

SATURDAY 23 AUGUST 2025**SAT 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw78jp7)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 00:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct72wf)

Mountains of overtourism

As Nepal makes 97 peaks free to climb, we look at the science of overtourism – especially on mountains. How do so many visitors affect these environments, and what can be done? Plus, are mountains carbon sources, or carbon sinks? And why do we feel the drive to summit these peaks anyway? A psychologist specialising in thrill-seeking explains.

Also on the show, we take your questions, read out your comments, and look at what it takes to physically measure the height of a peak like Everest.

All that, plus many more Unexpected Elements.

Presenter: Caroline Steel, with Chhavi Sachdev and Leonie Joubert

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

SAT 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw78nfc)

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SAT 01:06 Business Matters (w172zrs72ck8sxj)

Fed Chair Powell signals US interest rate cut

As Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell signals a move to a rate cut in December, we find out what it means for the US economy and the financial markets. Also, friends again? Canadian PM Mark Carney calls a halt to some of the retaliatory tariffs imposed on the US. We find out what Canada's businesses think of the thaw in trade relations. And, amid US tariff uncertainty is there still a slice of the US market available to UK artisan cheese exporters? And why California is reaching out to African economies.

SAT 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw78s5h)

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SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl712n855w)

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SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlbtz4fw)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct6zjm)

The T20 franchise race behind the IPL

Nikesh Rughani, Jim Maxwell and Sunil Gupta discuss the race to be the second biggest franchise tournament behind the Indian Premier League.

SA20 commissioner and former South Africa captain Graeme Smith says they 'want to be the biggest league outside the IPL'. Yet with Australia's Big Bash looking for private investment and Indian owners taking majority shares in some Hundred teams, which franchise league can say it's legitimately the most appealing for the world's best cricketers?

We continue our build-up to the Women's World Cup with Bangladesh captain Nigar Sultana Joty. She tells our reporter Charlotte Swift that the team enjoys being the underdog and can build on their first 50 over World Cup appearance three years ago.

Plus, we debate squad selections and omissions for both India's men and women as they prepare for the Asia Cup and World Cup respectively.

Photo: South Africa & Australia Training - ICC World Test Championship Final 2025

LONDON, ENGLAND - JUNE 08: Former South Africa cricketer Graeme Smith pictured ahead of the ICC World Test Championship Final 2025 between South Africa and Australia at Lord's Cricket Ground on June 08, 2025 in London, England. (Photo by Matthew Lewis-ICC/ICC via Getty Images)

SAT 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw78wxm)

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SAT 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6wh7)

Amazing Love Stories: The forbidden lovers' daring escape

When Karl-Heinz and Hedi fell in love they faced one major

obstacle: the Iron Curtain. They met as teenagers at the height of the Cold War and were separated by a border – he was in capitalist West Germany and she was forbidden from leaving the communist East. They hatched a secret plan to be together, but it was elaborate and at times even farcical. Their mission seemed impossible – especially when the East German secret police, the notorious Stasi, were on their tail. But maybe, just maybe, they'd get lucky.

Across two weeks we've curated a collection of love stories from around the world. Love in all its guises; puppy love that falters and finds its feet again, longing through wars and exile, and romance that blooms in the most unexpected places. Messy, beautiful and sometimes heartbreaking. But always human, surprising and unforgettable. You'll find them all on the Outlook website in a box set called Amazing Love Stories.

Presenters: Emily Webb and Jo Fidgen

Producer: Maryam Maruf

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(Photo: Hedi and Karl-Heinz Stützel. Credit: NORDPOLARIS)

SAT 03:50 Witness History (w3ct7446)

Geneva Conventions

In 1859, Swiss businessman Henry Dunant witnessed the Battle of Solferino, in Italy.

He couldn't believe the lack of aid for the wounded soldiers and came up with two ideas – a voluntary aid organisation and an international treaty to protect those injured in wartime.

They went on to become the International Committee of the Red Cross in 1863 and the first Geneva Convention in 1864.

Henry's great great great grand nephew, Gabriel Martinez, read excerpts from his book, A Memory of Solferino, to Rachel Naylor.

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: Participants representing 16 states during the adoption of the first Geneva Convention on 22 August 1864 in Geneva. Credit: AFP via Getty Images)

SAT 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw790nr)

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SAT 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl712n8jtf8)

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SAT 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlbtzhp8)

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SAT 05:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct7zqz)

The sexy novel at Christmas brunch

Malaka's written her first book – it's a romance novel with a lot of sex scenes. How will her family react?

Malaka Grant published her first romance novel in 2013 – she'd been writing about sex and romance under a pseudonym for years, but she'd decided to come out of the shadows. She writes a letter to her daughters about what happened when her father in law brought her book out at Christmas brunch.

Malaka runs a blog and podcast called Adventures from the Bedrooms of African Women with Nana Darkoa Sekyiamah. It's a space for Africa women to write about their experiences of sex and sexuality. She shares some advice for aspiring writers on staying true to their own voice.

But Malaka's husband is a pastor. She tells Namulanta how they balance their different approaches to life while staying on the same path.

Letter writer: Malaka

This episode contains adult themes.

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

Each episode, a guest reads a letter they've written to their children (or their future children, or the children they never had) with the advice, life lessons, and personal stories they'd like to pass on.

Expect extraordinary true stories, inspirational advice for parents, and moving accounts of families, relationships and raising daughters.

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

SAT 05:50 More or Less (w3ct6vz8)

Do women feel the cold more than men?

Are office temperatures set too low in the summer for women to be comfortable?

This idea has featured in news headlines and comedy videos which describe the summer as a "women's winter".

But is there evidence behind the claims of a gender bias in air conditioning?

To find out, we speak to Gail Brager, Director of the Center for Environmental Design Research at UC Berkeley, and Boris Kingma, a senior researcher at TNO, the Netherlands Applied Research Institute.

Presenter: Lizzy McNeill

Producer: Nicholas Barrett

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SAT 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw79850)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 06:06 Weekend (w172zw87c3wjtvz)

Maxwell says Trump, Clinton, not involved in Epstein crimes

The US Justice Department has released a transcript of an interview conducted in prison with Ghislaine Maxwell, the former girlfriend of the late financier Jeffrey Epstein. Maxwell is currently serving a twenty-year prison sentence for helping Epstein abuse young girls. Glenn Thrush, reporting at the Justice department at the New York Times tells Weekend the interview was 'very unusual.'

Also in the programme: A UN-backed food security group, the IPC, confirmed for the first time that there is famine in Gaza City and that it's a man-made disaster. The award-winning conductor is taking over the New York Philharmonic this autumn and leading the renowned Simón Bolívar Symphony Orchestra of Venezuela as the opening act for Coldplay at its ten-day residency at Wembley Stadium.

Presenter Julian Worricker is joined by Patricia Cumper, writer, playwright and UK-based theatre director and Ben Bland, Director of the Asia-Pacific Programme at the Chatham House think tank here in London.

(Photo: Entrance to Federal Prison Camp in Bryan, Texas. 2 Aug 2025/ Adrees Latif, Reuters)

SAT 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw79cx4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 07:06 Weekend (w172zw87c3wjym3)

Israel denies Gaza famine

Israel has vehemently rejected the declaration of a famine in Gaza City by the United Nations on Friday. Fleur Hassan-Nahoum, who is an envoy for the Israeli Foreign Ministry told the BBC that the declaration was just the latest in a series of false claims made by the UN about the situation in Gaza. Ofer Cassif, a member of the Israeli Knesset or parliament for the left-wing, Arab-majority Hadash-Ta'al party joins us.

Also in the programme: Allergy researchers in France are advocating for more foods to be added to the list of foods that commonly cause allergic reactions; and, in today's digital age dominated by streaming services, can a series of single TV dramas of about an hour to ninety minutes each still hope to capture the imagination of a wide, national audience? Gareth McLean, a screenwriter, dramatist and a television critic talks to us now.

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(Photo: Palestinian child Sham Qudeih amid spreading famine in Gaza - 10 Aug 2025/ Haitham Imad, Reuters)

SAT 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw79hn8)

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SAT 08:06 Weekend (w172zw87c3wk2c7)

Maxwell denies seeing Trump in 'any inappropriate setting' in DOJ interview

The US Justice Department has released a transcript of an interview conducted in prison with Ghislaine Maxwell - the ex-girlfriend of the late financier Jeffrey Epstein.

Also in the programme: Dutch foreign minister, Caspar Veldkamp and other ministers have stepped down after failing to secure cabinet support for additional sanctions against Israel over its military onslaught in Gaza. Dutch MP Rosanne Hertzberger joins us; and, what sort of dietary advice you should heed? Jo Meadows, a registered nutritionist in Nottingham talks to us.

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(Photo: A Donald Trump 2024 campaign flag flies in the front yard of a private residence with the Federal Prison Camp visible in the background, in Bryan, Texas, U.S., where Ghislaine Maxwell has been transferred. 2 August 2025/ Adrees Latif - Reuters)

SAT 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw79mdd)

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SAT 09:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct6rmy)

Ukrainians at war and their hopes for peace

While US President Donald Trump spearheads efforts to halt the conflict in Ukraine, Russian drones and missiles continue to kill and injure civilians, invaders control around a fifth of the country, and many Ukrainians fear that any peace agreement could result in a permanent loss of territory.

Away from the international diplomacy, we wanted to give a sense of how life has changed in Ukraine over the past three and a half years of war. In our conversations, we bring together three soldiers who share their experiences of the frontline.

We also hear from Ukrainians forced to leave the country and bring together three women dealing with the trauma of the conflict.

"I think the life of the whole of Ukraine has changed in a bigger or smaller way," Sasha tells us. "Everybody has lost someone or something – be it a home, friend or someone from their closest family."

Presenter: Andrew Peach
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Boffin Media Producers: Sue Nelson and Richard Hollingham

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(Photo: Victor Tregubov, the spokesperson of the Dnipro Operational Strategic Group of Forces)

SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxbltzzns)

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SAT 09:32 Pick of the World (w3ct7z55)

Labubu toys and why we follow trends

The Chinese figurines are hot property right now - but how did they go viral on TikTok? Plus, Father Christmas sweaters in 30-degree heat in the Arctic circle, Good Bad Billionaire looks at New York oil baron John D Rockefeller and Outlook tells the story of Roger Butler, a gay rights pioneer and "the first man to come out".

SAT 09:50 Over to You (w3ct6xvp)

13 Minutes Presents a series on the Space Shuttle

"It launched like a rocket and landed like a plane!" Series three of "13 Minutes Presents" turns its attention to the Space Shuttle programme, beginning with the Columbia project in 1981. We hear your thoughts on this ten-part documentary and are joined by its presenter and producer. Plus a listener asks if Artificial Intelligence is dominating science and technology programmes, whilst another turns the spotlight onto its financial reporting.

Presenter: Rajan Datar
Producer: Howard Shannon
A Whistledown production for BBC World Service

SAT 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw79r4j)

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SAT 10:06 Not by the Playbook (w3ct7z0n)

Eggstraordinary stories

Not by the Playbook is celebrating the start of the Women's Rugby World Cup by hearing from two people who know what it's like to compete on the global stage and the impact and legacy it can have.

Legacy is often talked about when it comes to tournaments like this and what impact the global exposure can have on future generations. This has been at the forefront of former French international Léniaig Corson's mind ever since she retired as a player. The World Cup bronze medalist from 2017 is now developing the next generation of players through the "Rugby Girl Academy" she founded, and she tells Katie Smith how carrying the Olympic torch last year was symbolic in handing over the baton once her playing career had ended.

One player who is hoping for success this year is England's Ellie Kildunne who says this tournament is "going to change rugby". Last year's World Rugby's Women's 15s Player of the Year wants to make sure she captures as many moments as she can. She explains why her camera was one of her must have items for this World Cup - and why she's even bought a new one especially for the occasion.

Former Scottish pole vaulter Henrietta Paxton speaks to Sophia Hartley about how her life changed forever after a gym accident left her paralysed from the waist down. Henrietta had competed at two Commonwealth Games, but she slipped while doing a squat, causing a barbell to fall on top of her. She explains how she's having to use all her tenacity and resilience to adapt to life.

We're also finding out about the World Egg Throwing Championships from the president of the world federation, Andy Dunlop. What is egg throwing and what does it take to become world champion?

Listen to Not by the Playbook on the BBC World Service every Saturday at 0900 GMT, or find it as a podcast wherever you get your BBC podcasts. Get in touch with us via email and use the hashtag #NBTP on social media.

Image: Lenaig Corson of Barbarians passes the ball during the Killik Cup match between Barbarians Women and Springbok Women's XV at Twickenham Stadium on November 27, 2021 in London, England. (Photo by Warren Little/Getty Images)

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SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl712n97x1)

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SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxblv0751)

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SAT 11:32 Health Check (w3ct6vjq)

Using AI to discover new antibiotics

AI models have helped to discover new potential antibiotics to treat drug resistant infections of gonorrhoea and MRSA. We speak to Professor Jim Collins from MIT to understand what's next for his machine-generated medicines and the role AI could play in the future of drug discovery.

A new report has found high rates of bloodstream infections and antibiotic resistance in central lines used in Indian ICUs. Family doctor Ann Robinson joins Claudia to understand the risks posed to already vulnerable patients.

We consider a new review that found no evidence ketamine is effective at helping those with chronic pain, despite it being prescribed off-label for this use in some countries.

Rwandan MPs have approved lowering the age adolescents can access sexual and reproductive health services without parental consent from 18 to 15. We catch up with BBC reporter Dorcas Wangira on what this could mean for the health of adolescents and the fallout of the decision in Rwanda.

Finally, people with diabetes in India have long been told to steer clear of mangoes - Ann and Claudia unpick whether this advice needs to change.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond
Producer: Hannah Robins
Assistant Producer: Katie Tomsett

SAT 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw79zms)

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SAT 12:06 The Forum (w3ct712v)

The unfolding history of the magazine

When magazines first emerged, they were the preserve of an elite who could afford to pay for them. But as time went on, the cost of paper fell, printing technology became more streamlined, literacy improved and would-be publishers spotted an opportunity to connect with audiences hungry for information and entertainment.

Magazines found a place to appeal to all types of interest, in the same way that the internet does today. In their heyday they attracted some of the best writers such as Charles Dickens and Ernest Hemingway, sometimes acting as a vehicle to establish literary careers. Later magazines were to become the go-to place for quality photography and design.

Falling advertising revenues have largely contributed to the decline of printed magazines, as well as editions moving online. However some titles have found a way of reinventing themselves in the 21st century.

Iszi Lawrence is joined by a panel of guests to discuss the rise and evolution of magazines. Usha Raman is a professor in the Department of Communication at the University of Hyderabad in India, who began her career in magazines, writing and editing a variety of publications. She's also the owner and editor of a specialist magazine for teachers.

Samir Husni is the founder and director of the Magazine Media Centre in the United States. He's also written many books, including Inside the Great Minds of Magazine Makers.

And Tim Holmes is a former magazine editor, writer and until his retirement, leader for many years of the magazine journalism course at the University of Cardiff in the UK. We'll also hear from a variety of Forum listeners from around the world, who share their thoughts on magazines.

Produced by Fiona Clampin for BBC World Service.

(Photo: Newspapers and magazines on display at a newsstand on January 31, 2010 in Khan Market New Delhi, India. Photo by Rajkumar/Mint via Getty Images)

SAT 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw7b3cx)

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SAT 13:06 Newshour (w172zss72srg7yj)

Unicef fears famine will spread in Gaza

A day after a famine is confirmed in Gaza City, a spokesperson for the UN children's agency Unicef lls us she's afraid hunger will spread. We ask the Norwegian government what other countries can do to put pressure on Israel to let in aid.

Also in the programme: Jeffrey Epstein's associate Ghislaine

Maxwell tells the authorities she never saw President Trump in any compromising situations, and there is no 'list'; but how credible is a convicted criminal seeking release? And we discuss whether novels really benefit from "sensitivity readers".

(Image: Palestinian doctor Ahmed Basal examines a child for malnutrition at Al-Rantisi Hospital in Gaza City, 7 August, 2025. Credit: Dawoud Abu Alkas/ Reuters)

SAT 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw7b741)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w172ztqndchyyhh)
Live Sporting Action

Lee James presents live commentary of Brentford against Aston Villa in the Premier League. Former Brentford manager Mark Warburton and former Sunderland midfielder Lee Cattermole are on the Sportsworld team to discuss the week's big talking points in the English Premier League.

We'll have updates of the meeting between promoted sides Burnley and Sunderland, and Wolves' trip to Bournemouth. Plus, reaction to Manchester City against Tottenham Hotspur in the early kick off and Chelsea's trip to West Ham on Friday.

Sportsworld will be in Germany and Italy as the Bundesliga and Serie A seasons get underway, we'll have reaction to the opening matches at the Rugby World Cup and we'll look ahead to the US Open tennis.

Image: Ollie Watkins of Aston Villa celebrates scoring his team's second goal from a penalty kick during the Premier League match between Aston Villa FC and Brentford FC at Villa Park on December 04, 2024 in Birmingham, England. (Photo by David Rogers/Getty Images)

SAT 18:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw7bq3k)
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SAT 18:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl712nb33y)
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SAT 18:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlbv12cy)
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SAT 18:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct7zqz)
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SAT 18:50 More or Less (w3ct6vz8)
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SAT 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw7btvp)
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SAT 19:06 BBC Proms on the World Service (w3ct80h5)
French Impressions

Two of the most evocative 20th-century orchestral sound-pictures fill the Royal Albert Hall with finely graduated shades of symphonic colours. Bashkortostan-born mezzo Aigul Akhmetshina makes her Proms debut with Maurice Ravel's kaleidoscopic song-cycle *Shéhérazade* which ranges from a panoramic fantasy tour of Asia to the intimate disappointments of human love. Claude Debussy's *La mer* has been variously described as the musical equivalent of Monet's impressionist paintings or Japanese woodblock prints. But what's perhaps most striking about this orchestral masterpiece is the way in which the composer uses novel instrumental colours rather than traditional harmonies to capture the mercurial nature of the sea.

The concert is introduced by Andrew McGregor and Flora Willson.

Broadcast programme:
Maurice Ravel - *Shéhérazade*
Claude Debussy - *La mer*
Performers: Aigul Akhmetshina, mezzo-soprano; London Philharmonic Orchestra, Edward Gardner, conductor

(Photo: Aigul Akhmetshina, London Philharmonic Orchestra and Edward Gardner at the 2025 BBC Proms. Credit: BBC/Andy Paradise)

SAT 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw7bylt)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct6ztn)

Actor Lucian Msamati on Netflix series *Hostage*

Nikki Bedi and cultural critic Katie Puckrik discuss cultural highlights of the week.

American actors and real-life couple, Dave Franco and Alison Brie, on their feelgood body horror movie *Together*.

Russian mezzo-soprano Aigul Akhmetshina on her early music influences.

Bestselling British author Lee Child and his brother Andrew, on writing *Jack Reacher* crime thrillers together.

Actor Naomi Watts confesses her love of dogs and discusses her role in the film *The Friend*.

British Tanzanian actor Lucian Msamati, who was Salladhor Saan in *Game of Thrones* and Cardinal Adeyemi in the movie *Conclave*, joins Nikki to talk about his role in the new Netflix series *Hostage*.

International musician, producer and tech innovator Imogen Heap explains how she is embracing AI.

Main image: Lucian Msamati in *Hostage*
Photo credit: Des Willie/Netflix © 2025

SAT 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw7c2by)
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SAT 21:06 Newshour (w172zss72srh6xk)
Ghislaine Maxwell denies seeing 'inappropriate' conduct by Trump

The US justice department has released transcripts of its recent interviews with Ghislaine Maxwell, the jailed associate of the late sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. In them, Maxwell denied the existence of any "client list" kept by Epstein. She also said she'd never seen President Trump acting inappropriately.

Also in the programme: A day after a famine is declared in Gaza City - aid agencies in the Gaza Strip say they're afraid the hunger will spread; the folk singer who found she'd released a new album when she hadn't; and we'll hear the case for and against the sensitivity reader.

(Photo: Court sketch of Ghislaine Maxwell during jury selection in New York, November 17th 2021 Credit: REUTERS/Jane Rosenberg)

SAT 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw7c632)
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SAT 22:06 Not by the Playbook (w3ct7z0n)
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SAT 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw7c9v6)
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SAT 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl712nbpvl)
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SAT 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlbv1p3l)
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SAT 23:32 This Is Africa (w3ct72d9)
Savara

Savara Delvin Mudigi is one of the four members of Sauti Sol, Kenya's most successful band. Sauti Sol announced a hiatus in 2023, and since then the four have been working on solo projects.

In this episode, Savara tells DJ Edu about the pros and cons of going it alone. It has been a lonely and anxious experience at times, he says, but the creative freedom has led to hits for Savara including *Show You Off* and *Sianda*.

Sianda is a celebration of larger women and Savara says he has received numerous messages from plus size women expressing their gratitude for this affirmation.

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SUN 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlbv1svq)
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SUN 00:32 The Documentary (w3ct81nr)
White coats v the White House

Science journalist Roland Pease asks whether the rounds of cuts, reorganisations and political strong-arming of US science can be weathered, and how likely this will affect us all.

Eighty years ago Vannevar Bush proposed what became the pact between government and universities that led to decades of global scientific dominance.

Today, US scientists fear the Trump administration is ripping up that agreement, mandating what can and can't be studied, who can study it, and redefining expertise. The specialist agencies are either being closed down or defunded to the extent that tens of thousands of government scientists are already unemployed. Multi-year experiments are being closed down uncompleted. Top universities are besieged by mandates on who and how they hire, tied to their future funding. Data streams that benefit researchers around the globe are being switched off. Even definitions of what counts as evidence are being redrafted.

Can the Trump administration's declared aim of "restoring gold standard science", be achieved?

Presenter: Roland Pease
Producer: Alex Mansfield

(Photo: Demonstrators take part in a Stand Up For Science rally at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC, 7 March, 2025. Credit: Alex Wroblewski/Getty Images)

SUN 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw7ckbg)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 01:06 The Inquiry (w3ct722y)
Can Indonesia afford free lunches?

Children in Indonesia are now receiving free school meals — part of a bold new plan by President Prabowo Subianto to tackle malnutrition. Around one in five children in the country are stunted, meaning they are too short for their age. The lunch programme is central to Prabowo's vision of a "Golden Indonesia" — a prosperous, high-income nation by 2045. But not everyone is happy. To fund this and other populist pledges, the president has reallocated billions in public funds, cutting budgets from ministries including health and education. There have also been reports of food poisoning linked to the programme. Meanwhile, millions of Indonesians are struggling. The International Monetary Fund warns the country's unemployment rate will rise to 5% this year — the highest among the Southeast Asian economies it tracks. On this week's Inquiry, we're asking: 'Can Indonesia afford free lunches?'

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[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

SUN 01:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct7zso)

Organising the first Women's Rugby World Cup

In 1991, English players wanted the first Women's Rugby World Cup to be close to home because of travel costs. With little help from the sport's governing body, Deborah Griffin, Alice D Cooper, Sue Dorrington and Mary Forsyth organised it themselves.

Alice D Cooper tells Uma Doraiswamy about how they planned and paid for it, getting teams from across the world to sign up and come to Britain for what would eventually be recognised as the first World Cup.

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: The victorious USA team pictured with the Welsh Guards Goat mascot before the final of the inaugural Women's Rugby World Cup Final between the USA and England. Credit: Stu Forster/Hulton Archive/Getty Images)

SUN 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw7cp2l)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zw1712nc22z)

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SUN 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlbv21bz)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 02:32 Health Check (w3ct6vjg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:32 on Saturday]

SUN 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw7cstq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 03:06 The Forum (w3ct712v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw7cxkv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct6trv)

Putin, Trump and the art of no deal (yet)

Pascale Harter introduces stories from Alaska, South Korea, Chile and France.

After the Alaska summit, are we any closer to a peace deal to end the war in Ukraine? How was it perceived in Russia? From the military fly-past to the grandiose entrance on the red carpet, to the press conference, without any questions, the meeting between Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin drew dismay from Western governments. Steve Rosenberg travelled from Russia to Alaska - and reflects on the aftermath.

Vladimir Putin has come to rely on support from North Korea to bolster his troops in Ukraine. Pyongyang is now sending thousands of construction workers, to help fill a huge labour shortage created by the war. Jean Mackenzie has spoken to six workers who've managed to escape.

In the hills of southern Chile and is an alluring tourist destination - a German-style village - but it was once home to a religious sect run by a manipulative and abusive leader. The Chilean government wants to expropriate some of its land to create a memorial for the people who were tortured and killed there during Pinochet's regime. But Grace Livingstone finds, it's proving divisive.

In the Loire valley the summer months bring both extended

bank holiday weekends in France and the return in the last few decades of the 'Guinguettes', waterside outdoor bars and dance halls which were once popular in the 17th and 18th centuries. Jamie Smith-Maillet went to soak up the atmosphere.

Image: U.S. President Trump And Russian President Putin Meet On War In Ukraine At U.S. Air Base In Alaska. (Photo by Andrew Harnik/Getty Images)

SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlbv28v7)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:32 Science In Action (w3ct6yfr)

Not cold fusion all over again

A desktop nuclear fusion reactor that uses electrochemistry to up the ante. Also, a global survey of human wildfire exposures finds Africa burning ahead, plus tiny swarming robots and record-breaking 2024 ice melts from glaciers on Svalbard.

Presenter: Roland Pease

Producer: Alex Mansfield

Production co-ordinator: Jana Holesworth

(Photo: The Thunderbird Reactor at the University of British Columbia (UBC). Credit: Berlinguette Group/UBC)

SUN 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw7d19z)

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SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zw1712ncfbc)

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SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlbv2dlc)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct81nr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:32 today]

SUN 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw7d523)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 06:06 Weekend (w172zw87c3wmqs2)

Nigeria's military kills more than 30 jihadists near Cameroon border

Nigeria's military says it has killed more than thirty jihadists in air strikes near the border with Cameroon. It says it was responding to attempted attacks on ground forces in the area. Idris Mohammed, Independent researcher and academic specialising in counter terrorism and violent extremism in Funtua, northwestern Nigeria says the Nigerian government or the community have not yet issued any official statements.

Also in the programme: Cooking together can help refugees integrate into British society, and create a more positive perception of migration. Our reporter went to one of their classes; and, Lithuania is taking unprecedented measures to protect it from a potential future Russian attack. Lithuania's deputy defence minister, Thomas Godliauskas joins us.

Presenter Julian Worricker is joined by Charlotte Higgins, British journalist and author and Yaroslav Trofimov, Ukrainian born author and Chief Foreign-Affairs Correspondent of The Wall Street Journal in Dubai.

Photo: Nigerian military secure the area where a man was killed by suspected militants during an attack around Polo area of Maiduguri, Nigeria February 16, 2019. Reuters /Afolabi Sotunde

SUN 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw7d8t7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 07:06 Weekend (w172zw87c3wmvj6)

Airstrikes kill 35 Islamic militants in Borno state - Nigerian military

Nigeria's military says it's killed more than thirty jihadists in air strikes near the border with Cameroon. It says it was responding to attempted attacks on ground forces in the area.

Also in the programme: Gaza's health ministry says sixty-one people died on Saturday from Israeli strikes and malnutrition. In one attack, on a displacement camp in Khan Younis, nineteen people were killed - including the members of an entire family. Eight more Palestinians in the territory are reported to have died from malnutrition; and, Denmark is taking dramatic measures to combat a 'reading crisis' in the country.

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Photo: Nigeriens gather in a street to protest against the U.S. military presence, in Niamey, Niger April 13, 2024. Reuters /Mahamadou Hamidou

SUN 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw7ddkc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 08:06 Weekend (w172zw87c3wmz8b)

North Korea accuses South Korea of 'deliberate provocation'

North Korea has test-fired two new air defence missiles after it accused South Korea of stirring tensions at the border.

Also in the programme: A man threw a subway sandwich at a federal agent and people watching reacted with laughter and surprise. Philip Kennicott, Senior Art and Architecture Critic of The Washington Post explains how art is used as a form of political protest; and, against a backdrop of airstrikes, musicians from the Edward Said National Conservatory of Music, who have been displaced and are now living at a tent site in Gaza City - have been sharing their knowledge of the musical world with the children around them.

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Photo: North Korean leader Kim Jong attends a meeting with officers of the army's overseas operation, in Pyongyang, North Korea, August 20, 2025

SUN 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw7dj9h)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct6trv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today]

SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlbv2wkwm)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:32 The Food Chain (w3ct70yv)

Making care home food better

The quality of food in care homes for the elderly can be underwhelming. Ruth Alexander talks to the people highlighting the issue and finding ways to bring nutrition and comfort back on the menu.

Dr Lisa Portner, a medical doctor and researcher at the Berlin Institute of Health at Charite, outlines the inadequate diet offered by three nursing homes she studied in Germany.

Australian restaurateur and food writer Maggie Beer tells how she came to set up the Maggie Beer Foundation, which aims to research the issues, raise awareness and offer culinary training.

Ronald Marshall explains the simple ways he found to help carers understand the food preferences of his mum, who was diagnosed with dementia in 2020.

And Navjot Gill-Chawla recounts the conversations she had with South-Asian Canadians living with dementia and their families, as a PhD Candidate in Public Health at the University of Waterloo in Ontario. When the subject of care homes came up, she says food was uppermost in their minds.

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

And if you'd like to try Maggie's brownie recipe featured in the show, you can find it in full on our website.

Producer: Beatrice Pickup

(Photo: Two cooks in a care home kitchen are smiling as they prepare a tray of brigh orange roast pumpkin. Credit: Sam Kroepsch)

SUN 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwrw7dn1m)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct80hm)

A washing machine solution

British Sikh engineer, Navjot Sawhney gave up his lucrative

career to go and work in India, to use his skills to help solve problems for rural communities. While there, he became fascinated with the problems his neighbour, Divya, was facing while handwashing clothes, sometimes for up to three hours a day.

Broadcaster and journalist Nkem Ifejika finds out how Nav promised to design a hand crank, off-grid washing machine for his neighbour, to help her avoid the sore joints, aching limbs, and irritated skin she got from her daily wash.

Within two years of coming up with the idea, Nav had set up his own company, The Washing Machine Project, and trialled his first machine in a refugee camp in Iraq. From that first trip, over five years ago, the project has now provided nearly a thousand machines, free to the users in poorer communities and refugee camps, in eleven countries around the world.

Nkem hears how seven years on, Nav fulfilled his promise to return to India with a machine for his neighbour, Divya.

The Washing Machine Project is now partnered with the Whirlpool Foundation, the social corporate responsibility arm of the company that designed the first electric domestic machine over 100 years ago, and together they hope to impact 150,000 people over the next five years.

Nkem asks if a project like this can really make a difference, given that roughly five billion people still wash their clothes by hand.

Producer: Alex Strangways-Booth
A CTCV production

SUN 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlbv30b0)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct70tb)
Mud wrestling and tent pegging: Africa's unusual sports

We take a look at some of the more unusual sports practiced on the African continent. Kelvin Kimathi recently travelled to Uganda where a muddy version of entertainment wrestling is becoming increasingly popular. Marcia Veiga discovered Capoeira Angola whilst finding a way to connect with her own Angolan heritage. Eshlin Vedan met the only black teenager in South Africa competing in tent pegging- a cavalry sport of ancient origin.

Nitin Sultane reports for BBC Marathi and recently travelled to a village in Maharashtra where discarded fabric has been turned into paper for 700 years.

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 (w172zwwrww7drsr)
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SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl712nd4t4)
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SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlbv3424)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct7zqz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct6vz8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

SUN 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwrww7dwjw)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:06 BBC Proms on the World Service (w3ct80h5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:06 on Saturday]

SUN 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwrww7f090)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 13:06 Newshour (w172zss72srk4vm)
Ukraine marks 34 years of independence with defiant message

Ceremonies have been taking place today in Ukraine to mark 34 years since the country gained its independence from the Soviet Union. President Zelensky said that, three-and-a-half years after Russia launched its full-scale invasion, Ukraine would not settle for anything less than a just and lasting peace. The BBC's Zhanna Bezpiatchuk tells us about the mood in Kyiv today.

Also in the programme: the Nigerian military says it's killed more than 30 jihadists in recent air strikes: we speak to the organiser of an open letter by a group of prominent Nigerians calling for a Presidential Task Force to halt the killing of civilians; and the Palestinian teachers in a displacement camp in Gaza City who are sharing their musical knowledge with children.

(Photo: A Ukrainian flag flutters next to the Independence Monument at the Independence Square in downtown Kyiv, Ukraine, 23rd August 2025. Credit: Sergey Dolzhenko/EPA/Shutterstock)

SUN 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwrww7f414)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:06 The Climate Question (w3ct7028)
Can we build a world where hurricanes can't kill?

Twenty years ago, Hurricane Katrina devastated America's Gulf coast and overwhelmed the city of New Orleans. The destruction and the response to the storm became infamous and are debated to this day.

Climate scientists warn that the warming world is likely to make typhoons, cyclones and hurricanes more intense and so even more dangerous.

Graihagh Jackson and Jordan Dunbar ask what the world has learned since the disaster in New Orleans, and how we can build cities that can stand up better to more extreme weather events.

They chat to Prof Reggie DesRoches, an engineer who was on the ground in the aftermath of Katrina to help find out what had gone wrong. His work specialises in adapting infrastructure for natural disasters, including developing innovative materials and practical techniques that might just help us adapt to more violent storms.

Can we build a world where hurricanes can't kill?

Guest: Prof Reggie DesRoches, President, Rice University, Houston

Presenter: Graihagh Jackson with Jordan Dunbar
Producers: Jordan Dunbar, Di Richardson and Nik Sindle
Sound mix: Tom Brignell and Sarah Kimberley
Editor: Simon Watts

Got a climate question you'd like answered? Email: TheClimateQuestion@BBC.com or WhatsApp: +44 8000 321 721

SUN 14:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlbv3h9j)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:32 Happy News (w3ct6tyn)
The Happy Pod: Letters from dad - with love

We hear about the Dad Letter Project which was set up by a father and daughter in the US to send handwritten notes of love and support to people all over the world. Rosie wants to share her treasured experience of receiving letters from her dad Buz when she was growing up. They have already had thousand of requests, often from young women who have lost their own fathers and need advice, or just for someone to say they are proud of them.

Also, we meet Logie the litter picking dog, who is helping clean up our oceans by swimming out to fetch plastic bottles and other rubbish. We find out how cooking classes taught by refugees are helping them learn new skills and build closer ties with their new communities, why knitting and other-old fashioned hobbies are gaining popularity among Gen Z, and what a difference a local shop can have in a remote community.

Presenter: Julia Macfarlane
Music: Iona Hampson

Photo: Rosie and her dad. Credit: Rosie Paulik
@dadletterproject)

SUN 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwrww7f7s8)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 15:06 Sportsworld (w172ztqndcj1w4q)
Live Sporting Action

After defeat in their opening game of the new Premier League season, Manchester United travel to Fulham, who salvaged a late draw in their first match. Sportsworld has full commentary from Craven Cottage, and the Sierra Leone captain Steven Caulker joins John Bennett afterwards to look back over all the weekend's action.

It's the opening round of games in Germany's Bundesliga and Serie A in Italy, and that's the focus on this week's EuroStars.

Away from football, Sportsworld has the latest from the first day of the US Open tennis, and from the Women's Rugby World Cup, with holders New Zealand up against Spain.

Image: Bruno Fernandes of Manchester United in action during the Premier League match between Fulham FC and Manchester United FC at Craven Cottage on January 26, 2025 in London, England. (Photo by Richard Heathcote/Getty Images)

SUN 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwrww7fqr5)
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SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl712nf3s5)
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SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlbv4315)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:32 The Documentary (w3ct80hw)
The second map

We remember the attack on Pearl Harbour and the atomic bombing of Japan during World War Two. Hundreds of thousands of British and Allied soldiers fought for years on the Asian and Pacific fronts against the Japanese in a brutal war. So why don't we remember it better today? The Second Map charts key moments in this other, lesser known war to mark the 80th anniversary of VJ day, through remarkable audio testimonies that have never been broadcast before, of soldiers and civilians on all sides.

(Photo: The USS Nevada is aground and burning off Waipio Point, after the end of the Japanese air raid in Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, 7 December, 1941. Credit: Department of the US Navy/Reuters)

SUN 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwrww7fvhx)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct72wf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 on Saturday]

SUN 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwrww7fz81)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 21:06 Newshour (w172zss72srl3tn)
Israel hits Houthi targets in Yemen's capital

Israel says its latest airstrikes against Houthi targets in Yemen have destroyed the presidential palace in Sanaa along with the city's power station. Benjamin Netanyahu said the Iranian-backed group was paying a heavy price for its attacks on Israel. The Houthis say the Israeli strikes killed four people.

Also in the programme: Serbia's president promises to lower the cost of living to quell anti-government demonstrations; what Spotify playlists tell us about the habits of moguls and politicians; and the children learning to make music in the midst of the war in Gaza.

(Photo: Photo: Child overlooking smoke rising in Sanaa. Credit: Shutterstock)

SUN 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwrww7g305)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:06 The Climate Question (w3ct7028)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 today]

SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlbv4g8k)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:32 Pick of the World (w3ct7z55)

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Neil is the DeepMind Professor of Machine Learning at the University of Cambridge, and over the course of his career has been involved in deploying AI and machine learning in both academic and commercial scenarios, with a stint at Amazon as well as working across fields as varied as movie animation, Formula 1 strategy, and medical research.</p> <p>Speaking with Professor Jim Al-Khalili, Neil says ultimately his efforts are all about making a difference to our everyday lives - and that we need to learn how to embrace AI, albeit with a healthy dollop of scepticism; not least when it comes to how our data is used, and the power of 'the digital oligarchy'...</p> <p>Presented by Jim Al-Khalili Produced for BBC Studios by Lucy Taylor Reversion for World Service by Minnie Harrop</p> <p>MON 02:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jlf7v) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zw17dbykt87) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw48sj7) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 02:32 CrowdScience (w3ct6st2) How does camouflage work?</p>	<p>Camouflage isn't just for chameleons! Military forces around the world deck their soldiers out in those distinctive green and brown uniforms, to give them the best chance of staying safe, and remaining undetected. But how do they work? Why do they look so different from country to country? And why do you still see soldiers wearing it in the city, when it can't possibly work as camouflage?</p> <p>These are the questions in the mind of Crowdsience listener Paul, in Uganda. In his home of Kampala he often sees soldiers on patrol. As a botanist, he's fascinated by the nature-inspired designs, and he wants to know how they came to be. So Alex Lathbridge sets off to find out.</p> <p>At Camolab at the University of Bristol, Laszlo Talas talks Alex through the history of battle-dress. There have been some extraordinary designs over the years, some of them quite beautiful in their way, and many with hidden easter eggs printed into the design!</p> <p>In a patch of forest on the outskirts of Prague, Alex gets to try some of the latest gear out for himself. Fully kitted out in ghillie suit, camouflage chaps, face mask and goggles, he tries to disappear into the background. With the help of 4M Tactical, the company who manufacture a cloak currently in use in Ukraine. It has the power to make you invisible, not just in the visible spectrum, but in the infrared too. With high tech sensors and infrared cameras now a staple of the modern battlefield, clothes like this are becoming essential.</p> <p>Not all camouflage technology belongs to the military. Futuristic clothing company Vollebak in London are using 'the fabrics of the future' to design high tech streetwear for savvy 21st century urban warriors. Founder Steve Tindall shows Alex their prototype Thermal Camo Jacket, which uses hundreds of layers of graphene to give the illusion of heat, or cold. Steve says that hiding in plain sight is less about concealing yourself from human eyes, and more about avoiding the pervasive sensors and constant surveillance that are increasingly a feature of urban living.</p> <p>Meanwhile in Sweden, they're taking the inspiration from chameleons more literally. Hans Karis, deputy research director of the Swedish defence institute FOI, introduces Alex to their Adaptive Camouflage, interwoven with a network of tiny coloured LEDs to change colour at will. It's not on the market yet, but perhaps chameleon soldiers will be a thing of the future.</p> <p>Presented by Alex Lathbridge Produced by Emily Knight</p> <p>(Photo: Thermal imaging of people in the woods)</p> <p>MON 03:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jljzz) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 03:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct80hm) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Sunday]</p> <p>MON 03:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw48x8c) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 03:32 Pick of the World (w3ct7z55) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]</p> <p>MON 03:50 Over to You (w3ct6xvp) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]</p> <p>MON 04:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jlnr3) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zw17dby1lrh) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4910h) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct7092) Healing with horses</p> <p>Datshiane Navanayagam speaks two women from the Czech Republic and the UK about the ways in which they use horses to promote human physical and mental health.</p> <p>Vera Lantelme-Faisan's professional background is in Equine Assisted Physiotherapy in the Czech Republic. Between 2004 and 2009, she played a key role in establishing a EAT centre for children at a rehabilitation hospital in Saudi Arabia and last year she assumed the role of president of The Federation of Horses</p>	<p>in Education and Therapy International (HETI) - a leading international resource for all those involved in Equine Assisted Services.</p> <p>Claudia Nicholson's personal experience of horses providing the support and sanctuary she needed throughout the angst of her teenage years is one of the reasons why she wanted to help people experience the therapeutic benefits of horses and other equines in their own lives. She now runs her own centre for Equine Assisted Learning at Downmere Farm, in the South Downs National Park where she prioritises working with vulnerable children and young adults - building up confidence and self esteem through non-ridden ground work exercises with the horses as active participants.</p> <p>Produced by Hannah Dean</p> <p>(Image: (L) Vera Lantelme-Faisan, credit Karolina Kutanorova. (R), Claudia Nicholson courtesy Claudia Nicholson.)</p> <p>MON 05:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jlsh7) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 05:06 Newsday (w172zsprrlyk5ht) Donetsk residents flee attacks on Ukrainian region</p> <p>We have a report from the Donetsk region of eastern Ukraine, which has long been in Moscow's sights. Vladimir Putin has reportedly said he'll freeze the war in return for full control of it. Russia already controls 70% of Donetsk and nearly all the neighbour Luhansk. We look at the evacuations in the region as drone attacks rage.</p> <p>We look back to yesterday's independence day celebrations in Ukraine and the worry that President Trump's long term commitment to the country may dwindle.</p> <p>And victims and relatives of those affected by Australian "mushroom murderer" Erin Patterson are giving impact statements to a court in Melbourne. It comes ahead of the sentencing of Erin Patterson.</p> <p>Presenters: Rob Young and Victoria Uwunkunda</p> <p>(Photo: A mother says goodbye to her son before his evacuation. Credit: BBC)</p> <p>MON 06:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jlx7c) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 06:06 Newsday (w172zsprrlyk97y) Ukrainian residents evacuate from eastern Ukraine</p> <p>We have a report from the Donetsk region of eastern Ukraine, which has long been in Moscow's sights. Vladimir Putin has reportedly said he'll freeze the war in return for full control of it. Russia already controls 70% of Donetsk and nearly all the neighbour Luhansk. We look at the evacuations in the region as drone attacks rage.</p> <p>President Trump has once again threatened to send National Guard troops into another Democratic stronghold, the city of Baltimore. The Maryland state governor, Wes Moore, had criticised him over his deployment of military personnel in Washington DC and his plans to do the same in Chicago and New York.</p> <p>And we report from Eswatini where three non-governmental organisations are taking legal action to challenge the government's decision to accept five men deported from the United States.</p> <p>Presenters: Rob Young and Victortia Uwunkunda</p> <p>(Photo: People evacuate from the town of Dobropillia in Donetsk, Ukraine. Credit: BBC)</p> <p>MON 07:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jmozh) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 07:06 Newsday (w172zsprrlykf02) Fighting increasingly intense in Ukrainian Donbas region</p> <p>Ukrainian soldiers in the crucial Donbas region in the east have told the BBC that fighting there is increasingly intense. We report from the region and go on patrol with a charity that is trying to evacuate residents.</p> <p>We speak to Mark Burns, a man known as President Trump's spiritual adviser. He has just been awarded the Order of Merit by President Volodymyr Zelensky.</p> <p>President Trump has once again threatened to send National</p>
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Guard troops into another Democratic stronghold, the city of Baltimore. The Maryland state governor, Wes Moore, had criticised him over his deployment of military personnel in Washington DC and his plans to do the same in Chicago and New York.

Presenters: Rob Young and Victoria Uwunkunda

(Photo: Laarz and VARIA make evacuation trips for the charity Universal Action Ukraine in Dobropillia in Donetsk, Ukraine. Credit: BBC)

MON 08:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jm4qm)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 08:06 The Interview (w3ct7x00)
Pete Townshend from The Who: Farewell tour doesn't mean the end

John Wilson speaks to Pete Townshend, songwriter and guitarist of British rock band The Who about the band's farewell tour of the US.

Through his powerful stage presence and pioneering use of technology, Townshend transformed The Who from a hobby wedding band to one of the biggest and loudest outfits of the 1960s and 1970s.

His artistic approach created tension with singer Roger Daltrey, the band's only other surviving member. Sixty years after first coming together, the pair completed their farewell tour of Italy earlier this year and are currently saying goodbye to America.

Townshend says he is proud of his influence, even if his rock and roll generation put his parents out of work, who were both musicians in more traditional wartime dance bands. He also reveals the inspiration behind his infamous smashing of guitars may have just been one big misunderstanding.

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(Image: Pete Townshend. Photo by Kevin Mazur/Getty Images for Desert Trip)

MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw49j00)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6ry0)
Spain's power blackout: what went wrong?

On the morning of the 28th of April, Spain lost electric power equivalent to that generated by ten nuclear plants, leaving the whole of the Iberian Peninsula, including Portugal and parts of France, without electricity for up to 12 hours. We examine the cause of the blackout that affected millions of people, and the role of renewable energy.

If you'd like to email us, our address is businessdaily@bbc.co.uk

Presented and produced by Ashish Sharma

(Picture: People shop for groceries using their phone as a flashlight during the widespread power outage that struck Spain and Portugal in April 2025. Credit: Getty Images)

MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct746h)
The creation of the International Criminal Court

In 1998, at a conference organised by the United Nations, a blueprint was devised for what would be the world's first permanent International Criminal Court.

Judge Philippe Kirsch chaired the Rome conference that led to the formation of the court. He tells Gill Kearsley about the negotiations, which he describes as the most difficult professional thing he ever did.

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(Photo: International Criminal Court. Credit: Nicolas Economou/NurPhoto via Getty Images)

MON 09:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jm8gr)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zw17dbylnh4)
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MON 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw49mr4)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 09:32 CrowdScience (w3ct6st2)
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MON 10:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jmd6w)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct71w5)
BlackBerry phones and Spot the dog

Max Pearson presents a collection of the week's Witness History interviews from the BBC World Service. Our guest is Jacquie McNish, author and former Senior Correspondent at the Wall Street Journal.

We start with the former co-CEO of BlackBerry, who recounts the company's remarkable boom and bust.

Then, the creation of the Spot the dog children's books in the 1970s.

We hear the testimony of a US soldier who defected to the Soviet Bloc in the 1950s.

An author recalls how her 2010 book challenged Norway's immigration policy.

The inside story of the creation of the Women's Rugby World Cup in 1991.

Finally, the 19th century battle that inspired the Geneva Conventions.

Contributors:

Jim Balsillie - former BlackBerry co-CEO.
Jacquie McNish - Author and former Senior Correspondent at the Wall Street Journal.
Chris Hill - son of Eric Hill, creator of Spot the dog.
Victor Grossman - US soldier who defected to the Soviet Bloc.
Maria Amelie - author of book on Norway's immigration system.
Alice D Cooper - organiser of the first Women's Rugby World Cup.
Henry Dunant - instigator of the Geneva Conventions, diary read by his descendant Gabriel Martinez.

(Photo: Jim Balsillie, former co-CEO of BlackBerry. Credit: Visual China Group via Getty Images)

MON 11:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jmh20)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zw17dbylwzd)
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

MON 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw49w7d)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 11:32 The Conversation (w3ct7092)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

MON 12:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jmmq4)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6wq1)
Amazing Love Stories: Our secret calls in Taliban captivity

Sammi Cannold, a Jewish Broadway director, and Safi Rauf, a Muslim humanitarian, met in August 2021 during the chaotic evacuation of civilians from Afghanistan. She had seen him on a news report and reached out for help evacuating the family of her friend. Safi agreed on one condition; she had to volunteer. Sammi dropped everything and travelled from New York to Washington, where they worked side by side in a makeshift operations centre. Amid the crisis, they fell in love.

Just months into dating, Safi was taken hostage by the Taliban while carrying out humanitarian work in Kabul. For 105 days, he was held in a basement prison but a smuggled phone changed everything. Through whispered late-night calls, their bond deepened as Sammi worked tirelessly to get him released.

Across two weeks we've curated a collection of love stories from around the world. Love in all its guises; puppy love that falters and finds its feet again, longing through wars and exile, and romance that blooms in the most unexpected places. Messy, beautiful and sometimes heartbreaking. But always human, surprising and unforgettable. You'll find them all on the Outlook website in a box set called Amazing Love Stories.

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(Photo: Sammi and Safi on their wedding day. Credit: Provided by Sammi and Safi)

MON 12:50 Witness History (w3ct746h)
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MON 13:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jmr8)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zw17dbym4gn)
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

MON 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4b3qn)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 13:32 CrowdScience (w3ct6st2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

MON 14:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jmw6d)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 14:06 Newshour (w172zss7g21s0s0)
Inside Donetsk as residents flee attacks

Ukrainian soldiers on the eastern frontline have told the BBC they're suffering high casualty rates, as they continue to repel Russian attacks.

We'll hear from those on the frontline in Donetsk in eastern Ukraine, a region Russia's president Vladimir Putin wants to control.

Also in the programme: As Israeli strikes hit Gaza's last functioning hospital in the south, we hear from an eye witness; and we have an appreciation of Jerry Adler - the man who played the fixer for one of TV's most memorable crime families.

(Photo shows a mother hugging her son before he is evacuated from Donetsk in eastern Ukraine. Credit: BBC News)

MON 15:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jmyzj)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 15:06 The Interview (w3ct7x00)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

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<p>MON 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4bc6x) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct76qx) Global postal services suspend low-cost parcels to the US over tariffs</p> <p>Across the globe postal services are pausing deliveries to the US as Washington prepares to end its long-held tariff exemption on low-value parcels.</p> <p>Evergrande, once China's biggest property giant has now been kicked off the Hong Kong stock market, we bring you the latest twist in its collapse.</p> <p>Plus in Ghana, part of our Africa series, we see the true cost of fast fashion as piles of unwanted clothes end up on the beaches.</p> <p>You can contact us on WhatsApp or send us a voicenote: +44 330 678 3033.</p> <p>MON 16:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jn3pn) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 16:06 BBC OS (w173067xp4xpztm) At least 20 dead in Israeli strike on Gaza hospital</p> <p>Palestinian health officials say at least 20 people, including journalists, have been killed in Israeli strikes on the Nasser Hospital in Gaza's southern city of Khan Younis. The Israeli military has issued a statement saying it regrets any harm to what it called uninvolved individuals. We hear from eyewitnesses and our correspondent in Jerusalem.</p> <p>We also speak to the families of Israeli hostages about their government's decision to expand military operations in Gaza.</p> <p>We hear a special report from the crucial frontline in Ukraine's Donbas region where fierce fighting rages on.</p> <p>We speak to rescue workers in Pakistan where almost 800 people have died in floods since the monsoon season started in late June.</p> <p>Presenter: Andrew Peach.</p> <p>(Photo: People walk at the site of Israeli strikes on Nasser hospital in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip in this still image taken from video, August 25, 2025. Credit: /Hatem Khaled/Reuters)</p> <p>MON 17:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jn7fs) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 17:06 BBC OS (w173067xp4xq3kr) Trump's threat to send troops to Baltimore</p> <p>US President Donald Trump has threatened to deploy troops to Baltimore, escalating a clash with Maryland Governor Wes Moore after the Democrat invited him to join a "safety walk" in the city. The comments mark the latest flashpoint in the president's efforts to deploy National Guard troops to Democratic-led cities as part of what he calls a crackdown on crime. We speak to our correspondent in Washington and people in Baltimore.</p> <p>A pre-sentencing hearing has taken place in Australia, which heard from the friends and relatives of three people murdered by a woman who fed her victims toxic mushrooms. We speak to our reporter who was in court.</p> <p>Palestinian health officials say at least 20 people, including journalists, have been killed in Israeli strikes on the Nasser Hospital in Gaza's southern city of Khan Younis. We hear from eyewitnesses and speak to the families of Israeli hostages about their government's decision to expand military operations in Gaza.</p> <p>Presenter: Andrew Peach.</p> <p>(Photo: U.S. President Donald Trump looks on during the signing of executive orders in the Oval Office at the White House in Washington, D.C., U.S., August 25, 2025. Credit: Jonathan Ernst/Reuters)</p> <p>MON 18:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jnc5x) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6wq1) [Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]</p>	<p>MON 18:50 Witness History (w3ct746h) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]</p> <p>MON 19:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jngy1) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zw17dbymvyf) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>MON 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4bv6f) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6z5c) 2025/08/25 GMT</p> <p>BBC sports correspondents tell the story behind today's top sporting news, with interviews and reports from across the world.</p> <p>MON 20:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jnlp5) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct6trv) [Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]</p> <p>MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4byyk) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct6swc) The Life Scientific: Claudia de Rham</p> <p>Claudia de Rham has rather an unusual relationship with gravity.</p> <p>While she has spent her career exploring its fundamental nature, much of her free time has involved trying to defy it - from scuba diving in the Indian Ocean to piloting small aircraft over the Canadian waterfalls. Her ultimate ambition was to escape gravity's clutches altogether and become an astronaut, a dream that was snatched away by an unlikely twist of fate.</p> <p>However, Claudia has no regrets - and says defying gravity for much of her life has helped her to truly understand it.</p> <p>As Professor of theoretical physics at Imperial College London, she now grapples with deep mathematics, where the fields of particle physics, gravity and cosmology intersect, on a quest to understand how the universe really works. She is a pioneer of the theory of massive gravity, a theory which could take us beyond even Einstein's theory of relativity and shed light on why the universe is expanding at an ever-increasing rate.</p> <p>Presented by Jim Al-Khalili Produced for BBC Studios by Beth Eastwood Reversion for World Service by Minnie Harrop</p> <p>MON 21:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jnfq9) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 21:06 Newshour (w172zss7g21svzx) Five journalists among 20 killed in strike on Gaza hospital</p> <p>The Israeli prime minister has expressed deep regret at what he called a tragic mishap at a hospital in southern Gaza, in which at least 20 people were killed. Five journalists were among the dead as a result of an Israeli strike on Nasser hospital in Khan Younis. We speak to a journalist who knew one of those killed, Mariam Dagga.</p> <p>Also in the programme: As the Russian army edges forward into eastern Ukraine, we'll hear from people living on the frontline; and why an American reality TV dating show has a booming fanbase in Nigeria.</p> <p>(Photo: Freelance journalist Mariam Dagga, 33, who had been working with the Associated Press and other outlets since the start of the Gaza war, poses for a portrait in Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip, June 14, 2024. She was among those killed Monday in an Israeli strikes on Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis. Credit: AP Photo/Jehad Alshrafi)</p> <p>MON 22:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jnv5f) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 22:06 The Interview (w3ct7x00) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]</p>	<p>MON 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4c6ft) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 22:32 The Conversation (w3ct7092) [Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]</p> <p>MON 23:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jnyxk) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zw17dbynbxy) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>MON 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4cb5y) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct76t5) South Korean President meets with Donald Trump at the White House</p> <p>US President, Donald Trump welcomes the South Korean leader to the White House to discuss trade. He believes a deal can be done.</p> <p>The South African government has warned young women against taking up unverified foreign job offers promoted on social media campaigns.</p> <p>Plus, we see the true cost of fast fashion in Ghana as piles of unwanted clothes end up on the beaches.</p> <p>TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 2025</p> <p>TUE 00:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jp2np) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct71w5) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]</p> <p>TUE 01:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jp6dt) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 01:06 Business Matters (w172zrs7fmyvpbwz) South Korean President and Trump meet at the White House</p> <p>US President, Donald Trump welcomes the South Korean leader to the White House to discuss trade. He believes a deal can be done.</p> <p>The South African government has warned young women against taking up unverified foreign job offers promoted on social media campaigns.</p> <p>And make a big noise – why movie theatre audiences now seem to love singalong shows. So, we will look at why singalong movie showings are taking off in cinemas.</p> <p>Roger Hearing will be joined throughout the programme by two guests on opposite sides of the world - Sushma Ramachandran, consulting editor at The Secretariat - who's in Delhi, and Rema Rahman, White House & Legal Affairs Editor at The Hill, and Adjunct Professor at American University, in Washington.</p> <p>TUE 02:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jpb4y) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zw17dbynq5b) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4cpfb) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 02:32 Assignment (w3ct6rby) Suing 'Alligator Alcatraz': Immigration in the US</p> <p>President Trump has called illegal immigration an "invasion" and what's followed is a huge rise in the arrest and detention of migrants. Some have ended up in 'Alligator Alcatraz' - an immigration detention centre that was speedily constructed in June, deep in the Florida swampland. It has become a focal point for debates around immigration. Outside its gates, some take proud selfies with the 'Alligator Alcatraz' sign; others protest, following reports of poor conditions inside.</p> <p>'Alligator Alcatraz' is now subject to a number of lawsuits. Immigration attorneys say they haven't been granted proper</p>
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access to clients inside; environmentalists claim the detention centre is harming the protected wetlands that surround it. Within the last few days, a judge has that ruled that much of the detention centre must be dismantled and no new migrants taken there. It's a preliminary ruling - and the case will continue to be litigated. The government immediately filed an appeal.

Josephine Casserly follows immigration lawyer Mich Gonzalez as he attempts to meet his client inside the detention centre. She reports from Florida - America's new frontline on immigration.

Presenter: Josephine Casserly
Producer: Ellie House
Sound mix: James Beard
Editor: Penny Murphy

(Image: People take pictures near the "Alligator Alcatraz" sign at the entrance to the Dade-Collier Training and Transition Airport in Florida. Photo by Joe Riedel/Getty Images)

TUE 03:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jpfx2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6wq1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Monday]

TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct746h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jpk6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl7dbhynnl)

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TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4cxs1)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct6vts)

Adeju Thompson: Taking fashion label Lagos Space Programme to the world

Adeju Thompson, the founder and creative director behind the Nigerian fashion label Lagos Space Programme, attempts to establish the label on the global fashion scene.

Lagos Space Programme blends Yoruba heritage (notably Adire dyeing) with queer and futurist aesthetics, taking inspiration from Lou Reed, traditional Ife sculptures, and the photography of Rotimi Fani-Kayode and Robert Mapplethorpe. Thompson talks about his dedication to slow fashion, gender-fluid creations, and detailed artisan craftsmanship, blending traditional techniques with contemporary designs.

Tayo Popoola follows Thompson to Paris where he unveils his collection, based on the idea of "rock'n'roll consciousness". We then join him at his studio in Surulere, Lagos where he discusses his new designs for 25/26.

In Ibadan, they visit a profound source of Adeju Thompson's inspiration. The Dominican Chapel, designed by the esteemed architect Demas Nwoko, is a testament to a powerful synthesis of African artistic traditions and modern architectural principles. Nwoko's vision for the chapel, integrating local materials and traditional building techniques with contemporary design, deeply resonates with Thompson's own artistic philosophy. Much like Nwoko in his architectural practise, Adeju strives to bridge the gap between historical African aesthetics and contemporary global fashion, creating a dialogue between the past and the present, the local and the universal.

Beyond the creative process, the programme also sheds light on the realities of an up-and-coming fashion label navigating the competitive landscape of international fashion weeks.

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(Image: Fashion designer Adeju Thompson, photographed at his studio in Lagos. Credit: Tayo Popoola)

TUE 05:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jppdb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 05:06 Newsday (w172zsprrlyn2dx)

Israel describes 'tragic mishap' after 20 killed in Gaza hospital

At least 20 people, including five journalist working for the international media, have been killed in an Israeli double strike on Nasser hospital in Khan Yunis in southern Gaza, the territory's Hamas-run health ministry says. The Israeli

government have described the event as a 'tragic mishap.'

We look forward to a meeting of Israel's security cabinet to consider a the proposal from Egyptian and Qatari mediators. Hamas has accepted the conditions which would see half the hostages released in half the hostages released during a 60-day truce. The Israeli prime minister has previously said that Israel would only accept a deal if 'all the hostages are released in one go.'

Police in Kenya carrying out excavations near the coastal village of Kwa Binzaro have uncovered 13 bodies and 18 body parts from fresh graves. The investigation into the graves was ordered in July after the disappearance of several children raised suspicions, so far 11 people have been arrested in the connection with the case. It's suspected that the events might be linked to Pastor Paul Mackenzie who is currently facing charges related to the "Shakahola Forest Massacre" where more than 400 people starved themselves to death.

Presenters: James Copnall and Victoria Uwonkunda

(Photo:Freelance journalist Mariam Dagga, 33, who had been working with the Associated Press and other outlets since the start of the Gaza war. She was one of the many journalists killed in an Israeli strike on Monday. Credit: Jehad Alshrafi/AP)

TUE 06:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jpt4g)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 06:06 Newsday (w172zsprrlyn651)

World leaders condemn Gaza hospital attack

There's been international condemnation of Israeli airstrikes on a hospital in southern Gaza that killed at least twenty people. The head of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres, described Monday's incident as horrific; the French president, Emmanuel Macron, said it was intolerable. Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, expressed deep regret and referred to the attacks as a 'tragic mishap.' We speak to one of the hospital's doctors.

President Donald Trump has sacked a Federal Reserve governor, Lisa Cook, for alleged mortgage fraud. A major escalation in his battle against the US central bank.

And we hear about the small eastern European state of Moldova which achieved full electricity consumption coverage with green energy. We speak to the country's energy minister.

Presenters: James Copnall and Victoria Uwonkunda

(Photo:Palestinians inspect the damage following an Israeli airstrike targeting Nasser Hospital in Khan Yunis, southern Gaza Strip. Credit: Haitham Imad/EPA)

TUE 07:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jpxw1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 07:06 Newsday (w172zsprrlyn9x5)

Double strike on Gaza hospital kills 20

Nasser hospital in Gaza was the scene of a double attack by Israel on Monday which saw a drone and missile combination kill at least 20 people including 5 journalists. We'll hear from the spokesperson of the World Health Organisation .

Also in the programme: Israel's security cabinet is expected to meet to consider a plan for peace in Gaza proposed by mediators, Hamas has accepted the deal, so will Israel? We speak to a relative of one of the hostages, and a mother in Gaza City who recently gave birth talks about the struggles of finding formula, nappies, and her fear of displacement as Israel pounds Gaza City to prepare for a planned offensive.

And, legendary Zimbabwean musician Thomas "Mukanya" Mapfumo took his final bow in Birmingham in England , marking the end of a remarkable career that spanned more than five decades. He joins us.

Photo:Dozens Killed, Several Injured in Israeli Airstrike on Nasser Hospital, Gaza - 25 Aug 2025. Haitham Imad/ EPA

TUE 08:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jq1mq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct80hn)

Front Yard floods

Frequent floods blight the poorest neighbourhoods of New Orleans but the residents are fighting back, one yard at a time.

Physicist Helen Czerski joins the team behind the Front Yard Initiative as they strive to keep the Big Easy safe and dry, 20 years after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

When Katrina hit New Orleans in August 2005, the levees broke, 800,000 residents were forced out and 1800 people died. Some \$14bn was spent on concrete and steel to rebuild the defences but the city still floods regularly.

This water is not coming from the Mississippi River sealed behind the new defences, it is coming from the skies. Sudden, violent rainstorms are becoming more frequent and the city's low income districts have notoriously inefficient drainage systems. The water lands on concrete and asphalt and quickly overwhelms the drains.

The team behind the Front Yard Initiative is working, block by block, to help residents beat the floods by turning broken concrete into rainwater gardens. Native flowers and cheap, simple engineering are helping to transform neighbourhoods and attract new residents to the battered but beautiful home of jazz, gumbo and Mardi Gras.

(Photo: An example of a front yard made into a rainwater garden, pictured with the owner and team behind front yard initiative. Credit: Alasdair Cross)

TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4dds3)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6s71)

Is Gen Z the most investment-savvy generation?

Generation Z - people born in the mid-to-late 1990s up to the early 2010s - is reportedly the new driving force behind retail investing. We look at the areas they are investing in, and why financial influencers are not always what they seem.

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Presented and produced by Rick Kelsey

(Picture: Young male investor showing smart phone screen with stock market investment app. Credit: Getty Images)

TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct74n2)

Creating CAPTCHA

In 2000, as the internet expanded, websites faced a growing challenge to stop spam bots from flooding their systems.

To separate humans from machines, researchers at the United States' Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, created the Completely Automated Public Turing test.

From its early development to its evolution into reCAPTCHA it continues to block millions of automated attacks every day.

Ashley Byrne speaks to computer scientist Andrei Broder, who played a key role in developing the concepts that helped shape this technology.

A Made in Manchester production.

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 spacwalk 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: I am not a robot. Credit: Stock image / Vector Illustration)

TUE 09:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jq5cv)

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TUE 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zw17dbypswh)

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TUE 11:32 In the Studio (w3ct6vts)

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TUE 12:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jqjm7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6x4q)

Amazing Love Stories: Falling in love on the battlefield

We catch up with former US Army interpreter Nayyef Hrebid and Iraqi soldier Btoo Allami who first met and fell in love during the height of the Iraq War. But how could their love survive in a country where same-sex relationships are taboo, and gay people are often at risk of violent attacks? It would be the start of a dangerous 12-year struggle to live together as a couple. This interview was first broadcast in 2016.

Can people really fall in love at first sight? We know it happens in books and movies - but does it happen in real life? Zoe Folbigg from the UK says it happened to her back in 2003. She was regularly commuting into London from her home in Hitchin, north of the British capital. While waiting for the **8.21** train one morning she spotted a handsome stranger. This interview was first broadcast in 2017.

The Nigerian love story that began in the back of a keke, or Nigerian rickshaw, on their commute home. The strangers bonded over their shared name and romance blossomed. Opemipo Kehinde and Opemipo Kehinde told Outlook's Abdulmalik Fahd about their 'keke love story'. This interview was first broadcast in 2020.

Across two weeks we've curated a collection of love stories from around the world. Love in all its guises; puppy love that falters and finds its feet again, longing through wars and exile, and romance that blooms in the most unexpected places. Messy, beautiful and sometimes heartbreaking. But always human, surprising and unforgettable. You'll find them all on the Outlook website in a box set called Amazing Love Stories.

Presenter: Jo Fidgen

Producer: Thomas Harding Assinder

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(Photo: Nayyef and Btoo in military clothing. Credit: Nayyef and Btoo)

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TUE 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4f0mr)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 13:32 Discovery (w3ct6swc)

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TUE 14:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jq53h)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 14:06 Newshour (w172zss7g21vxp3)

Trump orders removal of Federal Reserve governor

Donald Trump has sacked a Federal Reserve governor for alleged mortgage fraud, as he steps up attempts to exert control over the US central bank. In a statement, Mr Trump accused Lisa Cook of gross negligence. He has said he will only appoint governors who support his position.

Also, the head of a Malagasy king killed by French troops during a colonial-era war has been formally returned to Madagascar. Australia has accused Iran of directing antisemitic attacks in Melbourne and Sydney, and is expelling Tehran's ambassador, and the fight in Florida over Alligator Alcatraz.

(Photo: Cook is one of seven members of the Fed's board of governors and the first African American woman to serve in the role. Credit: Reuters)

TUE 15:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jqvwm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 15:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct80hn)

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TUE 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4f840)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct7672)

Growing pressure on the US Federal Reserve

President Trump wants Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook removed over fraud allegations. She insists she's staying put.

Generation Z — the late '90s and 2010s crowd now making their mark as a new force in retail investing.

And in our Africa series, we explore why South Africa's film industry is aiming for the global stage.

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TUE 16:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jr0lr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 16:06 BBC OS (w173067xp4xswqq)

Israeli hostage families protests

In Israel, supporters of hostages in Gaza have begun a day of national protest demanding those held captive are brought home. The protesters are demonstrating at road junctions across Israel. Footage shows some motorways partially blocked with burning tyres. We speak to some of the protesters.

We get the latest as the UN calls for justice after double Israeli strikes hit Nasser Hospital in Gaza on Monday. At least 20 people, including five journalists, were reportedly killed.

And monsoon rains happen every year, so why do so many people die in floods in Pakistan? We speak to our correspondent and hear a conversation between people in the worst affected areas.

OS presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Protesters next to burning tyres on the main road at Petah Tikva, Israel, 26 August 2025, part of the activities of the hostages' families on the national day of struggle. Credit: Photo by ATEF SAFADI/EPA/Shutterstock)

TUE 17:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jr4bw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 17:06 BBC OS (w173067xp4xt0gv)

Calls for justice after Gaza hospital strike

We get the latest as the UN calls for justice after double Israeli strikes hit Nasser Hospital in Gaza on Monday. At least 20

people, including five journalists, were reportedly killed. Also, the families of hostages being held by Hamas are protesting across Israel, we hear from there.

We speak to our correspondent as a manhunt is underway in Australia after a gunman shot dead two police officers and seriously injured a third in an ambush at a rural property.

And will Serena Williams's weight-loss drug admission help shed the stigma of anti-obesity drugs? We talk to two people taking them.

Presenter: Luke Jones

(Photo: Journalists hold placards as they gather to honour colleagues killed in Gaza during a protest organized by the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) in Brussels, Belgium, 26 August 2025. Credit: Olivier Hoslet/EPA)

TUE 18:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jr830)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6x4q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

TUE 18:50 Witness History (w3ct74n2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

TUE 19:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jrcv4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zw17dbyqrvj)

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TUE 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4fr3j)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6z9w)

2025/08/26 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 (w172zwws84jrhl8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:06 Assignment (w3ct6rby)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4fvvn)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:32 Tech Life (w3ct6zpz5)

What happens when you lose your social media?

For months, we have been hearing from people all over the world who say they have been unfairly banned from their Facebook and Instagram accounts. Meta has, so far, said nothing publicly about what's going on. Plus, we chart the rise and fall of an American tech giant, and the author of Empire of AI, Karen Hao, tells us what she thinks the industry gets wrong.

Presenter: Shiona McCallum

Producer: Imran Rahman-Jones

Editor: Monica Soriano

(Image: An illustration of a mobile phone with barbed wire surrounding it. Credit: Getty Images)

TUE 21:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jrmbd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 21:06 Newshour (w172zss7g21wrx0)

Trump's stand-off with the Federal Reserve bank

A US central bank governor, Lisa Cook, has launched legal proceedings to try to thwart President Trump's attempt to fire her. We get the latest on Trump's attempt to keep the bank to heel, and speak to a former senior economist at the Fed, Kenneth Rogoff.

Also in the programme, the Israeli military reveals results of an initial probe into yesterday's attack on a Gaza hospital, which killed 20 people including well-known journalists. And American pop superstar Taylor Swift announces her

engagement to her partner Travis Kelce.

(Photo: President Trump in the White House on August 25, 2025. Credit: REUTERS/Jonathan Ernst)

TUE 22:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jrr2j)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 22:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct80hn)

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TUE 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4g3bx)

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TUE 22:32 In the Studio (w3ct6vts)

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TUE 23:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jrvtn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl7dbyrv1)

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TUE 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4g731)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct76bg)

US central bank governor to sue Trump

Federal Reserve governor Lisa Cook will file a lawsuit challenging her removal by President Donald Trump, marking a major escalation in the president's battle with the US central bank. So does President Trump have the power to fire the governor? Roger Hearing hears from a legal expert.

And in just a few hours' time, unless there's a last-minute change of heart, Indians will be dealing with 50% tariffs on most exports to the United States. It's punishment for New Delhi's purchases of Russian oil, which Washington argues helps finance Moscow's war in Ukraine.

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WED 00:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jrzs)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 00:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct6ztm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

WED 01:00 BBC News (w172zwws84js39x)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 01:06 Business Matters (w172zrs7fmvs7t2)

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Roger will be joined throughout the programme by two guests on opposite sides of the world - Andy Xie, an independent economist normally in Shanghai but currently in Kamamoto, Japan on holiday - and Takara Small, National Technology Columnist, CBC, in Toronto.

WED 02:00 BBC News (w172zwws84js721)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl7dbyrm2f)

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WED 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4glbf)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 02:32 The Climate Question (w3ct7028)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 03:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jsbt5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6x4q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Tuesday]

WED 03:50 Witness History (w3ct74n2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jsqk9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl7dbyrvkp)

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WED 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4gtfp)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 04:32 13 Minutes Presents: The Space Shuttle (w3ct80bp)

The Space Shuttle

The Space Shuttle: 6. Satellite for sale

Can the crew rescue the million-dollar space satellite lost in orbit? Two car-sized satellites, worth \$75 million each, are stranded in space. Five astronauts have been selected to bring them back. It's something that has never been attempted before.

In outer space, even the simplest of tasks can be a challenge, let alone trying to snatch a satellite from orbit. And right when the crew think they've got it all under control, they discover a problem they're not prepared for. It's time to improvise.

This episode contains strong language.

Some scenes in this series use recreated sound effects.

13 Minutes Presents: The Space Shuttle is a BBC Audio Science Unit production for the 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:

STS 41-B coverage, CBS News and KTRH News, 1984

STS-51-A coverage, CBS News, 1984

Lost in space, BBC, 1985.

Ronald Reagan announces teacher in space programme, Reagan Library, 1984

Mission audio and oral histories, Nasa History Office

WED 05:00 BBC News (w172zwws84js19f)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 05:06 Newsday (w172zsprrlyqzb0)

SpaceX successful launch

SpaceX has pulled off a successful test flight of its newest generation rocket Starship, reversing a trend of disappointing failures. The world's most powerful launch vehicle is central to founder Elon Musk's dream of colonising Mars and Nasa's plans to return astronauts to the moon. We access the project.

New trade tariffs on India come into force from the United States. Indian goods being sold to America will now have to pay a charge of up to 50% of their value. We go live to Delhi.

Taylor Swift and her partner the American football player Travis Kelce have announced their engagement. Posting on instagram, Miss Swift wrote: 'Your english teacher and your gym teacher are getting married.'

Presenters: James Copnall and Pria Rai

(Photo: A SpaceX Super Heavy booster carrying the Starship spacecraft lifts off on its 10th test flight at the company's launch pad in Starbase, Texas, U.S. Steve Nesius/Reuters)

WED 06:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jsq1k)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 06:06 Newsday (w172zsprrlyr324)

SpaceX Starship test flight success

SpaceX has carried out a successful unmanned test flight of Starship - the world's most powerful rocket - which NASA hopes will return astronauts to the moon in two years time.

The United States has imposed new trade tariffs on India. The total tariff is now fifty per cent, though smartphones and pharmaceuticals are exempt. The decision is in part a response to India's continued purchase of Russian oil.

And as the war in the Palestinian territory continues, and the humanitarian crisis intensifies, some Jewish people around the world are assessing their perspective on events.

Presenters: James Copnall and Pria Rai

(Photo: A SpaceX Super Heavy booster carrying the Starship spacecraft lifts off on its 10th test flight at the company's launch pad in Starbase, Texas, U.S. Credit: Steve Nesius/Reuters).

WED 07:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jstsp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 07:06 Newsday (w172zsprrlyr6t8)

SpaceX Starship launch goes to plan

SpaceX has carried out a successful unmanned test flight of Starship, the world's most powerful rocket, which Nasa hopes will return astronauts to the moon in two years time.

We look at the effects Donald Trump's trade tariffs are having around the world. We speak to Canada's energy minister. Hit hard by US tariffs, Canada is working with allies to counter the damage caused by the next US taxes.

Botswana is rapidly running out of all medicines - with health clinics saying they have nothing left to give patients.

Presenters: James Copnall and Pria Rai

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WED 08:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jsyjt)

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WED 08:06 The Interview (w3ct7x6s)

Conductor Gustavo Dudamel: Music has the power to unite

Music has the power to unite

Mark Savage speaks to Venezuelan conductor Gustavo Dudamel about his life and career.

Born in the city of Barquisimeto, he's famous for conducting orchestras all over the world, as well as film credits that include conducting the opening and end titles for Star Wars: the Force Awakens.

With a unique ability to communicate joy and his passion for music to mass audiences, Dudamel has become a rare pop culture icon from the world of classical music - affording him mainstream appeal. He's currently in London, performing concerts alongside the band Coldplay.

In this interview, he talks about El Sistema - Venezuela's unique programme which has helped train thousands of musicians, the highlights of his time as musical director of the LA Philharmonic, and taking over the helm of the New York Philharmonic.

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Producers: Bob Howard and Roxanne Panthaki

Editor: Nick Holland

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(Image: Conductor Gustavo Dudamel performs onstage during weekend 2, day 2 of the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival Photo by Scott Dudelson/Getty Images for Coachella)

WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4h9t6)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6sck)
Making a career from golf in Africa

As the continent aims to grow the sport, we hear from professional golfers who say they're having to take on other jobs because there's not enough money in the sport yet.

Would a more organised competition structure, with more regular competitions, offer more opportunities to win prize money?

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

Presented and produced by Zawadi Mudibo

(Image: Zambian professional golfer Dayne Moore. Credit: Getty Images)

WED 08:50 Witness History (w3ct74qb)
Washington DC's Mount Pleasant riot

In May 1991, a female police officer shot and wounded a young immigrant from El Salvador in the Mount Pleasant neighbourhood in Washington DC in the United States.

It sparked several days of disturbances in the largely Hispanic area, as the population vented its frustrations at years of feeling sidelined by city officials.

Shops were burnt down, cars overturned, and dozens of people were arrested before the police took back control of the streets. But for the first time, it gave visibility to a community that had been largely ignored.

Mike Lanchin hears from musician and former resident of Mount Pleasant, Victor 'Lilo' Gonzalez.

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(Photo: Marchers fill the streets in Mount Pleasant in Washington DC in 1991. Credit: Reuters)

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WED 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6xcm)
Amazing Love Stories: Rhythm and romance on the dancefloor

Love and defection on the dancefloor - We catch up with the Cuban principal ballet dancers, Mayara Piñeiro Contido and Etienne Díez who found love in exile. They have gone on to perform as a couple on stages around the world. They spoke to Colm Flynn in 2020.

Guatemalan grandparents Favio "El Lobo" Vasquez and his wife Maria Moreno first met on the disco dance floor over 30 years ago. Despite being from rival dance groups they ended up falling in love and have been dancing together ever since. But earlier this year, after the death of their daughter, dance helped them in ways they could never have imagined. As they were raising their daughter's two young children and struggling to pay the bills, they decided to enter an online dance competition. They had to enter separately but Favio won and the video of him dancing went viral - it was even trending higher than Manchester United! They spoke to Clayton Conn in 2020.

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(Photo: Mayara Piñeiro Contido and Etienne Díez in performance. Credit: Courtesy Pennsylvania Ballet)

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WED 14:06 Newshour (w172zss7g21ytl6)
Trump's 50% tariff on India kicks in

Donald Trump's steep 50% tariffs on India have kicked in, weeks after the US president issued an executive order imposing an additional 25% penalty on India over its purchases of Russian oil and weapons. Also on the programme, we speak a US senator recently back from Syria on the situation in the country; and, how a K-Pop animated movie became Netflix's biggest hit.

(Photo: A man counts Indian currency notes at a shop in the old quarters of Delhi, India, August 27, 2025. REUTERS/Anushree Fadnavis)

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WED 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct76fw)
Trump's 50% tariff on India kicks in

Indian exporters now face 50% tariffs on goods heading to the US. We hear how they're coping.

Also, Europe's car industry says the EU's green plan to cut emissions could actually backfire.

And over in America, Cracker Barrel tried to give its famous logo a makeover, but after an online uproar, the 'Old Timer' is here to stay.

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Two people have been killed and up to 20 are injured following a school shooting in Minneapolis, authorities tell CBS, the BBC's US media partner. We have the latest.

Denmark's foreign minister has summoned a senior US diplomat in Copenhagen over reports that unnamed Americans are trying to conduct an influence campaign in Greenland. We speak to our Europe online editor and hear reaction from Greenland.

The BBC has uncovered several accounts pushing fake stories and AI-generated photographs about the Holocaust on social media platforms. We speak to our reporter who has been investigating.

Taylor Swift has announced her engagement to the American football player Travis Kelce. We hear from Swifties.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: The US imposes a 25 per cent extra tariff on India, severely impacting domestic exports, Mumbai - 07 Aug 2025. Credit: Photo by DIVYAKANT SOLANKI/EPA/Shutterstock)

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Minneapolis school shooting

Two people have been killed and up to 20 are injured following a school shooting in Minneapolis, authorities tell CBS, the BBC's US media partner. We have the latest.

SpaceX's Starship rocket has completed a successful test flight for the first time this year, following several failed attempts. We speak to space experts.

We have the latest on the war in Ukraine after Ukrainian forces acknowledged that Russia's military has crossed into the eastern industrial region of Dnipropetrovsk.

Donald Trump's steep 50% tariffs on India have kicked in, weeks after the US president issued an executive order imposing an additional 25% penalty on India over its purchases of Russian oil and weapons. Significant damage to the Indian economy is expected, especially in its vital export-driven sectors, such as clothing. We speak to Indian exporters and business owners about the impact.

We speak to BBC Verify about the impact of President Trump's crime crackdown in Washington.

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<p>Presenter: Luke Jones.</p> <p>(Photo: Families and loved ones reunite outside the police barricades after a shooting at Annunciation Church, which is also home to an elementary school, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S. August 27, 2025. Credit: Ben Brewer/Reuters)</p> <p>WED 18:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jv503) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>WED 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6xcm) [Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]</p> <p>WED 18:50 Witness History (w3ct74qb) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]</p> <p>WED 19:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jv8r7) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>WED 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl7dbytnrm) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>WED 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4jn0m) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>WED 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6zdz) 2025/08/27 GMT</p> <p>BBC sports correspondents tell the story behind today's top sporting news, with interviews and reports from across the world.</p> <p>WED 20:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jvdhc) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>WED 20:06 The Climate Question (w3ct7028) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]</p> <p>WED 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4jrrr) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct6vjr) A breakthrough in treating chronic pain</p> <p>One in five of us suffer with chronic pain globally and the exact cause of it is often unknown making it very hard to treat. However, in what has been hailed as a remarkable breakthrough, a gene has been identified that is critical for regulating pain signals. Professor David Bennett, head of Clinical Neurology at Oxford, who led the research explains.</p> <p>BBC Africa's health correspondent Dorcas Wangira joins Claudia to delve into a decade-long research programme that found child mortality rates almost halved when poorer families in Kenya were given \$1000 unconditionally.</p> <p>Chhavi Sachdev reports from India where government efforts to curtail rising rabies infections from stray dog bites has caused mass uproar.</p> <p>We explore the drivers behind a global wildfire paradox where scientists have observed a decline in the total area burned by fires but found the number of people exposed to wildfires has increased.</p> <p>Plus, Dorcas brings us the latest on the \$9.7 million worth of contraceptives due to be destroyed after the scaling back of USAID.</p> <p>Presenter: Claudia Hammond Producer: Hannah Robins Assistant producers: Katie Tomsett and Alice McKee</p> <p>WED 21:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jv7h) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>WED 21:06 Newshour (w172zss7g21znt3) Israeli military says Gaza City evacuation is 'inevitable'</p> <p>President Trump has held a meeting to discuss post-war plans for the Palestinian territory, as his secretary of state meets the Israeli foreign minister.</p> <p>Also in the programme: The parents of an American teenager who ended his own life are suing OpenAI alleging that its chatbot, ChatGPT, encouraged his suicide; and the discovery of</p>	<p>a dinosaur with metre-long spikes.</p> <p>(Photo: Displaced Palestinians flee from an Israeli military operation, in Gaza City, August 26, 2025. Credit: Reuters/Ebrahim Hajjaj)</p> <p>WED 22:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jvmzm) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>WED 22:06 The Interview (w3ct7x6s) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]</p> <p>WED 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4k080) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>WED 22:32 13 Minutes Presents: The Space Shuttle (w3ct80bp) [Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]</p> <p>WED 23:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jvrqr) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>WED 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl7dbyv4r4) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>WED 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4k404) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>WED 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct76j4) India labels Trump's tariffs 'unfair and unjust'</p> <p>With Washington's time window for a USA-India trade deal closed, Indian exporters are now dealing with 50% tariffs on many goods sold to the States.</p> <p>US president Donald Trump says it's to punish New Delhi for buying Russian oil, but India prime minister Modi has criticised the levies as "unfair, unjustified and unreasonable."</p> <p>Roger Hearing speaks to USA-India trade specialist Gunjan Bagla about what this could mean for both countries.</p> <p>Elsewhere Donald Trump has threatened the billionaire financier, George Soros, with an indictment for racketeering.</p> <p>We hear how professional golfers are surviving in Africa, while London's transport chiefs are trying to end commuters growing aggravation of having to listen to other people's music and entertainment on trains and buses.</p> <p>The latest business and finance news from around the world, on the BBC.</p> <p>THURSDAY 28 AUGUST 2025</p> <p>THU 00:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jvwgw) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>THU 00:06 The Forum (w3ct712v) [Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]</p> <p>THU 01:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jw070) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>THU 01:06 Business Matters (w172zrs7fmwv4q5) Nvidia reports blockbuster results</p> <p>Californian computer chipmaker Nvidia has reported record revenue figures of almost US\$47bn for the second quarter of this year, surpassing all market expectations after being boosted by big tech firms eager to expand their artificial intelligence (AI) capabilities.</p> <p>The Santa Clara-based business claims its likely grow to \$54bn, but its positioning in China appear somewhat uncertain as executives said they "continue to work through geopolitical issues" due to the ongoing international tariff wars.</p> <p>Meanwhile Donald Trump's steep 50% tariffs on India have kicked in after Washington's window for a trade deal lapsed and the US president issued an order imposing an additional 25% penalty on New Delhi over its purchases of Russian oil.</p> <p>While India prime minister Modi has criticised the levies as "unfair, unjustified and unreasonable". Roger Hearing will be joined by Karen Percy in Melbourne and Walter Todd in South</p>	<p>Carolina to discuss what this could mean for both countries and who will be picking up the extra costs?</p> <p>Elsewhere Donald Trump has threatened the billionaire financier, George Soros, with an indictment for racketeering.</p> <p>We hear about the challenges endured by professional golfers trying to survive in Africa.</p> <p>And keep it down - a campaign has begun in London after a growing number of people said they felt aggravated by headphone-dodgers who broadcast music and entertainment for all passengers to hear on the city's trains and buses.</p> <p>Global business news, with live guests and contributions from Asia and the USA.</p> <p>THU 02:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jw3z4) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>THU 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl7dbyvzhzj) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4kh7j) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>THU 02:32 The Documentary Podcast (w3ct7y7y) Student Predator: Surviving Zhenhao Zou</p> <p>Earlier this year, Chinese student Zhenhao Zou was jailed for 24 years for drugging and raping ten women in the UK and China. He has been described by police as one of Britain's "most prolific sexual predators". After his trial, detectives said they feared he may have attacked 50 more women – many of whom are yet to be identified. Following connections on Chinese social media, reporter Wanqing Zhang from the BBC's Global China Unit has been speaking exclusively to several of Zou's victims, and a translator who has helped them, revealing shocking details about his crimes.</p> <p>THU 03:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jw7q8) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>THU 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6xcm) [Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Wednesday]</p> <p>THU 03:50 Witness History (w3ct74qb) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Wednesday]</p> <p>THU 04:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jwcgd) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>THU 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl7dbyvrgs) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>THU 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4kqqs) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct70yw) Bottom trawling and the future of global fish supplies</p> <p>Bottom trawling is one of the most widely used - and most destructive - fishing practices in the world. Dragging heavy nets across the seabed damages fragile ecosystems, depletes global fish supplies, and puts the livelihoods of small-scale fishers at risk.</p> <p>In this episode of The Food Chain, Rumella Dasgupta speaks to John Worthington, one of the last remaining fishermen in Fleetwood, UK, who fears a proposed ban on bottom trawling in Marine Protected Areas could end his business. Fisheries economist Dr Rashid Sumaila of the University of British Columbia explains the global consequences of trawling, from overfishing to illegal and unregulated catches.</p> <p>On the coast of West Africa, Aissata Daouda Dia, Head of Advocacy at Blue Ventures, tells us how much coastal communities rely on local catch. Nana Kweigyah from the Canoe and Fishing Gear Owners Association of Ghana, describes how foreign industrial trawlers are devastating coastal communities. And in Malaysia, Adrian Poon of the Cinnamon Group explores the challenges of sourcing fish sustainably in a market dominated by cheaper, trawled seafood.</p> <p>Producer: Izzy Greenfield Image: Getty</p>
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THU 05:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jwh6j)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 05:06 Newsday (w172zsprrlytw73)

White House fires director of US public health agency

The head of the US public health agency has been ousted from her post, with her lawyers accusing the Health Secretary, Robert F Kennedy Junior, of weaponizing public health for political gain. Susan Monarez was only confirmed as Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention four weeks ago. She is said to have rejected the Health Secretary's stance on vaccines.

We hear the story of a pregnant woman and her perilous journey through one of Sudan's most active war zones. She tells us how she fled her home in En Nahud in the state of West Kordofan.

And we speak to a politician in El Salvador, Marcela Villatoro, and hear her view on the state of democracy in her country. A few weeks ago El Salvador's congress voted to end presidential term limits allowing President Nayib Bukele to run an unlimited number of times.

Presenters: James Copnall and Pria Rai

(Photo: Susan Monarez, U.S. President Donald Trump's nominee to be director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Credit: Kevin Mohatt/Reuters)

THU 06:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jwlyn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 06:06 Newsday (w172zsprrlytz7)

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Israel continues with its plans to push militarily on Gaza City, forcing thousands of Palestinians to flee. Moves have been taking place on the diplomatic front elsewhere. US President Donald Trump hosted a White House meeting on Wednesday focusing on what a post-war Gaza might look like. We discuss military action and those talks in Washington with a former Israeli diplomat.

And we hear the story of a pregnant woman and her perilous journey through one of Sudan's most active war zones. She tells us how she fled her home in En Nahud in the state of West Kordofan.

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(Photo: The exterior of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention main campus in Atlanta, Georgia. Credit: Alyssa Pointer/Reuters)

THU 07:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jwqps)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 07:06 Newsday (w172zsprrlyv3qc)

White House fires director of top health agency

The head of the US public health agency, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention Susan Monarez, has been sacked - after less than a month in the post. We'll get the thoughts of a former senior CDC official

Scientists warn that the worsening fire season in the Mediterranean has been linked directly to climate change. They say more frequent and severe fires across Europe are likely to continue in the future.

And as Israel continues with its plans to push militarily on Gaza City, forcing thousands of Palestinians to flee, we speak to a Palestinian diplomat.

Presenters: James Copnall and Pria Rai

(Photo: The main campus of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia, U.S. Credit: Alyssa Pointer/Reuters)

THU 08:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jwvfx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct722z)

Is Japan moving to the right?

A far-right party which came to prominence during the Covid-19 pandemic recently showed itself to be a contender to Japan's centrist political establishment, when it grew from one seat, three years ago to 15 seats in the recent elections.

Known as Sanseito, the party is led by Kamiya Sohei, whose YouTube videos spread conspiracy theories about vaccinations. Its political platform is a nationalist 'Japanese first' agenda and warns against a 'silent invasion of foreigners'.

Whilst for Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party coalition, the election results were bruising. The LDP lost its majority in the Upper House, having already lost control of the Lower House last year. But its embattled Prime Minister, Shigeru Ishiba, whilst facing calls from within his party to resign, has said he has no plans to quit.

Against this backdrop, there's a growing unease amongst Japanese voters over issues like immigration, over-tourism and the economy and Sanseito are tapping into that.

Joining us to discuss Japan's political climate are Kenneth Mori McElwain, professor of Comparative Politics, University of Tokyo, Japan; Dr Fabian Schäfer, chair of Japanese Studies, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany; Jeffrey Hall, author and lecturer, Kanda University of International Studies, Eastern Japan; Dr Kristi Govella, associate professor of Japanese Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, UK.

Presenter: William Crawley

Producer: Jill Collins

Researcher: Evie Yabsley

Technical producer: Craig Boardman

Production management assistant: Liam Morrey

Editor: Tara McDermott

THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4l6q9)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6s2j)

The global trade in stolen phones

We investigate smartphone thefts - which are rising in number in some major cities. What's the impact, and where are the phones going? And how can people protect themselves?

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

Presented and produced by Deborah Weitzmann

(Image: A phone is taken from a rucksack. Credit: Getty Images)

THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct74jn)

The making of the Third Man: A film noir classic

In 1948, filming began on a post-war thriller that would become one of the greatest British movies of all time.

Directed by Sir Carol Reed, the film captured the atmosphere of a divided, ruined Vienna.

But much of its lasting power lies with Orson Welles, whose magnetic, menacing turn as Harry Lime stole the show - despite his limited screen time and reputation for being famously hard to pin down.

Phil Jones speaks to production assistant Angela Allen about the film that became legend.

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

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

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

(Photo: Harry Lime, played by Orson Welles in The Third Man. Credit: Corbis via Getty Images)

THU 09:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jwz61)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zw17dbywc6f)

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THU 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4lbgf)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 09:32 The Documentary Podcast (w3ct7y7y)

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THU 10:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jx2y5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 10:06 The Explanation (w3ct7ysf)

The Media Show: The mystery freelancer

A number of publications, including Wired and Business Insider, have withdrawn articles initially attributed to a freelance journalist named Margaux Blanchard. Press Gazette first reported the concerns after an editor flagged a suspicious pitch. The true identity of the writer and whether AI authored the pieces remain unclear. Jacob Furedi, editor of Dispatch, and Dr Glenda Cooper, Head of Journalism at City St George's, University of London, discuss.

The new football season arrives alongside changes in coverage. Two YouTube channels - The Overlap and That's Football - have secured live UK rights to show some Bundesliga matches. Minal Modha, Head of Sport Media Rights at Ampere Analysis, explains the strategy. Graham Scott, columnist at Telegraph Sport, on pivoting to journalism from his previous role as a Premier League referee.

Parenthood is the latest BBC wildlife series narrated by David Attenborough. It was filmed across 23 countries and six continents, following how animals raise their young. Jeff Wilson, series producer and director at Silverback Films, reveals how it was made.

Presenter: Ros Atkins

Producer: Lucy Wai

Assistant producer: Martha Owen

Production co-ordinator: Ruth Waites

Sound: Holly Palmer

Technical co-ordinator: James Cherry

THU 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4lg6k)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 10:32 The Documentary (w3ct80hx)

The second map

We remember the attack on Pearl Harbour and the atomic bombing of Japan during World War Two. Hundreds of thousands of British and Allied soldiers fought for years on the Asian and Pacific fronts against the Japanese in a brutal war - so why don't we remember it better today? We chart the key moments in this other, lesser known war to mark the 80th anniversary of VJ day, through remarkable audio testimonies that have never been broadcast before, of soldiers and civilians - on all sides.

(Photo: The USS Nevada is aground and burning off Waipio Point, after the end of the Japanese air raid in Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, 7 December, 1941. Credit: Department of the US Navy/Reuters)

THU 11:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jx6p9)

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THU 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zw17dbywlpp)

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THU 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4lkyp)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 11:32 The Food Chain (w3ct70yw)

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THU 12:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jxbff)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6wxt)

Amazing Love Stories: The truth about Bobby Love

For nearly 30 years Bobby and Cheryl Love lived a very ordinary married life together in New York. They raised four children, worked hard, attended church... but Cheryl could never shake the feeling that Bobby was hiding something from her. It was in 2015 that she finally found out the truth, when armed police burst through the door of their apartment one morning. Bobby and Cheryl tell Jo Fidgen what the secret did to their marriage.

Across two weeks we've curated a collection of love stories from around the world. Love in all its guises; puppy love that falters and finds its feet again, longing through wars and exile, and romance that blooms in the most unexpected places. Messy, beautiful and sometimes heartbreaking. But always human, surprising and unforgettable. You'll find them all on the Outlook website in a box set called Amazing Love Stories.

Presenter: Jo Fidgen
Producer: Rebecca Vincent

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(Photo: Bobby and Cheryl Love Credit: Brandon Stanton)

THU 12:50 Witness History (w3ct74jn)

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THU 13:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jxg5k)

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THU 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zw17dbywv5y)

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THU 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwws84jxg5k)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 13:32 Health Check (w3ct6vjr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Wednesday]

THU 14:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jxkxp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 14:06 Newshour (w172zss7g221qh9)

Ukraine: Russian strikes kill 15 people

At least fifteen people have been killed in Ukraine after a night of heavy Russian bombardment. Ukraine's air force says more than six-hundred drones and missiles were fired by Moscow - the second highest number since the war began. The EU accused Russia of targeting it after its diplomatic mission in Kyiv was hit.

Also in the programme: President Trump sacks the head of the US Centres for Disease Control; the epic journey of a pregnant Sudanese woman across her war ravaged country; and we hear from New Orleans on the twentieth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.

(Photo: Rescue crews outside an apartment building that was destroyed in the strike. Credit: Reuters)

THU 15:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jxpnt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 15:06 The Inquiry (w3ct722z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

THU 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwws84jxpnt)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct75vs)

President Trump wants the US government to take a share when American companies succeed

How the US Republicans moved from the free market and a small state to big interventions in the American economy?

Why Chinese EV makers have got ahead of Tesla?

And if you're running a business in Russia, why you can't advertise on social media from next week?

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THU 16:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jxtdy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 16:06 BBC OS (w173067xp4xspjx)

Europe condemns Russian strikes on Ukraine

Officials say missile strikes on Kyiv have killed at least 17 people, including four children. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has condemned Russia's "massive" overnight attack and called for "new, tough sanctions" on Moscow in response. We speak to parents in Kyiv about raising children during the war.

A record one million hectares have burned across Europe this year, making it the worst wildfire season on the continent since records began in 2006. Our climate reporter explains more.

And the American Budget Airline Southwest says it plans to make plus-size passengers pay for two airline seats if they do not fit comfortably into one. We get reaction.

OS presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Ukrainian rescuers work at the site of a Russian strike on a five-storey residential building in Kyiv, Ukraine, 28 August 2025, amid the ongoing Russian invasion. Credit: SERGEY DOLZHENKO/EPA/Shutterstock)

THU 17:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jxy52)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 17:06 BBC OS (w173067xp4xzt91)

Minneapolis mourns church mass shooting

Witnesses to a mass shooting in the US state of Minneapolis have described the "terrifying" scenes after an attacker opened fire on a church in which children were celebrating Mass on Wednesday morning. We hear from members of the Catholic community in Minneapolis.

The American budget Airline Southwest says it plans to make plus-size passengers pay for two airline seats if they do not fit comfortably into one. We get reaction.

And we have a conversation with Manchester United football fans from around the world after their humiliating Carabao Cup second-round defeat to fourth-tier opposition.

OS presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: A tear falls down Linnea Opsahl's cheek as she joins her mother Laura during a vigil at Lynnhurst Park following a shooting earlier in the day at Annunciation Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S. August 27, 2025. Credit: REUTERS/Tim Evans)

THU 18:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jy1x6)

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THU 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6wxt)

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THU 18:50 Witness History (w3ct74jn)

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THU 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwws84jy5nb)

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THU 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6z7m)

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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 (w172zwws84jy9dg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 20:06 The Documentary Podcast (w3ct7y7y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwws84jy9dg)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 20:32 Science In Action (w3ct6yfs)

How Fear Spreads

What can modern epidemiological methods tell us about French Revolutionary history? Also, the origins of horse riding, solar systems, and star dust itself.

Presenter: Roland Pease
Producer: Alex Mansfield
Production Coordinator: Jana Bennett-Holesworth

(Image: Storming of the Bastille Paris France 1789 illustration. Credit: Grafissimo via Getty Images).

THU 21:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jyf4l)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 21:06 Newshour (w172zss7g222kq6)

EU ambassador to Ukraine: 'Putin has zero interest in peace'

European leaders express outrage after Russian strikes kill 21 and damage EU's HQ. The EU's ambassador to Kyiv, Katarina Mathernova says "Putin has zero interest in peace".

Also in the programme: EU triggers sanctions snap-back on Iran; and a new exhibition of GConzo artist Ralph Steadman's drawings.

(Image: European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen delivers a speech following the latest Russian attacks on Kyiv. Credit: EPA)

THU 22:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jyjqw)

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THU 22:06 The Inquiry (w3ct722z)

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THU 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwws84jynmv)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct75y1)

The USA sticks to plans on charges for some small parcels

As the US Customs and Border Protection agency gets ready to end a tariff exemption on all global parcel imports valued under US\$800, known as de minimis, the White House claims it will help curb the movement of drugs.

We hear from Kate Muth of the International Mailers Advisory Group on whether Donald Trump's administration has compromised on the plans, and if ending the loophole will provide US\$10bn of revenue as claimed.

Elsewhere, Federal Reserve governor Lisa Cook has filed a legal case against the US president over his efforts to fire her, while police raids have taken place across Brazil as authorities try to close down a US\$10bn money laundering operation.

Roger Hearing speaks to the man at the centre of a multi-billion dollar investment from South Korea into US shipbuilding.

And how old is too old when it comes to being a commercial pilot? Former flyer Kit Darby shares his thoughts.

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FRI 00:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jyscz)

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FRI 00:06 The Explanation (w3ct7ysf)

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FRI 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4n4nc)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:32 Happy News (w3ct6tyn)

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FRI 01:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jyx43)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 01:06 Business Matters (w172zrs7fmvz1m8)

The USA gets set to charge millions of parcels

Friday sees the US Customs and Border Protection agency scrap tariff exemptions, known as de minimis, for millions of small international postal items arriving from abroad that are valued below US\$800.

Roger Hearing is joined by Sinead Mangan in Perth and Tony Nash in Houston to discuss the White House's claims that ending the loophole will curb the movement of drugs and provide US\$10bn of revenue. But what does it mean for small traders around the world?

We catch up with the saga engulfing the Federal Reserve after governor Lisa Cook filed a legal case against US president Donald Trump over his efforts to fire her.

Elsewhere, police raids have taken place across Brazil as authorities try to close down a US\$10bn money laundering operation.

Just days after South Korean president Lee Jae Myung visited Washington DC, we hear from David Kim, the man at the centre of a multi-billion dollar investment from the east Asian country into US shipbuilding.

And how old is too old when it comes to being a commercial pilot? Former flyer Kit Darby shares his thoughts.

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

FRI 02:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jz0w7)

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FRI 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl7dbyydw)

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FRI 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4nd4m)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:32 Tech Life (w3ct6zp5)

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FRI 03:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jz4mc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6wxt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Thursday]

FRI 03:50 Witness History (w3ct74jn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jz8ch)

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FRI 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl7dbyydw)

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FRI 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4nmmw)

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FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct6vp8)

Digitally preserving Armenia's Christian heritage

In the ancient Yererouk Basilica in Armenia, near the border with Turkey, young engineers are filming. Using 3D digital technology, they're scanning every part of the building. When the material is put together, it will recreate the church on a screen, in full-colour and in three dimensions.

This is the digital preservation initiative, created by TUMO, the Center for Creative Technologies, based in Armenia's capital Yerevan. It's training young people to use new technology, but also connecting Armenian teenagers with their 2000-year-old Christian heritage.

Armenia was the first kingdom to adopt Christianity as its state religion. But in 2023, the country lost control of numerous important religious sites, when the province of Nagorno-Karabakh was taken over by neighbouring Muslim Azerbaijan. The mountainous enclave, known as Artsakh to Armenians, has long been a disputed territory between the two countries. Despite the new peace agreement signed recently, the province is still closed to Armenians. International observers using satellite technology say dozens of important Christian sites have been damaged or destroyed.

For Heart and Soul, Julia Paul travels to Armenia to find out how drones and lasers are helping young Armenians to connect to and preserve their ancient Christian heritage, at a time when many sites are being silently erased from the map.

[Credit: Julia Paul. Photo Description: The team of engineers from digital preservation initiative at the TUMO Center for Creative Technologies, at Yererouk basilica in Armenia's Shirak province.]

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FRI 05:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jzd3m)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 05:06 Newsday (w172zsprrlyxs46)

Dozens reportedly killed in Darfur

Reports from western Sudan indicate that dozens of civilians in the western city of El Fasher have been killed in an intense artillery barrage by the paramilitary RSF - or Rapid Support Forces. El Fasher is part of the current frontline of that two year civil war which has also witnessed the displacement of some 13 million people.

The White House Ukraine envoy has condemned heavy Russian airstrikes on Ukraine as egregious and a threat to President Trump's attempts at a peace deal. The death toll from the attacks on Kyiv has risen to 23. We speak to a civilian volunteer in the Ukraine on the latest strikes by Russia.

And two years after a deadly fire in a building occupied by squatters in central Johannesburg burnt down our reporter visits some of the survivors to discuss the housing crisis in the city.

Presenters: James Copnall and Pria Rai

(Photo: A Sudanese person rests having fled various ongoing conflicts between Sudan's army and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), in Darfur. Credit: Marwan Mohamed/EPA).

FRI 06:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jzhvr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 06:06 Newsday (w172zsprrlyxw)

Dozens of civilians killed in Darfur

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In Ukraine the number of people killed after Thursday's sustained Russian strikes on the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, now stands at twenty-three. It comes after recent intensified efforts by US President Donald Trump to get both Ukraine and Kyiv to agree to a ceasefire in order to work towards a viable peace plan. We look at the these latest strikes with the former Nato military chief, General Wesley Clark.

And Rohingya refugees tell the BBC they were flown from Delhi and forced into the sea off the coast of Myanmar.

Presenters: James Copnall and Pria Rai

(Credit: Children at a community kitchen in El Fasher, Darfur. Credit: From local footage sent to BBC.)

FRI 07:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jzmlw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 07:06 Newsday (w172zsprrlyy0mg)

Sudan: Paramilitary group accused of civilian massacres

Doctors in Sudan accuse the Rapid Support Forces of killing twenty-four civilians by shelling, as they step up their efforts to overrun the besieged city of El Fasher. We look at the dire conditions of people caught in the military offensive.

In Ukraine at least 23 people, including four children, were killed and dozens more wounded in what the President has described as one of its heaviest bombardments of the Russian war. We go live to Kyiv.

And Rohingya refugees tell the BBC that they were deported by the Indian government and dumped in the sea just off the coast of Myanmar. A country in the midst of a brutal civil war.

Presenters: James Copnall and Pria Rai

(Photo: People displaced following Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in North Darfur, Sudan. Credit: Stringer/Reuters)

FRI 08:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jzrc0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:06 Americast (w3ct7t5v)

Will the Democrats go "dark woke" to take on Trump?

Sharing AI-generated images of himself riding a horse, waving a giant flag, inserting his face on Mount Rushmore...sound familiar?

If you're California Governor Gavin Newsom, that's entirely the point as he embarks on a new strategy to combat Donald Trump online, by imitating him.

It's all part of a "dark woke" strategy which sees Newsom playing Trump at his own game on social media. Is the approach an online blueprint for the wider Democratic Party, and what are the risks for taking on the president so directly?

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FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4p3md)

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FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6rsh)

Business Daily meets: Allan Kilavuka

From taking on the role of Kenya Airways' CEO in the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic, to leading the company to profitability after years of financial turbulence, we hear the difficult decisions Allan Kilavuka has made during his time at the helm of one of Africa's largest airlines - and the challenges that lie ahead for African aviation.

Allan Kilavuka also tells us about his time growing up in Western Kenya, and his unusual career path, including a stint as a marriage guidance counsellor.

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Producer: Amber Mehmod

(Picture: CEO of Kenya Airways, Allan Kilavuka. Credit: Getty Images)

FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct7447)
John Lennon's final headline concerts

In 1972, after leaving The Beatles, John Lennon and Yoko Ono performed in the United States at the One to One benefit concerts at Madison Square Garden, New York.

They were helping to raise money for children with disabilities from Willowbrook State School, after a television exposé by journalist Geraldo Rivera showed the conditions and failings. It was watched by millions of people and led to a public outcry.

Sean Allsop speaks with Geraldo Rivera about breaking the story and organising the concerts.

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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: John Lennon performing at the One To One events. Credit: Ann Limongello/ABC)

FRI 09:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jzw34)
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FRI 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4p7cj)
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FRI 09:32 Science In Action (w3ct6yfs)
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FRI 10:00 BBC News (w172zwws84jzw8)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct72wg)
Where do beaches come from?

It's August, and in the northern hemisphere, many people are hitting the beach to escape the summer heat. And that inspired us to investigate bucketloads of beach-based science.

First up, we find out about the forces that build and shape the seaside.

Next, we discover that the waves from the Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai eruption reached the atmosphere.

Speaking of waves, we're joined by Dr Edward Hurme from the Max Planck Institute of Animal Behaviour, who tells us about his research into surfing bats.

And why are beaches disappearing?

All that, plus many more Unexpected Elements.

Presenter: Marnie Chesterton, with Tristan Ahtone and Phillys Mwatee
Producers: Alice Lipscombe-Southwell, with Imaan Moin, Robbie Wojciechowski and Lucy Davies

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FRI 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4pgvs)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 11:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct6vp8)
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FRI 12:00 BBC News (w172zwws84k07bj)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6wh8)
Outlook Mixtape: The romance playbook

From meet-cutes to happily ever afters, the essential elements of a classic romance.

US Army interpreter Nayyef Hrebid and Iraqi soldier Btooo Allami met and fell in love during the height of the Iraq War. But how did their love survive in a country where same-sex relationships are taboo, and gay people are often at risk of violent attacks?

When Karl-Heinz and Hedi fell in love they faced one major obstacle: the Iron Curtain. They met as teenagers at the height of the Cold War and were separated by a border – he was in capitalist West Germany and she was forbidden from leaving the communist East. They hatched a secret plan to be together, but it was elaborate and at times even farcical. Their mission seemed impossible – especially when the East German secret police, the notorious Stasi, were on their tail. But maybe, just maybe, they'd get lucky.

Kevin and Debi fell in love as teens while auditioning for a high school musical. After learning Debi was pregnant, they made plans to elope, but those dreams of a future together were interrupted when Debi's parents discovered the pregnancy and persuaded her to give her child up for adoption. Kevin was soon deployed to Vietnam, and Debi's parents moved to a different town, and the high school sweethearts lost contact. Years passed, marriages, children, careers, but the memory of that first love – and thoughts of the child they had lost – remained. Forty years later, Debi decided to track down her long-lost daughter, and after meeting her for the first time, the conversation turned to Kevin. After some internet sleuthing, they found him, leading to a big reunion – and a second chance at love.

Across two weeks we've curated a collection of love stories from around the world. Love in all its guises; puppy love that falters and finds its feet again, longing through wars and exile, and romance that blooms in the most unexpected places. Messy, beautiful and sometimes heartbreaking. But always human, surprising and unforgettable. You'll find them all on the Outlook website in a box set called Amazing Love Stories.

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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty Images)

FRI 12:50 Witness History (w3ct7447)
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FRI 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4pqc1)
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FRI 13:32 Science In Action (w3ct6yfs)
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FRI 14:00 BBC News (w172zwws84k0gts)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 14:06 Newshour (w172zss7g224mdd)
Thailand's prime minister removed from office

Thailand's Constitutional Court has removed the prime minister, Paetongtarn Shinawatra, over her handling of a border dispute with Cambodia. We hear reaction from her party, and also ask what the news tells us about the country's turbulent politics.

Also in the programme: why many small businesses around the world are now unable to send parcels to the US; and we report on how a group of Rohingya refugees were deported and left in the sea by the Indian authorities.

(IMAGE: Thailand's Paetongtarn Shinawatra leaves following a press conference after the Constitutional Court ruled to remove her from office in a high-profile ethics case, following a leaked phone conversation between her and Cambodia's former leader Hun Sen, at Government House in Bangkok, Thailand, August 29, 2025 / CREDIT: REUTERS/Chalinee Thirasupa)

FRI 15:00 BBC News (w172zwws84k0lks)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:06 Americast (w3ct7t5v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

FRI 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4pyv9)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct76ld)
The legal battle between Fed Governor and US President

Federal Reserve governor Lisa Cook has sued President Donald Trump over his attempt to fire her, setting up a potential legal battle in court. The governor has asked the court to declare Trump's firing order "unlawful and void", and also named Fed Chairman Jerome Powell as defendant.

How to keep things like food and medicines cold in the heat? We hear from Ghana-based start-up revolutionising cold chain logistics across West Africa.

Also, some foreign investors are now rethinking their India plans after the US President imposed new tariffs. We hear from one of them.

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FRI 16:00 BBC News (w172zwws84k0qb1)
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FRI 16:06 BBC OS (w173067xp4y2lg0)
Sudan war: Civilians targeted in el-Fasher

The Sudan Doctors Network has said the paramilitary RSF is increasingly targeting civilians as it steps up its campaign to take the city of El-Fasher - the last remaining city in Darfur outside its control. The city has been under siege for over a year and conditions inside are said to be desperate. We speak to aid workers.

Soldiers have been deployed in Indonesia's capital where protests over the police killing of a motorcycle driver have continued into the night. Our reporter in Jakarta explains.

President Trump has revoked the secret service protection for the former vice president Kamala Harris, who lost to Mr Trump in the presidential election last year. We speak to our correspondent in Washington.

Today marks 20 years since Hurricane Katrina slammed into the southern United States with devastating effect. We speak to people in New Orleans whose homes were destroyed.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Children in North Darfur in Sudan)

FRI 17:00 BBC News (w172zwws84k0v25)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 17:06 BBC OS (w173067xp4y2q64)

Israel declares Gaza City a dangerous combat zone

Israel's military says it has declared Gaza City a combat zone, as it ramps up its preparations to seize the territory's largest population zone. We hear from a Gazan sheltering at a Greek Orthodox Church in the city and speak to our correspondent in the region.

The United States has introduced new import duties on low-value postal packages. We hear from business owners around the world who may be impacted.

Thailand's prime minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra has been removed from office over her handling of a border dispute with Cambodia -- plunging the country into a new round of political uncertainty. Our regional editor explains.

We speak to Italian women about attitudes towards women in their country, after lewd, doctored images of the prime minister and other prominent women were posted on a porn website.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: A man pulls a trolley loaded with belongings as displaced Palestinians flee from one area to another within Gaza City, amid an Israeli military operation, in Gaza City, August 29, 2025. Credit: Dawoud Abu Alkas/Reuters)

FRI 18:00 BBC News (w172zwws84k0y19)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6wh8)

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FRI 18:50 Witness History (w3ct7447)

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FRI 19:00 BBC News (w172zwws84k12kf)

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FRI 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zw17dbz0gkt)

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FRI 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4qftt)

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FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6z33)

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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 (w172zwws84k169k)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct6rmz)

Surviving the floods in Pakistan

Many parts of Pakistan have been experiencing intense rainfall in recent weeks. Since June, at least 800 people have been killed, homes and businesses lost, and thousands forced to evacuate their communities.

In our conversations, we bring together people affected by this year's monsoon to share their experiences. They include Saad, from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province in northern Pakistan, who lost his family home and business:

"Nothing is left in our home," he tells us. "Many of the houses of the people are completely destroyed and those remaining are full of mud and water...it has been 13 to 14 days and we are still suffering."

Although it only produces a small fraction of greenhouse gas emissions, scientific evidence suggests that Pakistan is particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change. It not only faces increasingly heavy rains but extreme temperatures and drought, with melting glaciers also contributing to the risk of floods. Three journalists share their stories of the flooding and their perspectives on the challenges the country faces.

Presenter: Luke Jones

BBC producer: Iqra Farooq

Boffin Media producer: Richard Hollingham

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(Photo shows Saad who lives in the Swat Valley. Credit: Saad)

FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4qkky)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct6st3)

How long will traces of our civilisation last?

What will remain of us hundreds of millions of years from now? And how can we be so certain that we are the first technologically advanced species on Earth?

These unsettling questions have been haunting listener Steve. If fossils can be lost to deep time through erosion and subduction into the Earth's mantle, how would anyone — or anything — ever know that we had been here? And if an earlier species had built a civilization that rose and fell, would we even be able to find traces of it?

To investigate, CrowdScience presenter Caroline Steel speaks to the scientists trying to answer these questions, while producer Sam Baker goes fossil hunting on the Jurassic Coast in the UK.

Caroline speaks with astrophysicist Adam Frank at the University of Rochester in the US, who along with NASA scientist Gavin Schmidt developed the Silurian hypothesis — the idea that if an advanced species had existed deep in Earth's past, they might have vanished without leaving a trace.

But palaeontologists Jan Zalasiewicz and Sarah Gabbott from the University of Leicester in the UK argue that humans are already leaving an indelible mark in the form the chemical and material fingerprints we're pressing into Earth's crust. They contend that the 'technofossils' we are producing will last a very long time indeed.

Along the way, Caroline and producer Sam discover just how rare fossils really are, how even the tiniest particles of pollution will give us away to far-future explorers, and why car parks might be our ultimate legacy. What they find is at once unsettling and oddly comforting: humanity could be fleeting, but our impact probably won't be.

Could we really have missed evidence of an ancient civilization? And what strange clues will we leave behind for whoever, or whatever, comes next? We explore Earth's geological memory to find out.

Presenter: Caroline Steel

Producer: Sam Baker

Editor: Ben Motley

(Photo: Old phone embedded in concrete layer with defocused landscape background Credit: Petra Richli Via Getty Images)

FRI 21:00 BBC News (w172zwws84k1b1p)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 21:06 Newshour (w172zss7g225gm9)

Israel's major offensive in Gaza City continues

Israel's military has declared Gaza City a combat zone, as it prepares to seize the territory's largest population zone. The military said that humanitarian pauses in fighting were being halted.

Also on the programme: a Thai opposition leader says he's got enough support to form the next government after the constitutional court sacked yet another prime minister; and we hear about a new version of the band Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody by South Africa's Ndlovu's Youth Choir - in isiZulu.

(Picture: Israeli missile strike on Gaza City. Credit: Reuters)

FRI 22:00 BBC News (w172zwws84k1fst)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 22:06 Americast (w3ct7t5v)

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FRI 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxlpw4qt26)

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FRI 22:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct6vp8)

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FRI 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct76nn)

Is the US Fed's independence at stake?

As Fed governor Lisa Cook fights to block President Trump from firing her, a first legal hearing on the matter ends without a ruling. But with ongoing tensions and concerns over political meddling, who would want the next Fed chair job when the role becomes vacant next year? We speak to a former regional Fed president who says he's up for the job.

Canada's economy shrinks much more than expected amid trade disputes with the US. An economist from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce weighs in on whether it might improve any time soon.

And as a Chinese property giant's shares are removed from a major stock market, is the golden era for Chinese real estate well and truly over?