want an immediate ceasefire so their loved ones' bodies can be returned. And we hear from three rabbis grappling with a solution to the conflict.

Presenter: Emma Vardy

BBC producers: Iqra Farooq, Ben Davis, Kira Fomenko Boffin Media producer: Richard Hollingham

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 $(Photo: Jerusalem\ protest\ demands\ release\ of\ Israeli\ hostages\ held\ in\ Gaza.\ Credit: EPA/Shutterstock)$ 

# FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm26d3rf)

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# FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct6st0)

Can we stop the rain?

CrowdScience listener Rit, from Pune in India, is staring out of his window at the falling rain. It's been pouring for four days now, and shows no sign of stopping. The laundry is piling up, all his shoes are wet, and he's worried about the effect it's having on the environment, and on agriculture. When it rains like this, the animals suffer, and the crops are destroyed.

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Cloud seeding and Weather Engineering are hot topics right now, and can bring the rain to places that need it. But Rit wants to know whether we can artificially stop the pouring rain, especially in an emergency. Following the devastating floods in Texas, it's clearly not just a problem for countries with a monsoon season.

Presenter Chhavi Sachdev is also sitting in a downpour at home in Mumbai. She dons her rain jacket and rubber boots to try and find out whether science can help Rit with his question. From controlling the clouds in India, to bringing rain to the deserts of the UAE, to firing high-powered lasers into the skies above Geneva, we find out what weather engineering is really capable of.

With thanks to:

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Alya Al Mazroui, Director of the UAE Research Program for Rain Enhancement Science

Jean-Pierre Wolf, Applied Physics Department of the University of Geneva

Presenter: Chhavi Sachdev Producer: Emily Knight Series Producer: Ben Motley

(Image: Girl carrying umbrella while standing on road against trees during rainfall. Credit: Cavan Images via Getty Images)

## FRI 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blpw75)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

## FRI 21:06 Newshour (w172zss6c83v0ss)

Trump hosts Armenia and Azerbaijan for peace talks

US President Donald Trump is hosting the leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan at the White House. In 2023 Azerbaijan took full control of the contested area of Nagorno-Karabakh - so what's in a peace deal for both sides, and for the US?

Also on the programme: a former officer in the Israeli military analyses Prime Minister Netanyahu's plan to fully occupy Gaza City; and could there be a giant gas planet near Earth with moons that could support life?

(Photo: US President Trump delivers remarks, Washington DC, 7th August 2025. Credit: Shaun Thew/EPA/Shutterstock)

# FRI 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwr5blpzz9)

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# FRI 22:06 Americast (w3ct7t5r)

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# FRI 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxkm26dc7p)

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# FRI 22:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct6vp5)

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# FRI 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct76nk)

Germany halts arms exports to Israel

Germany's halted its arms sales to Israel in the wake of prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu's decision to takeover Gaza City. But despite supplying \$565 million worth of military hardware since the 7 October 2023 attacks, how important are Germany's weapons to Israel?

We hear what the economic benefits are of a new peace deal brokered by US president Donald Trump between Azerbaijan and Armenia

Roger Hearing finds out why US wine exports to Canada declined drastically.

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