

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2025**SAT 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5lzh)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 00:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct72wj)

Some dam awesome science

The inauguration of Africa's largest hydroelectric dam has us looking at how we decide when, where, and even whether to build dams.

But humans aren't the only ones building dams – Loren Taylor of the Beaver Institute joins us to talk all about nature's hydroengineers and the wide-spread benefits beavers (and their dams!) have on ecosystems.

Also on the program, how close are we to clean energy from space, the science behind holding your breath for a really, really, really, REALLY long time, and how natural sounds can be turned into musical instruments. All that, plus more unexpected elements.

Presenter: Alex Lathbridge with Andrada Fiscutean and Katie Silver
Producers: Margaret Sessa-Hawkins, Alice Lipscombe-Southwell and Robbie Wojciechowski.

SAT 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5m37w)

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SAT 01:06 Big Boss Interview (w172zrs855hm7r1)

The Final Business Matters

For the very final time, Business Matters on the BBC World Service, Rahul Tandon is joined by many of our regular guests, from India, Pakistan, Singapore, Canada and the United States. They discuss some of the biggest themes we covered, including, the COVID-19 pandemic, a cost of living crisis driven by a pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and Donald Trump becoming the President of the United States.

Production team: Rahul Tandon, Ahmed Adan and Stephen Ryan

(Photo: A medical worker in full COVID-19 personal protective equipment in Shanghai, May 2022. Taken during lockdown in China. Credit: Edward Lawrence/BBC)

SAT 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5m700)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl83wllm0d)

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

SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmfs9i8d)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct6zjq)

India and Pakistan prepare for Asia Cup clash

After months of uncertainty, the Asia Cup got under way this week in the United Arab Emirates, having been in doubt following cross-border tensions between India and Pakistan in May, which disrupted the IPL and the Pakistan Super League. That led to speculation whether India would play matches against Pakistan. The Stumped team look ahead to the clash and discuss the competitive balance of the competition and whether any team in the tournament can genuinely challenge India.

Our build-up to the Women's World Cup continues and this week Sri Lanka are the focus. We hear from journalist Estelle Vasudevan, who explains what it means for the country to be back in the competition for the first time since 2017.

Plus, can you remember what you were doing at 17 years old? Croatia's Zach Vukusic became the youngest ever international cricket captain in a recent T20 series against Cyprus at just 17 years and 311 days. We discuss his history making achievement.

Photo: Captains of participating teams pose with the Asia Cup 2025 Twenty20 international cricket match trophy alongside Asian Cricket Council (ACC) president Mohsin Naqvi during a press conference at the Dubai International Stadium in Dubai on September 9, 2025. (Credit: AFP via Getty Images)

SAT 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5mbr4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6whb)

Outlook Mixtape: The musical

Born under apartheid and in poverty, South African composer Lebo M grew up loving music and became a performer at a young age. His talent took him on a tumultuous journey from Soweto to Hollywood. As he worked on the music for Disney's hit animation The Lion King and as apartheid came to an end in South Africa, the story of those lions fighting for their kingdom took on a whole new relevance to him. Lebo M spoke to Emily Webb in 2019.

Marni Nixon looks back at her early singing career in the 1950s and 1960s. Hollywood's ghost singer, whose voice you hear in the main roles of The King and I (singing for Deborah Kerr), My Fair Lady (singing for Audrey Hepburn) and West Side Story (singing for Natalie Wood), tells Outlook's Jo Fidge about the days when she had to defend her rights to be credited. This interview was first broadcast in 2013.

Sammi Cannold, a Jewish Broadway director, and Safi Rauf, a Muslim humanitarian, met in August 2021 during the chaotic evacuation of civilians from Afghanistan. Amid the crisis, they fell in love. However, just months into dating, Safi was taken prisoner by the Taliban while carrying out humanitarian work in Kabul. For 105 days, he was held in a basement prison but kept the spirits of his fellow captives alive by singing songs from the musical Les Misérables.

Presenter: Saskia Collette
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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 03:50 Witness History (w3ct7449)

How the Philippines saved Jews during World War Two

In September 1935, the Nuremberg Laws were introduced in Nazi Germany.

In 1938, seven-year-old Lotte Hershfield and her family left their home in Breslau, which was part of Germany and is now known as Wrocław in Poland.

Their journey took them across continents by ship, train and on horse and cart.

They eventually arrived in Manila, the capital of the Philippines, one of the few places welcoming Jewish refugees fleeing persecution.

As they rebuilt their lives, Japan launched a surprise attack on Pearl Harbour and, soon after, invaded the Philippines.

When United States forces eventually reclaimed the islands, Lotte and her family once again packed up their lives, this time settling in Baltimore, Maryland.

Now aged 94, Lotte has been sharing the memories of her life in Manila with Megan Jones.

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: Lotte Hershfield. Credit: Lotte Hershfield)

SAT 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5mgh8)

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SAT 04:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct72wj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 today]

SAT 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5ml7d)

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SAT 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl83wllz7s)

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SAT 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmfs9yhs)

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SAT 05:32 Trending (w3ct72tk)

Selling misleading fertility hope

The global fertility supplements industry has an estimated worth of over 2 billion dollars, and it's growing. Some experts have raised the alarm around poor regulation of companies and the products they sell.

In this episode of BBC Trending we investigate Pink Stork and other supplement companies which say they can help you get pregnant. Now, they're being promoted heavily on social media and beyond. What is the science behind some of the claims? And what does this say about regulation of the supplements industry as a whole?

Reporter: Kayleen Devlin
Editor: Flora Carmichael

SAT 05:50 More or Less (w3ct6vzc)

Will the world really be 50 million workers short by 2030?

Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang says the world faces a severe labour shortage – 50 million workers by the end of the decade. The boss of the world's most valuable company thinks humanoid robots will be needed to fill the gap.

But is this prediction based on solid evidence?

Tim Harford looks at the calculations behind the claim with Rajiv Gupta, a technology expert at Boston Consulting Group, who is the likely source of the 50 million figure.

If you've seen a number in the news you think we should look at, email the team: moreorless@bbc.co.uk

Presenter: Tim Harford
Producer: Nicholas Barrett
Series producer: Tom Colls
Sound mix: Hal Haines
Editor: Richard Vaden

SAT 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5mpzj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 06:06 Weekend (w172zw88fxtw8ph)

Qatar 'on alert' for future Israeli strikes

A spokesman of the Qatari government has told the BBC that no Gulf state is safe since Israel's deadly attack on Hamas leaders in Doha earlier this week.

Also on the programme: The wife of the assassinated conservative activist, Charlie Kirk, has said the movement he built will not die with him; and Australia's campaign to protect the Koalas.

Host Paul Henley is joined by panellists Jane Kinninmont of the United Nations Associations - UK, and Christopher Sabatini of Chatham House.

(Picture: Qatar's Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-Thani speaking at the UN in New York. Credit: REUTERS/Jeenah Moon/File Photo)

SAT 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5mtqj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 07:06 Weekend (w172zw88fxtwdfm)

Nepal appoints first female PM

A former chief justice of Nepal's Supreme Court, Sushila Karki, is set to become the country's interim leader, after anti-government protesters forced prime minister, K P Sharma Oli, to step down.

Also in the programme: Brazil reacts to former President Jair Bolsonaro's conviction and sentencing to 27 years in prison, and new evidence reveals how Glastonbury once hosted festivals of meat rather than music.

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<p>Chatham House.</p> <p>(Picture: Former Chief Justice Sushila Karki sworn-in as Nepal's interim Prime Minister. Credit: ANISH REGMI/NEPAL PRESIDENT OFFICE/HANDOUT/EPA/Shutterstock)</p> <p>SAT 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5mygs) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>SAT 08:06 Weekend (w172zw88ftwj5r) Wife of assassinated Trump ally Charlie Kirk speaks</p> <p>The widow of Charlie Kirk has spoken publicly for the first time since the Republican activist was assassinated at a campus event on Thursday.</p> <p>Also on the programme: A spokesman of the Qatari government has told the BBC that no Gulf state is safe since Israel's deadly attack on Hamas leaders in Doha earlier this week; and a South Korean worker detained in an immigration raid in the US tells his story.</p> <p>Presenter Paul Henley is joined by Jane Kinninmont, Chief Executive Officer at the United Nations Association - UK, and Dr Christopher Sabatini, senior fellow for Latin America at Chatham House.</p> <p>(Picture: A supporter of Charlie Kirk holds a large wooden crucifix as people mourn following the fatal shooting of conservative activist. Credit: REUTERS/Thomas Machowicz TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY)</p> <p>SAT 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5n26x) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>SAT 09:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct6rn1) Would you want to live until 150?</p> <p>During an unguarded conversation between President Putin and President Jinping in Beijing, the Chinese leader suggested that scientific developments meant that by the end of the century people might live until 150.</p> <p>So, what is it like to live to an old age and will 150 years ever be possible?</p> <p>We bring together two women in Australia, Janet and Myfanwy, with a combined age of 202. One of them still drives. The other stopped getting behind the wheel at 96.</p> <p>They say they both enjoy busy lives. Janet at 102 doesn't relish the thought of being 150 though: "Think how doddery and staggery you would be." And Mwfanwy adds: "I don't want to live forever!"</p> <p>In another conversation, 87-year-old Elaine in the United States has this advice: "We've all been through difficult times, we've all had terrible things happen to us, but you just get past it, and you put one foot in front of the other and you just keep on going."</p> <p>We also hear from three distinguished researchers who discuss the reality of living a long life and the science of anti-aging.</p> <p>This edition is from BBC OS Conversations, where we bring people together to share their experiences.</p> <p>Presenter: Rahul Tandon BBC producers: Iqra Farooq, Akwasi Sarpong, Laura Cress and Ash Mohamed Boffin Media producers: Richard Hollingham and Sue Nelson</p> <p>(Photo: 102-year old Janet McDonald. Credit: Janet McDonald)</p> <p>SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmfsbflh9) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>SAT 09:32 Pick of the World (w3ct7z58) Finding love on 'Mountain Tinder'</p> <p>Why hikers in the Alps are replacing dating apps with scribbled notes. Plus: a woman who found out her husband was an escaped fugitive, and a dog who can't stop retrieving rubbish.</p> <p>SAT 09:50 Over to You (w3ct6xvs) How World Book Club played detective with Sherlock</p> <p>World Book Club usually interviews authors about their work, with questions from the audience. But September's edition featured an author who died nearly a century ago. We're joined by presenter Harriet Gilbert to talk about the show's special</p>	<p>episode on Arthur Conan Doyle and Sherlock Holmes. Will they do something similar with other deceased authors?</p> <p>Plus, already announced major programme changes will take effect soon, but listeners have already been in touch concerned about what's happening with Business Matters.</p> <p>Presenter: Rajan Datar Producer: Howard Shannon. A Whistledown production for the BBC World Service</p> <p>SAT 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5n5z1) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>SAT 10:06 Not by the Playbook (w3ct8785) River Deep, Mountain High</p> <p>River...Martin Strel is a swimming marvel. The Slovenian holds multiple world records, and his specialty is swimming the entire length of rivers... Amazon, Thames, Mississippi, Yangtze, Danube, you name it, he's swam it. Except the Nile! So why not?! Martin tells us about his amazing feats of swimming and why the Nile is not on his list of river results.</p> <p>Deep...In 2000, Jill Heinerth was already a renowned diver, known for her exploits mapping vast underground cave networks in Florida. Filming for a National Geographic documentary brought a new and unprecedented challenge; a vast iceberg known as B-15 had broken away from an ice shelf in Antarctica, providing a unique chance to explore its networks of underground caves. Braving sub zero temperatures and the treachery of constantly shifting ice, Jill became the first person to ever enter one of these caves - a historic milestone in diving.</p> <p>Mountain... Joshua Patterson is an ultra-marathon runner who later this month will attempt to become the first man to complete a marathon at over 6,000 metres altitude. Having successfully become the first person to run 76 marathons in the 76 cities in the UK...in 76 days he's pushing himself to the very edge of physical exertion. He tells us about what he fears the most about this latest challenge, and his motivation the passing of his godson Archie and raising money for www.babylossclub.com, charity Archie's parents have set-up.</p> <p>High... The world's best athletes are back in Tokyo this week for the World Athletics Championships. It's a return to the city that hosted the delayed Olympics in 2021. But, the high jump competition will have to go a long way to compete with the drama of four years ago, when Italian Gianmarco Tamberi and Qatar's Mutaz Bar-sham SHARED the gold medal; the first time that's happened in athletics in over a hundred years. lions around the world... As you Gianmarco is a real character. Before Tokyo he was famous for turning up to competitions having shaved half his beard! That's right one side of his face hairy, the other clean shaven. What made Gianmarco's journey to gold even more remarkable was he'd missed the Rio Games due to injury. The cast he had worn on his his ankle, served as inspiration, accompanying him all around the world, including that night at the Olympic stadium</p> <p>Photo: Record Breaking Swimmer Martin Strel Emerges From The River Thames In London To Launch A Film About His 3,375 Mile Swim Down The Amazon Entitled 'Big River Man. (CREDIT: John Phillips/UK Press via Getty Images)</p> <p>SAT 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5n9q5) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zw183wlpqk) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmfsbnzk) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>SAT 11:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct78bv) Protests hit France as new PM takes office</p> <p>This week John Simpson, in discussion with the BBC's unparalleled range of experts across the world, analyses whether the latest political crisis in France is a sign of long-term decline, examines the reasons for the simmering tensions between Cambodia and Thailand, and looks at the ways in which Russia is trying to win over opinion around the world.</p> <p>Producer: Kate Cornell Executive Producer: Benedick Watt Commissioning Editor: Vara Szajkowski</p> <p>SAT 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5nfg9) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p>	<p>SAT 12:06 World Questions (w3ct7504) Greece</p> <p>Fixing Greece's declining population is now the Government's top priority, so how should it solve the crisis? Is the country at risk of being ruined by tourism? And could migrants from abroad help boost the Greek economy? Jonny Dymond is joined by a panel of leading politicians and analysts taking questions from a large and lively audience at the Megaron Concert Hall in the country's capital, Athens.</p> <p>The panel: Sofia Zacharakis: Minister of Education Pavlos Yeroulanos: MP, PASOK Xenia Kounalaki: Journalist, Kathimerini newspaper Yiannis Koutsomitis: European Affairs Analyst</p> <p>Producer: Helen Towner</p> <p>(Photo: Students in central Athens demonstrate against a new educational reform. Credit: Louisa Gouliamaki/AFP via Getty Images)</p> <p>SAT 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5nk6f) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>SAT 13:06 Newshour (w172zss85lpsps1) Will Charlie Kirk's death stir further political violence?</p> <p>The widow of Charlie Kirk, a right-wing political activist in the US, says she will never let his legacy die. She said her cries would echo around the world like a battle cry. Charlie Kirk was President Donald Trump's bridge to young Republicans. We ask if his death is likely to aggravate political tension in the US?</p> <p>Also in the programme: a Qatari official, Majed Al Ansari, tells the BBC that his country remains on high alert as the government cannot rule out another Israeli strike; and the three Austrian nuns who refuse to stay in their old peoples' home.</p> <p>Photo: Charlie Kirk with his wife, Erika Kirk, celebrating Trump's inauguration in Washington, D.C., in January Credit: Getty</p> <p>SAT 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5nnyk) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w172ztqph5g99b0) Live Sporting Action</p> <p>Sportsworld has live Premier League commentary from Everton's new stadium for the first time as Everton host Aston Villa at Hill Dickinson Stadium.</p> <p>Lee James is joined by Premier League winner Robert Huth and former Premier League manager Mark Warburton to look ahead to that game and the rest of the weekend's English top-flight action. There will also be updates and reaction from Nottingham Forest's first game under new manager Ange Postecoglou as they play Arsenal in the day's early kick-off.</p> <p>Sportsworld will also be in Tokyo for day one of the World Athletics Championships which includes the final of the women's 10,000m, men's shot put and mixed 4x400m relay. There will also be the latest from the Women's Rugby World Cup quarter-finals, cricket's Asia Cup and a preview to the super-middleweight boxing bout between Canelo Alvarez and Terence Crawford in Las Vegas.</p> <p>Image: Ollie Watkins of Aston Villa is challenged by James Tarkowski of Everton during the Premier League match between Everton FC and Aston Villa FC at Goodison Park on January 15, 2025 in Liverpool, England. (Photo by Carl Recine/Getty Images)</p> <p>SAT 18:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5p4y2) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>SAT 18:06 The Newsroom (w172zw183wlnjyg) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>SAT 18:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmfsdscj6g) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>SAT 18:32 Trending (w3ct72tk) [Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 today]</p> <p>SAT 18:50 More or Less (w3ct6vzc) [Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 today]</p>
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SAT 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwsp5p8p6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 19:06 The Inquiry (w3ct7231)

Is time up for TikTok in the US?

In January, the popular Chinese social media app TikTok went offline for its 170 million Americans. The outage marked a turning point in a long-running dispute over data privacy and national security, with US lawmakers concerned about the app's Chinese ownership. A law passed by Congress required ByteDance, TikTok's parent company, to sell its US operations or face a ban.

Although ByteDance did not meet the deadline, the newly inaugurated President Trump postponed enforcement, introducing a timeline for a potential sale. That deadline has since been extended multiple times, with the current cutoff now set for 17 September. But with complex negotiations still underway and Beijing reluctant to approve any deal, Trump has signalled he may grant yet another extension leaving the app's fate in the US uncertain.

This week on The Inquiry, we're asking: Is it time up for TikTok in the US?

Contributors:

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(Photo: TikTok message announcing a ban. Credit: NurPhoto/Getty Images)

SAT 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmfdscmyl)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 19:32 The Global Jigsaw (w3ct7yvc)

Decoding China's doublespeak

How the Chinese Communist Party gets lost in translation and whether it's accidental or intentional. "The Belt and Road Initiative", "community with a shared future for humankind", "socialism with Chinese characteristics in a new era" - the slogans and proclamations coming out of Beijing can sound abstract and bewildering. We examine the complex character of the language and how it's put to use by the CCP to understand why its message can get lost on the outside world.

Contributor: Tom Lam

Producer: Kriszta Satori, Elchin Suleymanov

Presenter: Krassi Ivanova Twigg

Music: Pete Cunningham

SAT 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwsp5pdfb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct6ztr)

Musician, podcaster and author Nabil Ayers

Hollywood star Robin Wright on combining acting and directing in the hotly-discussed new television series The Girlfriend.

Pioneering musician William Barton on the significance of the yidaki in Aboriginal Australian culture.

Swedish big screen actor Alicia Vikander on being a child actor and performing in a musical written by the ABBA's Björn Ulvæus and Benny Andersson.

American director Jay Roach discusses working with Olivia Colman and Benedict Cumberbatch in new divorce comedy, The Roses.

And there's music from Arooj Aftab, the Pakistani-American singer who recently performed at the BBC Proms.

Plus, Nikki talks to music powerhouse Nabil Ayers about his book My Life in the Sunshine and podcast Identified, along

with critic Larushka Ivan-Zadeh.

Main image: Nabil Ayers

Photo credit: Pooneh Ghana

SAT 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwsp5pj5g)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 21:06 Newshour (w172zss85lptr2)

Nepal's major political parties demand parliament be reinstated

Nepal's major political parties have demanded parliament be reinstated a day after it was dissolved following deadly anti-corruption protests. Anti-government protests this week sparked by a now reversed social media ban saw at least fifty one people killed and more than a thousand injured.

Also on the programme: 100,000 people have joined a far-right march in London featuring violent clashes, calls to send migrants home, and a message of support from Elon Musk; and we'll hear about the three Austrian nuns who have run away from the retirement home to return to their former convent.

(People take part in a candlelight vigil in memory of people who died during the protest against anti-corruption triggered by a social media ban, which was later lifted, in Kathmandu, Nepal, September 13, 2025. Credit: REUTERS/Navesh Chitrakar)

SAT 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwsp5pmxl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 22:06 Not by the Playbook (w3ct8785)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 today]

SAT 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwsp5prnq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl83wlp4p3)

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SAT 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmfdsd3y3)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 23:32 This Is Africa (w3ct72dd)

June Freedom

June Freedom is the most streamed artist from Cabo Verde at the moment. He grew up on the islands, but was born in Boston and is now based in L.A. His music draws on this rich musical background with influences as diverse as Cesaria Evora and Usher. It has been described as 'the sound of endless summer'.

In July this year he was named African Rookie of the month by the USA's prestigious music magazine Billboard. But June Freedom is no rookie. He supported Tiwa Savage on her US tour, and has performed around the world in his own right.

He also has three albums under his belt. The most recent of these came out in July and it's called Casa Mira Mar.

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SUN 00:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct6rn1)

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SUN 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmfdsd7p7)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 00:32 The Documentary (w3ct81mp)

Tequila with the bat man

Rodrigo Medellin loves bats. The Mexican conservationist has been obsessed with the often maligned creatures for over six decades. As a child, he kept blood in ice cube trays in his parents' freezer, to feed to his pet vampire bats. He went on to create Mexico City's first ever bat festival, and to work with governments, universities, NGOs and researchers all over the world.

Like many Mexicans, he is also fiercely proud of the country's

native spirits: tequila and mezcal. The agave spirits are hugely important for Mexico's economy, especially in the states of Jalisco and Oaxaca. Exports of the drinks are worth billions. Tequila and mezcal have become increasingly popular in recent decades, with sales boosted by big budget celebrity-owned brands designed to appeal to the US consumer. From Kendall Jenner to George Clooney, US celebrities have been riding high on the mass market appeal of the liquor.

But the boom in these industries has had unintended consequences for Rodrigo's beloved bats. Often the agave spirits are made from is harvested early, before the slow-growing plant can flower. This means bats cannot feed from the nectar, and critically, they can't do their job as pollinators. This contributes to agave monocultures which are susceptible to disease and blight.

Rodrigo explains how he wanted to change the way the industry works, creating a "bat-friendly" certification for tequila and mezcal producers who leave 5% of the agave untouched, to bloom. But why have so few brands been certified, why is the programme controversial for some producers, and why are bats a tricky sell as far as conservation for many people and communities? Sarah Treanor spends time with Rodrigo in Mexico City and Oaxaca to find out.

A Bespoke Media production.

Image: Rodrigo Medellin holding a bat (Credit: Paul Webala)

SUN 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwsp5q04z)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 01:06 The Inquiry (w3ct7231)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:06 on Saturday]

SUN 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmfdscfc)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 01:32 Trending (w3ct72tk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

SUN 01:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct7zs3)

Bula Choudhury – India's record breaking swimmer

In 2004, the Indian long-distance swimmer Bula Choudhury became the first woman to complete the challenge of crossing straits of the world's Seven Seas.

Choudhury is a former Indian national swimming champion in the pool, who was inspired to switch to the ocean by a traditional Bengali folk tale.

Her challenge took her to five continents. She says that one of her hardest swims was in the cold waters of the English Channel.

In 2020 she spoke to Maya Mitter about her career.

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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.

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SUN 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwsp5q3x3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl83wlpghxh)

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SUN 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmfdsh5h)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 02:32 Health Check (w3ct6vj1)
The psychology of curiosity

Is curiosity good for us, or should we learn a lesson from what curiosity did to the cat? And why does curiosity drive some people to explore the ends of the earth and beyond, while others just really aren't very curious at all?

We invite a panel of people for whom curiosity is also at the centre of what they do to discuss the psychology of curiosity in front of an audience at the Cheltenham Science Festival in the UK.

They are...

Tim Peake – astronaut, test pilot and author. His lifelong curiosity took him to live for six months on the International Space station. While he was there he famously ran the London Marathon on a treadmill and he was the first British astronaut to walk in space.

Gosia Gocłowska - a lecturer in the department of psychology at the University of Bath. She researches some of the more unusual emotions we experience such as curiosity, awe and surprise.

And Matthias Gruber - an associate professor of psychology at the University of Cardiff. His research focuses on the neuroscience of curiosity and learning.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond
Producer: Lorna Stewart

SUN 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5q7n7)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 03:06 World Questions (w3ct7504)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5qdc)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct6try)
Israel's ultimatum over Gaza City

Pascale Harter introduces correspondents' stories from southern Gaza, the Thai-Cambodian border, the streets of Paris and a village bike race in Slovenia.

Around a million Palestinians have been told to leave Gaza City ahead of a new Israeli offensive - though many now say there is nowhere left to go in Gaza which is safe, or which has access to facilities and food. Lucy Williamson was granted rare access to Gaza by the Israeli army, and was taken to see the planned new aid distribution site for the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation.

Thailand has a new prime minister – its third in just over a year - following a political crisis that ignited a short, sudden conflict with Cambodia. What tipped these neighbouring countries - with their long shared border, common Hindu-Buddhist heritage, and tightly intertwined economies - into war? Our Southeast Asia Correspondent Jonathan Head unpacks how a falling-out between political dynasties led to this catastrophic breakdown of relations.

France also has a new prime minister, after François Bayrou, lost a no-confidence vote and was ousted from office. Last week street protests took place across France as people their voiced anger over his proposals to remove two national holidays and impose a pensions freeze. Their slogan was "Bloquons Tout" - "Let's Block Everything" - so is there any way out of the French political impasse? Andrew Harding watched events unfold in Paris.

Slovenia may be small - with a population of around two million people - but it's something of a sporting superpower. It's produced some of the best male cyclists in the world today, including four-time Tour de France champ Tadej Pogacar. Every year, he hosts a cycling festival in his home village of Komenda that showcases the sport's social side. Guy De Launey went along for the ride.

Producer: Polly Hope
Editor: Richard Fenton-Smith
Production co-ordinator: Rosie Strawbridge

SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmfdsqnr)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct78bv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:32 on Saturday]

SUN 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5qh4h)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl83wlpw4w)
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SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmfdsvdw)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct81mp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:32 today]

SUN 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5qlwm)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 06:06 Weekend (w172zw88fxtz5ll)
Marco Rubio visits Israel

The American Secretary of State begins a two-day visit to Israel today, coming after Israel's attack on Hamas in Qatar last week. Marco Rubio has made clear Washington's disquiet over the Israeli action and says he wants to assess its impact on efforts to free the Israeli hostages held by Hamas. But Mr Rubio is also expected to show strong support for the Israeli Prime Minister.

Also in the programme: Ethiopia's controversial new dam project; and a major march in London.

Presenter Paul Henley is joined by Lauren Frayer, UK correspondent for National Public Radio in the US, and Oliver McTernan, director of the UK-based charity, Forward Thinking, which works on conflict prevention and conflict resolution.

(Photo: U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio speaks to members of the media, before departing for Israel at Joint Base Andrews. CREDIT: REUTERS/Nathan Howard/Pool)

SUN 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5qqmr)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 07:06 Weekend (w172zw88fxtz9bh)
Marco Rubio expresses Israeli support

The US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has landed in Israel for a 2-day visit. The visit comes in the wake of an Israeli attack on Hamas in Qatar. Speaking before he departed, Mr Rubio stated that the strikes were "not going to change the nature of our relationship with the Israelis."

Also in the programme: a change in South African marriage laws; and 40 years of Super Mario Bros.

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(Photo: U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio and his wife Jeanette Dousdebbs arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport. CREDIT: REUTERS/Nathan Howard/Pool)

SUN 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5qvcw)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 08:06 Weekend (w172zw88fxtzf2v)
Britain prepares for Trump visit

Also in the programme, Albania turns to AI to solve governmental corruption; a new exhibition exploring the musician David Bowie, and the final night of the BBC Proms.

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(Picture: President Trump met King Charles, then Prince of Wales, during his 2019 state visit. Credit: PA Media)

SUN 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5qz40)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct6try)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today]

SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmfdsfbdd)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:32 The Food Chain (w3ct70yy)
Flavour: The potato chip story

Self-confessed crisp lover Ruth Alexander traces the story of the crisp or potato chip, starting with a tasting experience matching fine wines and "rubbish crisps" at a wine bar in the northern English city of Manchester.

With the help of journalist and crisp historian Natalie Whittle, Ruth finds out about the commercial beginnings of the potato chip in the fine dining rooms of nineteenth century New York. She meets the chef who travels the world searching for new taste sensations to develop into a packet of crisps for snack giant Frito-Lays. Can you guess which flavours nearly, but not quite, made it onto the shelves?

Ruth also talks to salty snack expert Jolene Ng of Mintel, who researches the role crisps play in modern life. And with Japan renowned for its unusual flavours, Ruth meets Makoto Ehara, the boss of one of the country's biggest potato chip makers Calbee, who tells her about the threat climate change poses to the future of the potato chip industry.

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

Produced by Lexy O'Connor

Photo: A woman in a bright pink jumper is smiling as she pushes a supermarket trolley through the potato crisp aisle. Credit: dowell / getty images

SUN 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5r2w4)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct6xy1)
Digging deep to help farmers

A new farming method is having a dramatic effect on maize crops in Malawi. And assistance is coming from a solar-powered tractor. In the last of her visits to Malawi, Myra goes to a village where they are using a new method called Deep Bed Farming. It's more than doubled the yield of some of the farmers and improved their standards of living. The method involves digging deep into the hard earth. This can be tough work but a new solar-powered tractor designed in the UK called Aftrak is helping the farmers. Malawi has been hit hard by the changing climate and often struggles to feed its population. So making it more food secure could improve the lives of millions.

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Presenter: Myra Anubi
Producer: Richard Kenny
Malawi Producer: Marie Segula
Editor: Jon Bithrey
Senior News Editor: Lisa Baxter
Sound Mix: Hal Haines

(Image: Malawian farmers with an Aftrak solar powered tractor, BBC)

SUN 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmfdsfq4j)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct70tf)
Who's behind Europe's largest rare book heist?

The University library in Tartu, in Estonia, is a large brutalist complex, surrounded by concrete water fountains and futuristic steel sculptures. But inside this unassuming building lies a hidden treasure: rare books worth thousands. In April 2022, some of these books were stolen, including historic editions by Alexander Pushkin. According to Europol, the European law enforcement agency, this theft was part of a criminal operation that targeted national libraries in 12 countries, including the Baltic states, Poland, Finland, Germany and France. It's been described as Europe's largest book heist since War World Two. Who was behind it? My colleague Nina Nazarova from BBC Russian has been investigating this story.

Plus, 7-year-old Nigerian online musical sensation Emmanuel plays keyboards and drums, and has been captivating audiences online, as BBC Pidgin's Adesola Ikulajolu reports.

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 (w172zwwszp5r6m8)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl83wqlmn)
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SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmfdsfkwn)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:32 Trending (w3ct72tk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct6vzc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

SUN 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5rbed)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct6rn1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]

SUN 12:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmfdsfpms)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:32 The Global Jigsaw (w3ct7yvc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:32 on Saturday]

SUN 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5rg3j)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 13:06 Newshour (w172zss85lpwlp4)
Marco Rubio again criticises Israel's strike on Qatar

As the US secretary of state, Marco Rubio, begins his visit to Israel, he has once again criticised the Israeli strike on Qatar. We ask whether this will bring about a policy change in Israel and how the Gulf states will react to the strike.

Also in the programme, fighter jets are scrambled as Romania becomes the second NATO country to report an incursion into its airspace by a Russian drone. And the rock band, Queen, gives their first symphonic performance of their rock operetta Bohemian Rhapsody at the Last Night of the BBC Proms.

Credit: Photo by ABIR SULTAN/EPA/Shutterstock (15485623ao) US Secretary of State Marco Rubio (L) and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (R) visit the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem, 14 September 2025

SUN 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5rkvn)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:06 Sportsworld (w172ztqph5gd673)
Live Sporting Action

Live athletics and football are the focus on Sportsworld this Sunday, with action from the World Athletics Championships and the English Premier League. Our team in Tokyo will have commentary of the men's and women's 100m finals, plus the rest of the day's action, followed by commentary of the Manchester derby as City host United at the Etihad Stadium.

There will also be updates and reaction from Turf Moor, where Burnley take on Premier League champions Liverpool, while the German Bundesliga is the focus on this week's EuroStars.

The team will also bring you the latest from the quarter-finals of the Women's Rugby World Cup as well as cricket's Asia Cup and the third T20 international between England and South Africa.

Image: Erling Haaland of Manchester City gestures alongside Harry Maguire of Manchester United during the Premier League match between Manchester City FC and Manchester

United FC at Etihad Stadium on December 15, 2024 in Manchester, England. (Photo by Michael Regan/Getty Images)

SUN 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5s519)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl83wlrklp)
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SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmfdsgjvp)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:32 The Documentary (w3ct80hz)
The second map

While the Allies celebrated victory in Europe, war was not over for the men and women on the Asian front in World War Two. This episode traces those final months of war - from the prisoner of war camps on the so-called 'death railway', to the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, devastated by nuclear bombs. We explore how memory and forgetting have shaped our war narrative in the 80 years since the World War Two, and we meet descendants of those who were there, discovering new stories, even now.

Presenter/writer: Kavita Puri
Script editor: Ant Adeane
Sound engineer: James Beard
Production co-ordinators: Sabine Scherek, Maria Ogundele,
Original music: Felix Taylor
Archive Curator: Tariq Hussain

SUN 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5s9bf)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct72wj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 on Saturday]

SUN 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5sf2k)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 21:06 Newshour (w172zss85lpxkn5)
US Secretary of State visits Israel as IDF destroys more Gaza City buildings

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio is visiting to discuss the war in Gaza following Israel's attack on Hamas members in Qatar. His visit comes as Israeli forces continue to destroy residential buildings in Gaza City, forcing thousands to flee ahead of an expected ground offensive to seize the city.

Also on the programme: We hear from an American city sitting on the border between two US states with opposing abortion laws three years on from US citizens losing their constitutional right to abortion nationwide; and we'll speak to one of the organisers of the protests in Nepal about why she is backing the country's interim prime minister.

(Photo: U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visit the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest prayer site, in Jerusalem's Old City on September 14, 2025. Credit: REUTERS/Nathan Howard/Pool)

SUN 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5sjtp)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:06 The Climate Question (w3ct702c)
Will the switch to green technology become unstoppable?

When people talk about tipping points in the climate, it's usually bad news – the irreversible melting of ice sheets or the collapse of rainforests. But could there be positive tipping points too, moments where climate solutions break through and spread rapidly?

Tim Lenton, Professor of Climate Change at the University of Exeter and author of Positive Tipping Points: How to Fix the Climate Crisis, says it's already happening – from the dramatic rise of renewable energy to the surge in electric vehicles. He explains how in Norway, the 80s pop band A-Ha played a crucial role in making EVs mainstream.

So, could positive tipping points hold the key to addressing the climate crisis?

Hosts Graihagh Jackson and Jordan Dunbar speak to Professor Lenton about how positive tipping points happen and what we can learn from them.

Got a question? Email us: theclimatequestion@bbc.com

Production Team: Jonathan Baker, Grace Braddock, Tom Brignell, Diane Richardson, Sabine Scherek and Nik Sindler
Editor: Simon Watts

SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmfdsgx32)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:32 Pick of the World (w3ct7z58)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

SUN 22:50 Over to You (w3ct6xvs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

SUN 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5snkt)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl83wls116)
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SUN 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmfdsh0v6)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct70tf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:32 today]

MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2025

MON 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwszp5ss9y)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 00:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct6try)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmfdsh4lb)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 00:32 Science In Action (w3ct6yfv)
Asteroids, comets and where to find them

Scientists' latest plans for welcoming interstellar visitor 3I/Atlas next month, and arranging a rendezvous with comet Apophis in 2029, as heard this week at the EPSC-DPS international planetary science joint meeting in Helsinki.

Presenter: Roland Pease
Producer: Ella Hubber, with Alex Mansfield
Production coordinator: Jana Bennett-Holesworth

Image: Artist's impression of an asteroid in space (Credit: European Space Agency/ESA Science Office)

MON 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbygxr7)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 01:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl8h4wx4bm)
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MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmzp2m3lm)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 01:32 Discovery (w3ct6swf)
The Life Scientific: Tori Herridge

Elephants are the largest living land mammal and today our planet is home to three species: the African bush elephant, the African forest elephant, and the Asian elephant.

But a hundred thousand years ago, in the chilly depths of the Ice Age, multiple species of elephant roamed the earth: from dog-sized dwarf elephants to towering woolly mammoths.

These gentle giants' evolutionary story and its parallels with that of humankind has long fascinated Dr Tori Herridge, a senior lecturer in evolutionary biology at the University of Sheffield, where - as a seasoned science broadcaster - she's also responsible for their Masters course in Science Communication.

Tori has spent much of her life studying fossil elephants and the sites where they were excavated; trying to establish facts behind relics that are far beyond the reach of Radio Carbon Dating. To date she's discovered dwarf mammoths on Mediterranean

islands, retraced the groundbreaking Greek expedition of a female palaeontologist in the early 1900s, and even held an ancient woolly mammoth's liver. (Verdict: stinky.)

But as she tells Professor Jim Al-Khalili, this passion for fossil-hunting is not just about understanding the past: this information is what will help us protect present-day elephants and the world around them for future generations.

Presented by Jim Al-Khalili
Produced for BBC Studios by Lucy Taylor
Reversion for World Service by Minnie Harrop

MON 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbygxw2c)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zw18h4wx82r)

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MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2m7br)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 02:32 CrowdScience (w3ct6st5)

Why am I so sentimental?

CrowdScience listener Kerry started thinking about his sentimental attachment to his possessions when he began sorting through an old trunk, full of objects from his past. He wants to know why we get so attached to things that often have no use anymore and why it's so hard to give them away.

Anand Jagatia investigates why the objects we accumulate during our lives mean so much to us.

He talks to psychologists Mary Dozier and Melissa Norberg and finds out that our possessions offer stability and comfort from the earliest age. That keepsake you brought home from your holiday may also stir memories about days gone by - and that's one reason why we may find it hard to part with the things we own, because they help us to access our emotions. And the items we collect through our lives can come to represent our identity too.

Anand visits the Museum of Broken Relationships in Zagreb, Croatia, where people from all over the world have donated possessions from relationships that ended, whether romantic or family, and discovers that sentimental attachment is universal.

Presenter Anand Jagatia

Producers Jo Glanville and Imaan Moin

Editor Ben Motley

(Photo: Memories box in book shelf - Credit: Jan Hakan Dahlstrom via Getty Images)

MON 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbygxzth)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 03:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct6xy1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Sunday]

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MON 03:50 Over to You (w3ct6xvs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

MON 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbygy3km)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zw18h4wxh10)

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MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2mgv0)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct7095)

Women capturing time

Ella Al-Shamahi talks to two women from France and Finland who service and create timepieces.

Camille de Rouvray is a French watchmaker from a family of horologists. One of her ancestors was the official clockmaker for King Louis XV in the 1740s. Centuries later, when Camille was 35 years old, she decided to change careers completely to continue her family's legacy and follow her true passion. After training in Paris, she opened a watchmaking studio in Mirmande, a small village in the South of France. Camille is especially enthusiastic about antique clocks and feels a deep connection to the original creator when restoring them.

Paula Pyhälä from Finland is a service manager at Lindroos, Finland's largest privately owned watch service provider, established in 1878. She leads a team of nine watchmakers, four administrative staff and one polisher. Paula graduated from the Finnish Watchmaking School in 2008 and continued her training at the prestigious WOSTEP Watchmaking School in Switzerland. She says she often feels like a crime detective when servicing watches.

(Image: (L) Paula Pyhälä, courtesy Paula Pyhälä. (R) Camille de Rouvray courtesy Camille de Rouvray.)

MON 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbygy79r)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 05:06 Newsday (w172zspsvdwwmbb)

Qatar hosts emergency Arab-Islamic summit

Qatar is hosting an emergency two-day Arab-Islamic summit to address the repercussions of the recent Israeli attack on its territory, which targeted the Hamas negotiating team. President Trump has warned Israel that it needs to be "very very careful" before attacking Qatar again.

We take you to Los Angeles where this year's Emmy Television Awards have just concluded. 'The Pitt,' a low budget HBO Max medical series was this year's surprise sensation winning best drama. Owen Cooper has become the youngest male winner at the age of fifteen, being crowned best supporting actor for his role in the series Adolescence.

In the US, the authorities are yet to charge the man arrested on suspicion of killing the rightwing influencer Charlie Kirk on Wednesday during an open-air speaking event. Tyler Robinson was arrested on Thursday night after surrendering to police. The state's Republican governor, Spencer Cox, has claimed that Robinson was 'radicalised' and said his ideology was 'very different' to that of his conservative family.

Presenters: Rob Young and Catherine Byaruhanga.

(Photo: Qatar's Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-Thani, attends the preparatory ministerial meeting for emergency Arab-Islamic summit, in Doha. Credit: Qatar Ministry of Foreign Affairs via Reuters)

MON 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbygyv1w)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 06:06 Newsday (w172zspsvdwwr2g)

Qatar: Arab and Muslim leaders meet

Arab and Muslim leaders meet for an Arab-Islamic summit in show of solidarity with Qatar, after Israel's attack last week on the Qatari capital, Doha. The US Secretary of State, Marco Rubio, is currently in Israel. Mr Rubio told reporters that President Trump was not happy with the Israeli strike on Doha. We go live to our reporter in Doha.

We report from Afghanistan where following aid cuts to the country we look at the impact this has had on maternal mortality in the north-eastern province of Badakhshan.

And in the Democratic Republic of Congo 15 people have died from Ebola. We speak to the World Health Organisation about the situation in the country.

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MON 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbygygt0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 07:06 Newsday (w172zspsvdwwvtl)

Arab and Islamic states meet in Qatar

An emergency meeting of Arab and Islamic states is taking place in Qatar today in response to Israel's air strike on Hamas leaders in Doha last week. Part of a draft resolution seen by the Reuters news agency says Israel's attack on Qatar, along with what it describes threatens the prospects of peace and coexistence.

We speak to the Latvian Defence Minister about the continued Russia and Belarus military drills. Romania reported that a Russian drone had entered its airspace, coming shortly after Poland scrambled jets to intercept 19 Russian drones which crossed into its own airspace.

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(Photo: Saudi Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan Al-Saud, attends the preparatory ministerial meeting for emergency Arab-Islamic summit, in Doha. Credit: Saudi Press Agency via Reuters)

MON 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbygylk4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 08:06 The Interview (w3ct7x03)

Mike Pence: US will soon get deserving government

'I'm very confident that someday soon we're going to have government as good as our people again'

Paddy O'Connell speaks to former US Vice President Mike Pence about President Trump's second term in office.

Pence, whose political career began a quarter of a century ago, first rose to international prominence when he was selected by Donald Trump to be his running mate for the 2016 US Presidential election.

When the insurgent billionaire shocked the world by defeating Hillary Clinton, Pence found himself at the centre of an administration beset by multiple controversies from the very beginning, including having to navigate impeachment proceedings against his boss.

The pair, however, weren't always aligned in their worldviews, and the relationship became increasingly frayed behind closed doors. Formal ties were severed when Pence resisted efforts by Trump to overturn his election defeat to Joe Biden in 2020.

After leaving the post of Vice-President, Pence remained active in politics in the years that followed, eventually running for the Republican nomination for the 2024 Presidential election. This was, of course, won by his old boss - but Pence refused to endorse him the second time around.

Despite the turbulent four years in office, he remains proud of what he and Trump achieved in that time. However, he can now speak more freely about his former boss, who is back in the White House for a second term.

His experience at the very top of American politics also gives him unique insight into events both at home and abroad. In this wide-ranging interview, he discusses many pressing issues including vaccine scepticism, global tariffs and the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

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MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2mytj)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6ry3)

Generation AI

Entry level jobs are likely to be the most affected by artificial intelligence. AI can already do a lot of tasks typically given to junior staff, and businesses are already looking at their hiring policies as a result.

We speak to recruiters, businesses, and graduates about what the job search is like right now, and how the world of work could be shaped by advances in technology in the future.

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

Presented and produced by Hannah Mullane

(Picture: A team of young people in a modern office discussing their project. Credit: Getty Images)

MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct746l)

Mohamed Morsi: Egypt's first democratically elected president

In June 2012, Mohamed Morsi, representing the Muslim Brotherhood, became Egypt's first democratically elected president.

In 2022, Ben Henderson spoke to Rabab El-Mahdi, chief strategist to one of Morsi's rival candidates.

She described what it was like to be involved in the first election of its kind, how Morsi tried to recruit her, and the personal impact of political campaigning in a polarised country.

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

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

(Photo: Mohamed Morsi in June 2012. Credit: Ed Giles/Getty Images)

MON 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbygyq98)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zw18h4wy39n)

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MON 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2n2kn)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 09:32 CrowdScience (w3ct6t5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

MON 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbygyv1d)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct71w8)

Nigeria's Festac'77 and Gander's generosity during 9/11

Max Pearson presents a collection of the week's Witness History interviews from the BBC World Service. Our guest is Lucy Durán, a Spanish ethnomusicologist, record producer and Professor at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London.

We start with an African American artist who recounts exhibiting her work at Nigeria's largest ever festival of African arts and culture in 1977.

Then, the testimony of a pilot stranded in airspace following the 9/11 terror attack.

A 94-year-old Jewish refugee remembers how she was saved by the Philippines during World War Two.

The first woman to complete the challenge of crossing straits of the world's Seven Seas, reveals how she was inspired by a traditional Bengali folk tale.

Finally, from a BBC archive interview in 1974, the story of how a satirical book, that was a parody of management theory, became an instant classic in 1969.

Contributors:

Lucy Durán - Spanish ethnomusicologist
Viola Burley Leak - artist
Beverley Bass - American Airlines pilot
Lotte Hershfield - former Jewish refugee in the Philippines
Bula Choudhury - Indian long-distance swimmer
Archive interview with Dr Laurence J Peter - Canadian academic

(Photo: The official emblem of festac'77. Credit: Alamy)

MON 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbygyysj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zw18h4wybsx)

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MON 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2nb1x)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct716x)

Why France might soon have a far-right government

France is in political turmoil. President Emmanuel Macron has just appointed his fifth prime minister in two years. But it's unclear whether he'll be able to form a government. There are calls for Macron's resignation amid nationwide protests and shutdowns. He is running out of options. Waiting in the wings is Marine Le Pen, whose far-right National Rally party has surged in popularity and seems poised to take power. On Sunday at a rally in Bordeaux, she repeated calls for new national elections.

So how did this party, with its controversial history, rehabilitate its image? And what would the first far-right government since World War Two mean not just for France, but for Europe and the rest of the world?

Producers: Lucy Pawle, Sam Chantarasak
Executive producer: James Shield
Mix: Travis Evans
Senior news editor: China Collins

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MON 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbygz2jn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6wq4)

I sent three innocent teenagers to prison for life

Ron Bishop was 14 when he says police forced him to make false statements on the witness stand during a 1984 murder trial. His testimony helped sentence three innocent teenagers to life in prison.

In 1983 Ron's world was turned upside down when his best friend, 14-year-old DeWitt Duckett, was shot and killed in a corridor of their school, Harlem Park Junior High in West Baltimore. Ron gave the police a full description of the lone shooter who had confronted them, but says that the police soon started to put pressure on him to identify three other Black teenagers from their neighbourhood as the assailants - Alfred Chestnut, Ransom Watkins and Andrew Stewart. Ron insisted that it wasn't them, but says the detective became so threatening that he feared for his safety, and that of his family. Alone in the interrogation room, Ron ended up signing a witness statement identifying the three 16-year-olds.

On the day of the trial Ron says he felt "trapped" into giving the same false testimony, along with some other child witnesses, even though he knew it wasn't true. All three defendants were sentenced to life in prison for felony murder.

Ron says his life was overshadowed by intense guilt over the lies he told in court as a 14-year-old, but he remained too

intimidated to speak out, and distrustful of the system he saw as deeply corrupt. It would take an extraordinary 36 years before a state investigation fully exonerated the men, now known as the Harlem Park Three. Ron was at long last able to speak the truth about the actions of the police towards him.

He says he will never stop thinking about the impact his false testimony had on so many lives, but is happy finally to have helped free the three men.

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

The news archive in this episode was from WJZ-TV Baltimore, WBAL-TV 11 Baltimore, and NBC News.

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(Photo: Ron Bishop age 14. Credit: Ron Bishop)

MON 12:50 Witness History (w3ct746l)

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MON 13:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbygz68s)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zw18h4wy195)

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MON 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2nkk5)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 13:32 The Conversation (w3ct7095)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

MON 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbygz68s)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 14:06 Newshour (w172zss8jw03glj)

The impact on Afghan women of US aid cuts

The BBC reports from inside Afghanistan on the loss of access to maternity care, after US aid cuts. Also on the programme, Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said US-Israeli relations have "never been stronger", as US Secretary of State Marco Rubio visits to discuss the war in Gaza following Israel's attack on Hamas members in Qatar; and, the Emmy awards rewards its youngest every winner.

(Photo: Aakriti Thapar / BBC)

MON 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbygzf5l)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 15:06 The Interview (w3ct7x03)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

MON 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2nt1f)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 15:32 Business Daily (w3ct6ry3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:32 today]

MON 15:50 World Business Express (w3ct81ns)

US and China reach deal to keep TikTok running

A breakthrough deal on TikTok as the US and China reach an agreement, keeping the app alive for American users.

Presenter Leanna Byrne also looks at the Pope's concerns over executive pay.

And why Labubu dolls are losing their charm.

MON 16:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbygzkj5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 16:06 BBC OS (w173067ryw1fn4)

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<p>US Secretary of State Rubio visits Middle East</p> <p>US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has met with Israel's prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Meanwhile the Emir of Qatar has told an emergency summit of Arab and Muslim leaders that Prime Minister Netanyahu wanted to derail peace efforts following Israel's strike on Hamas targets in his country. We hear from our reporter in Doha for the latest from the summit. Our correspondent debriefs on the meeting between the US and Israel.</p> <p>A BBC Eye Investigation has exposed a prostitution ring in Dubai -- run by a former London bus driver -- that's been exploiting young Ugandan women. We speak to the BBC reporter who's been investigating the allegations.</p> <p>Nepal's interim PM has sworn in three cabinet ministers as the government tries to restore order after anti-corruption protests ousted the previous administration. We hear a conversation between Nepalese people living abroad for their thoughts on the last few weeks' turmoil in their home country.</p> <p>Our reporter discusses the latest talking points from this year's Emmys, where Adolescence star Owen Cooper became the youngest ever male Emmy Award winner, at 15.</p> <p>(Photo: U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visit the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest prayer site, in Jerusalem's Old City. Credit: Reuters).</p> <p>MON 17:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbygzp89) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 17:06 BBC OS (w173067yryw1kd8) The Australians at risk of rising sea levels</p> <p>One and a half million Australians living in coastal areas are at risk from rising sea levels by 2050, a landmark climate report has warned. Australia's first National Climate Risk Assessment predicted more frequent and severe climate hazards like floods, cyclones, heatwaves, droughts and bushfires. Our BBC climate reporter explains the report's significance and we hear from two Australians living on the coast at the moment.</p> <p>Our correspondent gives the latest from Nepal. Its interim PM has sworn in three cabinet ministers as the government tries to restore order after anti-corruption protests ousted the previous administration.</p> <p>The BBC has had rare access to Afghanistan to gather first-hand evidence of the impact on maternal mortality from US aid cuts, in the north-eastern province of Badakhshan. We hear more from our correspondent who has gathered voices in the region.</p> <p>(Photo: Onlookers observe the weather in the Seaway on the Gold Coast, Australia, 03 March 2025. Credit: EPA)</p> <p>MON 18:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbygt0f) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6wq4) [Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]</p> <p>MON 18:50 Witness History (w3ct746l) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]</p> <p>MON 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbygzxrk) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zw18h4wz9ry) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>MON 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2p90y) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6z5g) 2025/09/15 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 (w172zwwtbyh01hp) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct6try) [Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]</p>	<p>MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2pds2) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct6swg) The Life Scientific: Doyne Farmer</p> <p>Doyne Farmer is something of a rebel. Back in the seventies, when he was a student, he walked into a casino in Las Vegas, sat down at a roulette table and beat the house. To anyone watching the wheel spin and the ball clatter to its final resting place, his choice of number would've looked like a lucky guess. But knowing the physics of the game and armed with the world's first wearable computer, which he'd designed, a seemingly random win was actually somewhat predictable.</p> <p>Doyne is an American scientist and entrepreneur who pioneered many of the fields that define the scientific agenda of our time, from chaos theory and complex systems to wearable computing. He uses big data and evermore powerful computers to apply complex systems science to the economy, to better predict our future. Much like roulette, economics can appear random but, with the right tools and understanding, it is anything but.</p> <p>Now Director of the Complexity Economics Programme at the Institute for New Economic Thinking at Oxford, Doyne says there's a real need to act, to use these powers of prediction to help resolve one of the most pressing questions of our time - how best to prevent climate change.</p> <p>Presented by Jim Al-Khalili Produced by Beth Eastwood Reversion for World Service by Minnie Harrop</p> <p>MON 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh057t) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 21:06 Newshour (w172zss8jw049tf) Emir of Qatar criticises Israel as 'cowardly'</p> <p>The emir of Qatar has called last week's Israeli attack on his country a cowardly act of terrorism intended to derail peace talks. For his part, the Israeli prime minister has refused to rule out more attacks on Hamas leaders. Newshour hears from Qatar and Israel.</p> <p>Also in the programme: China and the US secure a possible deal on TikTok; and Israeli conductor Ilan Volkov condemns Israel's actions in Gaza.</p> <p>(Picture: Journalists watch on a screen as Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the emir of Qatar, speaks during the opening of the emergency Arab-Islamic summit, to discuss the Israeli attack on Hamas on the Gulf country's soil, in Doha, Qatar. Credit :Reuters)</p> <p>MON 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh08zy) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 22:06 The Interview (w3ct7x03) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]</p> <p>MON 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2pn8b) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 22:32 The Conversation (w3ct7095) [Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]</p> <p>MON 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh0dr2) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zw18h4wzsrq) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>MON 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2ps0g) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>MON 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct76t8) US to stop the clock on TikTok ban</p> <p>As President Trump announces on social media that the US and China have reached a framework deal on the future ownership of Tiktok, presenter Sam Fenwick asks who might buy the social media platform?</p> <p>Also, the Pope calls out the widening pay gap between bosses like Elon Musk and other workers.</p> <p>And our reporter Hannah Mullane assesses the impact of</p>	<p>artificial intelligence on graduate recruitment.</p> <p>TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2025</p> <p>TUE 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh0jh6) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct71w8) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]</p> <p>TUE 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh0n7b) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 01:06 The Newsroom (w172zw18h4x017q) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>TUE 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2q0hq) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 01:32 The Global Story (w3ct716x) [Repeat of broadcast at 11:32 on Monday]</p> <p>TUE 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh0rzg) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zw18h4x04zv) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2q47v) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 02:32 Assignment (w3ct6rc1) Kenya: A Battle For Gen Z</p> <p>Over the past year, Kenya has been rocked by anti-government protests. What started as a demonstration over proposed tax increases soon turned into a nationwide, youth-led protest over the state of the economy, alleged political corruption and police brutality. But it's come at a cost. Dozens of protestors have been killed in clashes with the police, and human rights groups say many activists have been abducted and tortured by agents of the states. Michael Kaloki meets the young Kenyans who are caught in a battle for change.</p> <p>Produced by Alex Last Production Coordinator: Katie Morrison Studio mix by Neil Churchill Editor Penny Murphy</p> <p>(Image: Kenya protests Credit: REUTERS/Monica Mwangi)</p> <p>TUE 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh0wql) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6wq4) [Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Monday]</p> <p>TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct746l) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Monday]</p> <p>TUE 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh10gq) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zw18h4x0dh3) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2qcr3) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct6vtw) Jon Foreman: Art that goes out with the tide</p> <p>Jon Foreman is a Land Artist. He creates work in natural spaces using natural materials like stones, sand, leaves and driftwood. Known for his mesmerising sculptures that harmonise with nature, Jon's work has captured the imagination of art enthusiasts worldwide.</p> <p>His artwork may last as little as ten minutes before the sea washes it away, but his sculptures are not meant to last; his art is a testament to the beauty found in the ephemeral moment.</p>
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Jon's work is not defined by meticulous planning, and he rarely has a fully formed idea in his head before he reaches the beach. He allows the environment on the day to guide his creative instincts.

From the ancient tools he uses to create his sculptures to the modern technology he employs to capture it; we follow Jon's creative process as he takes us to his favourite location to work - the pristine beach of Lindsay Bay on the Pembrokeshire coast, West Wales. Jon considers his work to be a collaboration with nature. However, it is nature itself which threatens to erase his work before it is even complete. With the tide fast approaching and mere minutes before the artwork is swept away, will he manage to complete the work in time? We listen to the artists race against nature's clock.

Presented by Dualtagh Herr.

TUE 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh146v)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 05:06 Newday (w172zspsvdwzj7f)
Child malnutrition in Afghanistan

A BBC report from Afghanistan that takes a look at a sharp surge in child malnutrition. Our report looks at the severe reduction in aid, with donors walking away from the country because of the Taliban's intransigence on women's rights.

Israel has heavily bombed Gaza City overnight with unconfirmed reports that the military has now launched its ground offensive to occupy the entire city. We assess what is known about the situation there.

And we go to South Sudan where the main opposition party has called for 'regime change' in response to the government's plans to try its leader, Riek Machar, on treason and murder charges.

Presenters: Rob Young and Pria Rai

(Credit: Shesh Pol maternity clinic is one of hundreds of medical facilities forced to close as a result of US aid cuts in Afghanistan. Credit: BBC)

TUE 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh17yz)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 06:06 Newday (w172zspsvdwzmzk)
Israel steps up bombardment of Gaza City

Israel has heavily bombed Gaza City overnight with unconfirmed reports that the military has now launched its ground offensive to occupy the entire city. We assess what is known about the situation there.

We hear from the Oscar-winning Palestinian filmmaker and activist Basel Adra who says the Israeli Defense Forces searched his house in the occupied West Bank after a group of Israeli settlers attacked him, his family members at the weekend.

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(Photo: Israeli tanks outside Gaza City. Credit: Atef Safadi/EPA)

TUE 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh1cq3)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 07:06 Newday (w172zspsvdwzrqpp)
Israel launches extensive strikes on Gaza City

Reports that Israel has launched extensive strikes in Gaza City. The Israeli Defense Minister, Israel Katz, has posted on social media to say: 'Gaza is burning' adding that the Israeli Defence Force is 'striking terror infrastructure with an iron fist'. We take a look at the military action taking place.

For weeks Israeli political and military officials have encouraged Palestinians in Gaza City to leave. We discuss their situation with the head of the humanitarian group Doctors Without Borders.

And our correspondent has been speaking to a Ukrainian prisoner of war. He was detained three and a half years ago in the first days of the Russian full-scale invasion. In a surprise move he's now been released.

Presenters: Rob Young and Pria Rai

(Photo: Smoke rises as a result of an Israeli airstrike on the outskirts of Gaza City. Credit: Atef Safadi/EPA)

TUE 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh1hg7)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct6sxy2)
The power of play

Play is essential to children's development – kids learn about themselves and the world around them by having fun and taking risks. In some countries scientists have linked a decline in free play with a rise in children's mental health problems. In this programme we visit a playground called "the land" where no parents are allowed in! This highly-regarded project in Wales now supports adults too, an approach dubbed "play-based community development". Plus we visit a "soft play" centre in Los Angeles, USA, one of a chain of play spaces that have been created specifically for autistic children and their families.

Presenter: Myra Anubi
Reporters: William Kremer, Emma Tracey
Producer: William Kremer
Editor: Jon Bithrey

(Image: Children at The Land adventure playground in North Wales, BBC)

TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2qvqm)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6s74)
The global AI divide

The US and China dominate the field of artificial intelligence - between them they're responsible for 90% of the world's AI infrastructure. Where does this leave the rest of the world?

We speak to an AI business in Kenya, a country that doesn't benefit from lots of investment in the sector.

We discuss the difficulties of trying to innovate in Argentina.

And we explore the divide between regions seeing a lot of investment in the industry compared to those that aren't, and what this could mean for the future.

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

Presented and produced by Hannah Mullane

(Picture: Computer science professor Nicolas Wolovick, in Argentina, next to a supercomputer. Credit: Nicolas Wolovick)

TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct74n5)
Reforming Egypt's divorce laws

In 1979, Egypt's former first lady Jehan Sadat helped lead a campaign to grant women new rights to divorce their husbands and retain custody of their children.

Married to President Anwar Sadat, she wanted to play a more active role than the wives of previous leaders and told her husband it was his duty to make Egypt more equal for women.

After some persuasion, he issued decrees improving the divorce status of women despite facing a backlash, and these became known as "Jehan's laws".

Produced and presented by Reena Stanton-Sharma.

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

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

(Photo: Jehan Sadat in 1975. Credit: Hilaria McCarthy/Daily Express/Hulton Archive via Getty Images)

TUE 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh1m6c)
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TUE 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl8h4x106r)
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TUE 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2qzgr)
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TUE 09:32 Assignment (w3ct6rc1)
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TUE 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh1qyh)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 10:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct6ztr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

TUE 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh1vpm)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl8h4x17q0)
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TUE 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2r6z0)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct71cf)
The dark memes behind Charlie Kirk's murder

The assassination of conservative commentator Charlie Kirk shocked America and exposed the depth of its political divides. Since a suspect has been arrested, the search for clear motive has only become more complicated.

In today's episode, the BBC's Social Media investigations correspondent Marianna Spring examines the meaning of the inscriptions on the bullet casings associated with the murder. The markings take us into the dark corners of the internet, but what do they tell us about why Charlie Kirk was killed?

Producers: Cat Farnsworth, Aron Keller and Lucy Pawle
Executive producer: Annie Brown
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Senior news editor: China Collins

Image: Utah Governor Spencer Cox. Cheney Orr/Reuters

TUE 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh1zfr)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6x4t)
The Russians who spied for Ukraine

Shortly after Moscow annexed Crimea in 2014, Sergei and Tatyana Voronkov decided they would leave Russia. The couple, who had long been critical of Vladimir Putin, settled into life in the Ukrainian countryside. Walking their dogs, tending their smallholding, and enjoying the rural isolation. But when the Russian military rolled in, they felt they had to do something. They passed information on military manoeuvres to Ukrainian authorities. Sergei was caught, forced to confess, but then released. At which point began the next part of their adventure as they fled Ukraine via Russia, before eventually applying - with the help of the Ukrainian military- for asylum in Lithuania.

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(Photo: Tank drives by civilians near Avdiivka frontline, Ukraine 20 February 2024. Credit: Narciso Contreras / Anadolu via Getty Images)

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Also on the programme, three years on from the death of Mahsa Amini, we look at the state of Iran's women-led uprising; and, the Hollywood actor and director Robert Redford has died.</p> <p>(Photo: Israeli airstrikes on Gaza City - 14 Sep 2025 MOHAMMED SABER/EPA/Shutterstock)</p> <p>TUE 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh2bp4) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 15:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct6xy2) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]</p> <p>TUE 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2rpyj) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 15:32 Business Daily (w3ct6s74) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:32 today]</p> <p>TUE 15:50 World Business Express (w3ct81nz) Jaguar Landrover extends production shutdown after cyber breach</p> <p>Jaguar Land Rover has extended its production shutdown until at least 24 September as it struggles with the fallout from a major cyber-attack.</p> <p>Also, Indian and US officials hold their first talks since Washington hit Delhi with a 50% tariff over Russian oil and weapons purchases.</p> <p>And Argentina's president Javier Milei insists 'the worst is over' as he unveils a new budget.</p> <p>TUE 16:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh2gf8) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 16:06 BBC OS (w173067ryyw4bk7) Israel launches ground offensive on Gaza City</p> <p>The Israeli army says it's begun a new ground assault on Gaza City which it sees as a stronghold of Hamas. Meanwhile, UN investigators have concluded that Israel has committed genocide in Gaza. We hear from residents in Gaza City, and our colleague from BBC Verify explains what the definition of genocide is.</p> <p>The southern Indian state of Karnataka is investigating the sexual exploitation of thousands of women who were dedicated to the service of Hindu Gods at temples. Our global reporter in the newsroom gives details.</p> <p>The alleged killer of right-wing activist Charlie Kirk appeared to take responsibility for the shooting on the messaging platform Discord, a company spokesperson has confirmed. We speak to our correspondent about the latest and bring together three young women who supported and followed Charlie Kirk.</p> <p>US President Donald Trump arrives today in the UK for his second state visit. Our political correspondent explains what's expected.</p>	<p>Presenter: Rahul Tandon.</p> <p>(Photo: Displaced Palestinians, fleeing northern Gaza due to an Israeli military operation, move southward after Israeli forces ordered residents of Gaza City to evacuate to the south, in the central Gaza Strip September 16, 2025. Credit: Mahmoud Iss/Reuters)</p> <p>TUE 17:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh2l5d) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 17:06 BBC OS (w173067ryyw4g9c) Thousands more Palestinians flee Gaza</p> <p>Thousands more Palestinians are trying to flee Gaza City as the Israeli army embarks on a major ground assault. Israel says the city is the main symbol of Hamas's authority. The operation coincides with a finding by UN investigators that Israel has committed genocide in Gaza. Israel says the conclusions are fake. We hear from residents in Gaza and get the latest developments from our Gaza correspondent.</p> <p>The Hollywood actor and director, Robert Redford has died aged 89. He was one of the most influential stars of his generation achieving huge critical and commercial success over a career spanning six decades. We hear a conversation with fans discussing his legacy.</p> <p>The alleged killer of right-wing activist Charlie Kirk appeared to take responsibility for the shooting on the messaging platform Discord, a company spokesperson has confirmed. We speak to our correspondent about the latest and bring together three young women who supported and followed Charlie Kirk.</p> <p>Presenter: Rahul Tandon</p> <p>(Photo: Displaced Palestinians, fleeing northern Gaza due to an Israeli military operation, move southward after Israeli forces ordered residents of Gaza City to evacuate to the south, in the central Gaza Strip, 16 September, 2025. Credit: Mahmoud Issa/Reuters)</p> <p>TUE 18:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh2pxj) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6x4t) [Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]</p> <p>TUE 18:50 Witness History (w3ct74n5) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]</p> <p>TUE 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh2tnn) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl8h4x26p1) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>TUE 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2s5y1) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6z9z) 2025/09/16 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>TUE 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh2yds) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 20:06 Assignment (w3ct6rc1) [Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]</p> <p>TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2s9p5) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 20:32 Tech Life (w3ct6zp8) Keeping connected</p> <p>This week we're talking about connectivity. How to keep the internet running when international data cables are damaged by earthquakes or war. And are light beams a solution ?</p> <p>Also this week: Satellites and AI are being used to count migrating wildebeest in Africa. We hear how tech is challenging long-standing estimates of animal numbers.</p>	<p>Presenter: Shiona McCallum Producer: Tom Quinn</p> <p>(Image: A photo of many fibre optic cables emitting bright light against a dark background. Credit: Getty Images)</p> <p>TUE 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh324x) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 21:06 Newshour (w172zss8jw076qj) Israel launches ground offensive on Gaza City</p> <p>The Israeli army embarks on an major ground assault into Gaza City. One resident tells us she can't bear the thought of fleeing again.</p> <p>The offensive comes on the day a UN commission says Israel has committed genocide in Gaza.</p> <p>Also on the programme: the Hollywood legend Robert Redford has died at the age of 89. We'll hear from his friend, film producer Lord David Puttnam; and what's changed in Iran three years on from the death of a young Kurdish woman.</p> <p>(Photo: Displaced Palestinians, fleeing northern Gaza due to an Israeli military operation, move southward after Israeli forces ordered residents of Gaza City to evacuate to the south, in the central Gaza Strip September 16, 2025. Credit: REUTERS/Mahmoud Issa)</p> <p>TUE 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh3x1) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 22:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct6xy2) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]</p> <p>TUE 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2sk5f) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 22:32 In the Studio (w3ct6vtw) [Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]</p> <p>TUE 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh39n5) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl8h4x2pnk) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>TUE 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2snxk) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>TUE 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct76bk) Trump decertifies Colombia as US ally in drugs war</p> <p>Colombia loses its certification as a US ally in the war on drugs, as Trump accuses it of failing to rein in record cocaine production. We look at what it could mean for investment in the country - and hear from Colombia's Ambassador to the US on what comes next.</p> <p>Meanwhile, Microsoft plans to invest \$30 billion in AI and other advanced technology in the UK over the next few years. We speak to the company's chief executive about the impact the financial commitment might have.</p> <p>And as Hollywood mourns Robert Redford, we reflect on the mark he left on the business of film.</p> <p>(Photo: A Colombian soldier keeps watch near the Simon Bolivar border bridge with Venezuela after President Gustavo Petro ordered a military reinforcement to combat organized crime. Colombia, August 29, 2025. Photo credit: Reuters/Carlos Eduardo Ramirez)</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2025</p> <p>WED 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh3fd9) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>WED 00:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct6ztr) [Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]</p> <p>WED 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh3k4f) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p>
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WED 01:06 The Newsroom (w172zw18h4x2y4t)

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WED 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2sxdxt)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 01:32 Tech Life (w3ct6zp8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh3nwk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zw18h4x31wy)

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WED 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2t14y)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 02:32 The Climate Question (w3ct702c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:06 on Sunday]

WED 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh3smp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6x4t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Tuesday]

WED 03:50 Witness History (w3ct74n5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh3xct)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zw18h4x39d6)

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WED 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2t8n6)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 04:32 13 Minutes Presents: The Space Shuttle (w3ct80bs)

The Space Shuttle

The Space Shuttle: 9. What is it all for?

Is human spaceflight worth the risk? It's a time of soul searching for the whole shuttle crew. The space shuttle programme is put on hold for two years, as Nasa and the team come to terms with what happened.

Some leave but others stay on board to help. The shuttle team work to rebuild Nasa and the programme. But some ask the question: what is it all for?

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:

Birth of the space shuttle, Nasa Archives, 1972

Ronald Reagan addresses nation after STS-51-L accident, Reagan Library, 1986

Richard Nixon launches Nasa's space shuttle program, CBS News, 1972

STS-26 launch coverage, BBC, 1988

Mission audio and oral histories, Nasa History Office

WED 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh413y)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 05:06 Newsday (w172zspsvdx2f4j)

Aid agencies call for action on Gaza

More than twenty aid organisations are now calling for urgent intervention in Gaza in the wake of a UN commission finding that Israel has committed genocide with its ongoing war against the Palestinians. Israel has rejected the report's findings, saying its based on false accounts. The report comes as Israeli forces

have begun an intensive ground operation in the heart of Gaza City.

The Charlie Kirk murder suspect, Tyler Robinson, has appeared in court for the first time. Mr Robinson faces seven charges, including aggravated murder and witness tampering. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

And we look at a project in Tanzania that tracks giraffes by their markings as they roam about in the wild. Scientists say the artificial intelligence technology being used is offering new clues about how these animals live and survive.

Presenters: James Copnall and Pria Rai

(Photo: Displaced Palestinians flee amid an Israeli military operation, after Israeli forces ordered residents of Gaza City to evacuate to the south, in Gaza City. Credit Ebrahim Hajja/Reuters)

WED 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh44w2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 06:06 Newsday (w172zspsvdx2jwn)

Thousands of Palestinians flee Gaza City

Thousands of Palestinians are continuing to flee Gaza City after Israel said it had begun its major ground offensive there to defeat Hamas. The heads of more than twenty aid agencies have called on world leaders to act after a UN Commission of Inquiry concluded that Israel was committing genocide in Gaza; a charge Israel rejects. We ask Palestine's ambassador to Austria what sort of action is needed?

US president Donald Trump has arrived in the UK for a state visit. Air Force One touched down on Tuesday evening just outside London from where a US military helicopter transported Mr Trump to the US Ambassador's residence in the centre of the capital. The President will be hosted by King Charles at Windsor Castle, we take a look at his visit.

The UN Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan has accused the country's leaders and top officials of stealing billions of dollars of oil revenues, leaving millions of people without essential services. The government says the report is based on unverified claims from activists. We speak to a member of the commission.

Presenters: James Copnall and Pria Rai

(Photo: Displaced Palestinians move southward after Israeli forces ordered residents of Gaza City to evacuate to the south. Credit: Mahmoud Issa/Reuters).

WED 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh48m6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 07:06 Newsday (w172zspsvdx2nms)

Palestinians flee Gaza City

Thousands of people are fleeing Gaza City for the south after Israel began its ground offensive there. Meanwhile leading aid agencies have called for urgent intervention. We get the view of a seasoned humanitarian.

A South Korea worker, who was detained in the US last week in a major immigration raid, has told the BBC he is still traumatised by what happened to him.

And one of the co-founders of the ice cream brand, Ben and Jerry's, has quit over his silencing on social issues. He calls for the brand to be given independence.

Presenters: James Copnall and Pria Rai

(Photo: Displaced Palestinians move southward after Israeli forces ordered residents of Gaza City to evacuate to the south. Credit: Mahmoud Issa/Reuters)

WED 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh4dcb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 08:06 The Interview (w3ct7x6w)

Stevie Wonder: Songs stay with you forever

Stevie Wonder was born in 1950 in the industrial city of Saginaw, Michigan, USA. Even from a young age, he displayed a great love of music - first with a church choir, and then teaching himself how to play a range of instruments, including the harmonica, piano and drums, all before the age of 10. He was just 11 years old when he was discovered and signed by the legendary Motown record label - and the rest is history.

Across a career that's spanned seven decades, he has sold over 100 million records worldwide, won numerous awards - including multiple Grammys, a Golden Globe and even an Oscar, and received the US Presidential Medal of Freedom too.

Over the years, Stevie has also used his platform to campaign on social issues close to his heart. He's long-advocated for greater rights for disabled people around the world, and he successfully spearheaded a movement to create a national holiday in the US to recognise the birthday of the civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He was also a vocal critic of apartheid in South Africa and called for the release of Nelson Mandela.

In this wide-ranging interview, Stevie discusses his journey to stardom, where he gets his creative spark, and speaking out against injustice.

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WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2trmq)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6scn)

UAE: The next AI powerhouse?

When US president Donald Trump visited the Middle East earlier this year, he announced a number of deals between the US and countries in the region.

One major deal was for a partnership to build a massive data centre in Abu Dhabi that is expected to be the largest artificial intelligence (AI) campus outside the US.

We ask whether the Gulf can become a major AI power - and at what geopolitical cost?

Produced and presented by Sameer Hashmi

(Image: US president Donald Trump and UAE president Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan unveiled a model of the AI campus. Credit: WAM)

WED 08:50 Witness History (w3ct74qf)

Egypt criminalises sexual harassment

In 2014, Egypt's outgoing president, Adly Mansour, issued a decree which categorised sexual harassment as a crime punishable by a minimum six-month jail term and a fine of 3,000 Egyptian pounds which is around \$60.

It was a move campaigners welcomed, saying it was the first step towards ending an endemic problem.

Among those who made the change happen was Engy Ghozlan, co-founder of HarassMap, an online tool to report harassment.

She speaks to Megan Jones about what life in Egypt was like for women before the legislation came into force.

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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: Egyptian women take part in a march against sexual harassment. Credit: Ed Giles/Getty Images)

WED 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh4j3g)

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WED 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zw18h4x3x3v)

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WED 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2twcv)

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WED 09:32 The Climate Question (w3ct702c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:06 on Sunday]

WED 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh4mvl)

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WED 10:06 World Questions (w3ct7504)

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WED 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh4rlq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zw18h4x44m3)

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WED 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2v3w3)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct71fp)

Israel accused of genocide as Gaza City offensive begins

On Tuesday, as Israel launched its long-anticipated ground invasion of Gaza City, a United Nations commission of inquiry concluded that Israel has committed genocide in Gaza. Israel's foreign ministry said it categorically rejected the report, denouncing it as "distorted and false".

The report is a major moment in the ongoing debate over whether the situation in Gaza meets the legal definition of a genocide. We speak with BBC Geneva correspondent Imogen Foulkes about the evidence.

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Mix: Travis Evans
Senior news editor: China Collins

Image: Displaced Palestinians evacuate Gaza City. Mahmoud Issa/ Reuters

WED 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh4wbv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6xcq)

Mountain-climbing 'miracle doctor' who learned to read at 16

As a result of polio, Dr Li Chuangye walks with extreme difficulty - by squatting on his heels. To get stronger he began climbing mountains in his 20s, and despite a gruelling first ascent he loved it and now shares his hikes with thousands of followers on social media. "We shouldn't fear setbacks and failures—they're stepping stones on our path forward," he says.

And Li Chuangye knows all about setbacks. He contracted polio as a baby, and his parents - hard-up farmers from Henan province - got into debt trying to find treatment for him. When a stranger approached him aged nine offering work, Li Chuangye thought he could help repay his family's debts and followed him - against his parents' wishes. But it turned out the stranger ran a begging operation, and that's how Li Chuangye spent the next seven years, before making it back home. By then he was 16, couldn't read or write, and was desperate to go to school.

Joining a class with children ten years younger didn't put him off, and hard work led to a degree in medicine. Dr Li now runs a clinic in Xinjiang province, where his patients call him their "miracle doctor."

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(Image: One photo showing Dr Li Chuangye on a mountain hike in China, another photo showing him reading a book wearing his doctor's coat. Credit: Courtesy of Li Chuangye)

WED 12:50 Witness History (w3ct74qf)

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WED 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zw18h4x4d3c)

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WED 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2vccc)

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WED 13:32 13 Minutes Presents: The Space Shuttle (w3ct80bs)

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WED 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh53v3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 14:06 Newshour (w172zss8jw098dq)

President Trump arrives in UK for state visit

Donald Trump has begun the first full day of his unprecedented second state visit to Britain. Also on the programme, Israel says it will open another route out of Gaza City, after the main road south became clogged with vehicles; and, Pablo Picasso takes to the stage.

(Photo: US President Donald Trump and King Charles III walk during the ceremonial welcome at Windsor Castle, Berkshire, on day one of the president's second state visit to the UK. Picture date: Wednesday September 17, 2025. Jonathan Brady/Pool via REUTERS)

WED 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh5717)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 15:06 The Interview (w3ct7x6w)

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WED 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2vlym)

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WED 15:32 Business Daily (w3ct6csn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:32 today]

WED 15:50 World Business Express (w3ct81p5)

Will the Federal Reserve deliver its first 2025 rate cut?

Leanna Byrne looks ahead to the U.S. Federal Reserve meeting on interest rates — will it deliver the first cut of 2025?

We also explore how the soaring cost of tomatoes is adding to America's food inflation and stretching household budgets.

And after nearly half a century, Ben & Jerry's co-founder Jerry Greenfield parts ways with the ice cream maker, intensifying its dispute with parent company Unilever.

WED 16:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh5bcb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 16:06 BBC OS (w173067yryw77gb)

President Trump welcomed to Windsor Castle

President Donald Trump has begun the first full day of his unprecedented second state visit to Britain. The King and Queen welcomed Donald and Melania Trump to Windsor Castle outside London with a carriage procession and guard of honour. We will be joined by our UK and North America correspondents who are covering the visit.

The Israeli army says it's struck more than 150 targets in Gaza

City since launching a new major ground offensive there a day ago.
We speak to aid workers in Gaza.

Since Russian forces launched their full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, drones have become an increasingly prominent weapon used by Russia. Last night, Ukrainian air defences shot down over 130 Russian drones across Ukraine's air space. We speak to Ukrainians who have been personally affected by Russia's drone attacks.

The widow of the Russian human rights campaigner Alexei Navalny says new scientific evidence proves that her husband was poisoned.
We speak to our Global Affairs reporter Paul Moss who is following the story.

And it's been a year since Israel's deadly "pagets attack" in Lebanon, when thousands of devices exploded simultaneously, killing dozens and injuring thousands. We hear from our reporter who's been speaking to a hospital worker who lost both her eyes and most of her fingers when a pager she was handed at work exploded.

Presenter: Rahul Tandon

(Photo: King Charles III and US President Donald Trump review the guard of honour during the ceremonial welcome at Windsor Castle, on day one of the president's second state visit to the UK, 17 September, 2025. Credit: Kirsty Wigglesworth/PA Wire)

WED 17:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh5h2h)

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WED 17:06 BBC OS (w173067yryw7c6g)

Thousands of Palestinians flee as Israel steps up Gaza City assault

Israel's military says it has struck more than 150 targets in Gaza City since it launched a major ground assault on Tuesday. The military says it's opened a second route for residents to escape the ongoing airstrikes. We hear from a resident who has just escaped Gaza City with her family and speak to our Jerusalem correspondent.

President Donald Trump and US first lady Melania Trump have been welcomed with a gun salute and mounted horses at Windsor Castle outside London, on their second state visit to Britain. We hear from our correspondent James Landale who has been watching it all. We are also joined by BBC language services colleagues covering the visit for our global audiences.

The US tennis star Taylor Townsend has apologised for comments she made on social media about Chinese food. She's been criticised after posting videos on Instagram discussing dishes including frogs and turtles, while joking she would 'have to talk to HR'. We discuss the controversy with Chinese food enthusiasts and chefs.

Ben & Jerry's co-founder Jerry Greenfield has left the ice cream maker after almost half a century at the firm, deepening a dispute with parent company Unilever. We speak to our business reporter.

And officials in Egypt are searching for a three-thousand year-old, rare gold bracelet reported missing from a museum in Cairo. We are joined by our BBC Africa correspondent who's looking into the story.

Presenter: Rahul Tandon

(Photo: A woman observes, as displaced Palestinians, flee southward after Israeli forces ordered residents of Gaza City to evacuate to the south, in the central Gaza Strip, 17 September, 2025. Credit: REUTERS/Mahmoud Issa)

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WED 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6zd7)
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BBC sports correspondents tell the story behind today's top sporting news, with interviews and reports from across the world.

WED 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh5v9w)
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WED 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2w6l8)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct6vjv)
More children are obese than underweight

In a 'historical turning point' there are now more overweight than underweight children and teenagers worldwide according to a new report from UNICEF. Claudia Hammond is joined by BBC's Laura Foster to understand what changes to our food environments may be driving this shift.

An international row has erupted over durian fruit, with China limiting imports of Vietnamese fruits due to health concerns. Journalist Sen Nguyen explores the potential health impacts of the durians and whether new regulations will put China's concerns to rest.

Also on the show, how the latest Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo is progressing and the rapid response from health services.

Claudia is joined by Paula Prist from the International Union for Conservation of Nature to share her latest findings that Indigenous Amazon Territories may safeguard human health against certain fire-related and zoonotic diseases.

Plus, the latest AI tool in healthcare, Delphi-2M, has been announced. Likened to a weather forecast but for health, how might this tool help us predict the occurrence of over 1000 diseases in the future?

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

WED 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh5z20)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 21:06 Newshour (w172zss8jw0b3mm)
Trump given spectacular royal welcome in Windsor

King Charles welcomes US President Donald Trump on his second state visit to Britain. There was plenty of pomp and pageantry but also protests.

Also on the programme: we'll hear from inside Gaza City where thousands of people are trying to escape heavy Israeli bombardment; and a powerful new AI tool which can estimate the long-term risk of more than a thousand diseases.

(Photo: US President Donald Trump and King Charles III watch a flypast by the RAF Red Arrows during a Beating Retreat military ceremony at Windsor Castle, Berkshire, on day one of the president's second state visit to the UK. Credit: PA)

WED 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh62t4)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 22:06 The Interview (w3ct7x6w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

WED 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2wg2j)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 22:32 13 Minutes Presents: The Space Shuttle (w3ct80bs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

WED 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh66k8)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl8h4x5lkn)
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

WED 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2wktn)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct76j7)
US Federal Reserve cuts interest rates

The US central bank - the Federal Reserve - has lowered interest rates for the first time since President Trump began his second term. But what does this actually mean for companies? We speak to two business owners to find out their thoughts.

Pomp and pageantry as King Charles welcomes the US president to the UK. We'll be hearing what kind of reception Donald Trump has received.

And the state visit also coincides with a major tech deal between the two allies. But can state visits really help economic ties? A former British deputy ambassador to the US gives us his insight.

THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2025

THU 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh6b9d)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 00:06 World Questions (w3ct7504)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

THU 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh6g1j)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 01:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl8h4x5v1x)
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

THU 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2wt9x)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 01:32 The Global Story (w3ct71fp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:32 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh6k5n)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl8h4x5v1t)
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2wy21)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 02:32 The Documentary (w3ct81mq)
The social lives of bacteria

Our bodies are filled with bacteria that have rich social lives and, just like people, these microbial neighbours and families do not always get along. In some cases, it is the bacterial equivalent of The Sopranos.

Dr Sally Le Page delves into the bacterial dramas of loners, crowd-lovers, backstabbers and do-gooders that are fighting it out in the world and inside our bodies. Co-operation, cheating and selfish behaviour can all lead to benefits or disease so scientists are studying this behaviour to help produce new medicines and clean up our environment.

Presenter: Dr Sally Le Page
Producer: Sue Nelson
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THU 03:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh6pjs)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6xcq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Wednesday]

THU 03:50 Witness History (w3ct74qf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh6t8x)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl8h4x6699)
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

THU 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2x5k9)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct70yz)
How to set a food trend

Have you tried Dubai chocolate, hot honey or the fruit sando? They're just a few examples of viral food trends which got everyone talking on social media.

Rumella Dasgupta talks to creators and product developer to find out how much work goes into creating the next big thing in food. She hears how there's often years of work behind the product that seems to suddenly be the latest craze.

It might look as though some food trends go viral overnight, but entrepreneur Mike Kurtz explains how creating his brand Mike's Hot Honey took years of hard work. Product developers Katie McDaid and Robert Craggs tell Rumella how their jobs involve travelling the world to find the next big thing in food. Plus chef and food writer Pierre Thiam, explains how he's been working tirelessly for decades to bring the ancient West African grain Fonio to worldwide attention.

We'd love to hear about the viral foods you've tried and what you thought of them. You can email the team at thefoodchain@bbc.co.uk

Producer: Lexy O'Connor

THU 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh6y11)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 05:06 Newsday (w172zspsvdx5b1m)
Lula da Silva says he has 'no relationship' with US President

Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has told the BBC that he has 'no relationship' with the US President Donald Trump. In an exclusive interview he also spoke about the tariffs imposed by the US on Brazilian exports and said the 'American people will pay for the mistakes President Trump is incurring in his relationship with Brazil.'

Students at Utah Valley University have gone back to their classes for the first time since the murder of influential right wing American activist and podcaster Charlie Kirk, who was shot dead while speaking to students on campus just over a week ago. We speak to a student at Utah Valley University who was there on the day.

And over a hundred people are missing, feared dead, in two separate migrant boat disasters off the coast of Libya. Most of the people involved were Sudanese refugees fleeing the conflict in their country, according to UN officials. We speak to the International Organisation of Migration providing medical care for the survivors of one of the disasters.

Presenters: James Copnall and Pria Rai

(Photo: Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. Credit: BBC)

THU 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh71s5)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 06:06 Newsday (w172zspsvdx5fsr)
'No relationship' with Trump says Brazil's President

Brazil's President Lula da Silva says he has "no relationship" with Donald Trump, in an interview with the BBC. Relations between the US and Brazil have been particularly icy since Donald Trump imposed fifty percent tariffs on Brazil in response to the coup trial of Brazil's former right-wing president Jair Bolsonaro who was handed a 27-year prison sentence last week.

Yulia Navalny, the widow of the Russian human rights campaigner, Alexei Navalny, says new scientific evidence proves that her husband was poisoned. Mr Navalny died suddenly in February last year while serving a nineteen year sentence in an Arctic penal colony. We speak an aid to Mrs Navalny.

And scientists say wild chimpanzees have been found to consume the equivalent of a bottle of lager's alcohol a day from eating ripened fruit.

Presenters: James Copnall and Pria Rai

(Photo: Brazil's President Lula da Silva. Credit: BBC)

THU 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh75j9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 07:06 Newsday (w172zpsvdx5kjw)

Brazil's President says there's 'no relationship' with US

In a BBC interview Brazil's President Lula da Silva says he has 'no relationship' with the US President. It's the clearest signal to date that he thinks communication between the two countries has broken down. He has also defended his plans for oil exploration at the mouth of the Amazon rainforest - a decision that has faced domestic opposition.

The European Commission has adopted a proposal to suspend its trade agreement with Israel and to impose sanctions on violent settlers and extremist members of the government. It follows a UN commission finding that Israel has committed genocide with its ongoing war in Gaza. We look at whether this action can be agreed by member states.

And President Trump has celebrated the indefinite suspension of the late night TV host, Jimmy Kimmel. He's been taken off air by the network, ABC, for comments he made about the murder of Charlie Kirk. Kimmel suggested the man charged with killing the right-wing activist was aligned with Mr Trump's MAGA movement. The broadcasting regulator had suggested it could take action against ABC.

Presenters: James Copnall and Pria Rai

(President Lula da Silva of Brazil. Credit: BBC)

THU 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh798f)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct7232)

Is it time to copyright your face?

Deepfakes are videos, picture or audio clips made with artificial intelligence to look real.

Although sometimes used for fun, they can also be used to defame or discredit people. Anyone from politicians to celebrities to normal members of the public can become the subject of deepfake imagery. So how can we protect our image from being used maliciously?

In Denmark, the government is proposing a new law which would give people copyright-like protection over their face, voice, and appearance. In this edition of the Inquiry, Tanya Beckett explores how the new law would work and asks how do we strike a balance between Big Tech and AI innovation and the need to protect our identity?

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Editor: Louise Clarke

(Photo: Digital human head. Credit: imaginima/Getty Images)

THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2xnjt)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6s2m)

Could AI ever replace the news?

In December 2023, a video was posted on X that generated a lot of attention. Gaining more than five million views in 24 hours, it showed a team of AI-generated TV anchors flawlessly delivering the day's top headlines.

We investigate how the media industry is embracing artificial intelligence; from the outlets using the technology to re-voice presenters, to the start-ups that use it to script entire news reports.

We also look at the editorial issues facing journalists, ask about

the public appetite for AI news, and speak to those fighting AI disinformation around the world.

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

Presenter: Sam Gruet

Producer: Megan Lawton

(Picture: An AI-generated female TV news presenter on Channel 1 News. Credit: Channel 1)

THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct74jr)

The Aswan High Dam

In the early 1960s, Unesco appealed for scientists to go to Egypt to save antiquities that were threatened by the construction of one of the largest dams in the world, the Aswan High Dam on the River Nile.

Professor Herman Bell answered that call from the UN. He spoke to Louise Hidalgo in 2020.

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 rehearsals; and the death of one of the world's oldest languages.

(Photo: Construction of the Aswan High Dam. Credit: Getty Images)

THU 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh7f0k)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl8h4x6t0y)

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THU 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2xs8y)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 09:32 The Documentary (w3ct81mq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

THU 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh7jrp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 10:06 The Explanation (w3ct7ysj)

The Media Show: Reporting Charlie Kirk's killing

The killing of US conservative commentator Charlie Kirk has raised questions about how the media should report on controversial figures while still showing respect to victims and their families. Meanwhile in London, more than one hundred thousand people joined the Unite the Kingdom rally, where Elon Musk spoke by video link. The event has sparked fresh debate about whether using terms like "far right" helps explain what happened or risks pushing audiences away. LBC's James O'Brien, Talk TV's Isabel Oakeshott and political commentator Guto Harri give their views on the challenges facing journalism when reporting on divisive stories.

Presenter: Ros Atkins

Producer: Lisa Jenkinson

Assistant Producer: Lucy Wai and Martha Owen

Production Coordinator: Ruth Waites

Technical Coordinator: Luke Sweeney

Sound: Nathan Chamberlain

THU 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2xx12)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 10:32 The Documentary (w3ct80j5)

The second map: The battered suitcase

While the Allies celebrated victory in Europe, war was not over for the men and women on the Asian front in World War Two. This episode traces those final months of war - from the prisoner of war camps on the so-called 'death railway', to the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, devastated by nuclear bombs. We explore how memory and forgetting have shaped our war narrative in the 80 years since the World War Two, and we meet descendants of those who were there, discovering new stories, even now.

With thanks to Dr Diya Gupta, Dr Vikki Hawkins, Dr Peter Johnston, Professor Rana Mitter and Tejpal Singh Ralmill.

The original interview with Maurice Naylor was by Monica Whitlock, for Witness History.

Presenter/writer: Kavita Puri

Script editor: Ant Adeane

Sound engineer: James Beard

Production co-ordinators: Sabine Scherek, Maria Ogundele

Original music: Felix Taylor

Archive Curator: Tariq Hussain

(Photo: The USS Nevada in flames. Credit: Reuters)

THU 11:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh7nht)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl8h4x71j6)

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THU 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2y0s6)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct7195)

Why Trumpworld is obsessed with free speech in Britain

President Trump is in the UK on a State visit, where he's been hosted by the royal family and is set to meet with Prime Minister Starmer.

The two leaders appear to have a strong relationship. But there's one big issue that's become a sticking point between them.

Increasingly, free speech in the United Kingdom is a hot button rallying cry among the conservatives in the United States. Why have Republicans in America become so obsessed with free speech across the Atlantic? Especially when a crackdown on speech is kicking off at home.

This programme includes language which some listeners find offensive.

Producers: Cat Farnsworth, Viv Jones and Xandra Ellin

Executive producer: Annie Brown and James Shield

Mix: Travis Evans

Senior news editor: China Collins

Image: US President Donald Trump on second State Visit to the UK. Kirsty Wigglesworth/PA

Credit: Father Ted/Hat Trick Productions/Channel 4

THU 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwtbyh7s7y)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6wxx)

How an imaginary soul superstar finally found his audience

When Dori Hadar found a box of mysterious fake records at a Washington DC flea market, he was intrigued. From singles to live albums to soundtracks, each record cover was intricately detailed, containing song titles, lyrics and liner notes. Inside were cardboard vinyls, painted in glossy black. And all appeared to be by the same prolific artist: Minging Mike. Dori posted pictures of the albums online, where they captured the imagination of soul fans and musicians from around the world. Encouraged, he decided to go on a quest to track down the man behind this fictional soul universe. Who was Minging Mike? Dori was about to find out.

Presenter: Mobeen Azhar

Producer: Zoe Gelber

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(Photo: One of Minging Mike's albums: 'Can Minger Mike Stevens Really Sing?' Credit: Minging Mike)

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Credit: Leon Neal/Press Association)</p> <p>THU 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh84hb) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>THU 15:06 Newshour (w172zss8jw0d91y) Trump and Starmer press conference</p> <p>President Trump and Prime Minister Starmer take questions from the media at the end of Mr Trump's state visit. We have full coverage of the press conference at Chequers, the PM's country residence And we speak to Fred Fleitz, a former member of the National Security team in the first Trump administration</p> <p>(Picture: U.S. President Donald Trump with UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer at Chequers. Credit: Leon Neal/Pool via REUTERS)</p> <p>THU 15:50 World Business Express (w3ct81pc) Trump and Starmer forge tech alliance</p> <p>President Trump and Prime Minister Keir Starmer have signed what they're calling a Tech Prosperity Deal, committing to deeper UK-US cooperation on artificial intelligence, quantum computing, and nuclear power. Leanna Brynne explores what this means for tech businesses.</p> <p>And Zoom's head for Europe and the Middle East explains how the company is pivoting to AI in its bid to reshape the way we work.</p> <p>THU 16:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh887g) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>THU 16:06 BBC OS (w173067yrywb4cf) Trump and Starmer press conference</p> <p>US President Donald Trump and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer have signed a "technology prosperity deal" ahead of a joint press conference during the president's unprecedented second state visit. We bring you all the reaction with our UK and US correspondents.</p> <p>And we speak to people in Gaza, as Palestinians in a northern district of Gaza City say dozens of Israeli tanks and armoured vehicles are pushing closer to the centre.</p> <p>OS presenter: Rahul Tandon.</p>	<p>(Photo: US President Donald J. Trump (L) and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer (R) attend a press conference at Chequers, the country residence of the Prime Minister in Aylesbury, Britain, 18 September 2025. Credit: Photo by NEIL HALL/POOL/EPA/Shutterstock.</p> <p>THU 17:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh8czl) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>THU 17:06 BBC OS (w173067yrywb83k) Trump says Putin 'let me down'</p> <p>US President Donald Trump says Russia's President Vladimir Putin "let me down", as the British Prime Minister Keir Starmer says both countries are working to put pressure on the Russian president to agree to a peace deal in Ukraine. The comments came at a joint press conference during the president's unprecedented second state visit. We get reaction from BBC experts on Ukraine and Russia.</p> <p>Democrats in the US have reacted with outrage to the indefinite suspension of the talk show host Jimmy Kimmel. The decision by the television network ABC was announced after Mr Kimmel suggested the man charged with killing the right-wing activist Charlie Kirk was aligned with President Trump's MAGA movement. We speak to reporters in the US for reaction.</p> <p>OS presenter: Rahul Tandon.</p> <p>(Photo: US President Donald Trump (L) with British Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer (R) as they look at a Red Devils air display at Chequers in Buckinghamshire, Britain, 18 September 2025. President Trump is on his second state visit to the UK where he met with the King and will meet with the Prime Minister. Credit: Photo by ANDY RAIN/POOL/EPA/Shutterstock)</p> <p>THU 18:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh8hqq) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>THU 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6wxv) [Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]</p> <p>THU 18:50 Witness History (w3ct74jr) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]</p> <p>THU 19:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh8mgv) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>THU 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zw18h4x80h7) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>THU 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2yzt7) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>THU 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6z7q) 2025/09/18 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>THU 20:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh8r6z) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>THU 20:06 The Documentary (w3ct81mq) [Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]</p> <p>THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2z3hc) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>THU 20:32 Science In Action (w3ct6yfw) Stephen Hawking gets it right again</p> <p>Gravitational waves show two black holes merge just how Hawking predicted. Plus, a space mission without a target. And a Space probe without a confirmed budget.</p> <p>In January 2025 the LIGO gravitational wave observatories witnessed two distant black holes spinning into each other. In the ten years of LIGO's operations, that's not a first. But the instruments have been improved to such an extent that this time some very important predictions of General Relativity and out understanding of black holes could be tested. As Birmingham University's Alberto Vecchio says, the elegant simplicity of the</p>	<p>mathematics of black holes has passed a test, in particular Stephen Hawking's prediction that the surface area of merging black holes can only be increased.</p> <p>Space craft have met comets before. But because spaceflight takes so long to plan and fund, we've only sent them to comets with human-lifetime orbital periods so far, because we know when they're arriving. ESA wants to meet one we've never seen before, one that has never or seldom been in close to the sun, and never been barbecued and seared by the radiation. Colin Snodgrass of the University of Edinburgh explains the plan to launch and park a comet chaser in space to wait for one of these elusive extraterrestrial objects to come in from the cold.</p> <p>That, says Meg Schwamb of Queen's University Belfast, is going to be much easier in the next few years as the Vera Rubin Telescope begins its ten year survey cataloguing anything in the sky that changes. The type of sky survey it will provide will identify, it is hoped, many candidate first-time comets for the small fleet of spacecraft to intercept.</p> <p>Having a spacecraft ready in position rather than having to launch a new one anytime you want to do some science is a good place to be, one would think.</p> <p>NASA's Juno mission has been delivering science from Jupiter since its launch, and is still functioning and able to deliver more. Yet NASA funds are under considerable threat, and as Scott Bolton tells Roland, at the end of this month Juno could be left slowly spiralling into the gas giant, silently collecting data but with no budget to keep the science going.</p> <p>Presenter: Roland Pease Producer: Alex Mansfield Production Coordinator: Jana Bennett-Holesworth</p> <p>THU 21:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh8vz3) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>THU 21:06 Newshour (w172zss8jw0f0jq) Trump ends UK trip with little progress on international issues</p> <p>Donald Trump and Sir Keir Starmer have spoken of the enduring friendship between Britain and America, on the final day of the US president's state visit to the UK. At a joint news conference the two leaders addressed a range of issues, including Ukraine, Gaza and illegal migration which Mr Trump suggested Britain could solve by calling in the military.</p> <p>Also in the programme: A day of protests over planned budget cuts in France and we hear from Brazil's president, Lula da Silva, on his relationship with his US counterpart.</p> <p>(Picture: US President Donald J. Trump (L) and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer (R). Credit: Photo by NEIL HALL/POOL/EPA/Shutterstock)</p> <p>THU 22:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh8zq7) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>THU 22:06 The Inquiry (w3ct7232) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]</p> <p>THU 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2zbzm) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>THU 22:32 The Food Chain (w3ct70yz) [Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]</p> <p>THU 23:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh93gc) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.</p> <p>THU 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zw18h4x8hgr) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen</p> <p>THU 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2zgqr) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.</p> <p>THU 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct75y4) Disney suspends talk show host</p> <p>Disney has suspends top U.S. talk show host Jimmy Kimmel over controversial political remarks. We look at the business reasons and ramifications behind the suspension of Jimmy Kimmel.</p> <p>US President Trump has warned European leaders to stop buying Russian oil. He said that cutting off those revenues is the key to ending the war in Ukraine.</p>
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Plus, could artificial intelligence replace newsrooms? Sam Gruet asks that questions as news start-ups around the world are using AI-generated presenters.

(Photo: Jimmy Kimmel delivers his opening monologue at the 96th Academy Awards in Hollywood, Los Angeles, California, U.S., March 10, 2024. Credit: Reuters/Mike Blake)

FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2025

FRI 00:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh976h)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:06 The Explanation (w3ct7ysj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp2zlgw)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct78bw)

President Trump's second state visit to the UK

This week John Simpson, in discussion with the BBC's unparalleled range of experts across the world, examines the relationship between Sir Keir Starmer and Donald Trump, analyses whether Israel's strike on Qatar has played into Iran's hands, and looks at the widening split between Europe and the United States over Israel and Gaza.

Producer: Kate Cornell
Executive Producer: Benedict Watt
Commissioning Editor: Vara Szajkowski

FRI 01:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh9bhm)

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The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct6vpc)

Faith on the Russia-Ukraine frontline

Tens of thousands of Ukrainian army personnel have been

killed since the Russian invasion of their country. Russian casualties are likely to run into the hundreds of thousands. But who rallies the troops when morale crumbles and fear creeps in? How important are religion and faith in the war effort?

Lucy Ash hears from two military chaplains who live alongside troops on the Ukrainian side of the trenches. 44-year-old Father Dymtro has lost some of his closest friends in the war and was himself injured in a Russian attack in 2022. But he tells Lucy, that has not shaken his faith. "I tell the troops we are fighting a just war", he says.

Sister Sasha spends two weeks each month with frontline soldiers. "I talk to them, listen to them; people get worn down, sometimes little bit frustrated, we're all people after all," Sister Sasha says.

"The work of military chaplains is one of the most important conditions for our victory," says the head of the Russian military chaplains, Father Dmitry Vasilkenkov. "A believer is a person who is not afraid of death."
Most Russian clerics are too fearful to speak to foreign media, but one priest, opposed to the war, tells Lucy that faith and taking communion are like "some kind of magic charm" offered to troops going into battle. He says that when trying to comfort grieving relatives of dead soldiers, he can only tell them: "pray to God, the Lord is our hope, the Lord is comforting us."

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(Photo: Ukrainian soldiers with their military chaplain. Credit: Fr Dmytro Danylenko)

FRI 05:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh9ty4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 05:06 Newsday (w172zspsvdx86yq)

US vetos call for Gaza ceasefire at UN

The United States has again vetoed a UN call for ceasefire for Gaza. It's the sixth time the US has voted this way. The Security Council text had demanded the unconditional release of all Israeli hostages being held by Hamas. It described the humanitarian situation in Gaza as "catastrophic" and expressed deep concern over Israel's expanding military operation in Gaza City, which it said was deepening the suffering of civilians.

Donald Trump has suggested that TV networks that give him "bad publicity" should have their licences taken away. He welcomed ABC's decision to suspend Jimmy Kimmel's talk show, for remarks the host made about the murder of the president's ally, Charlie Kirk. We get the view of an American comedian and writer.

The South Sudan National Olympic Committee has a new President, Choul Laam. The world's newest nation, which has only been independent since 2011, has already leapt high in basketball, qualifying in style for the last Olympics in Paris, but faces challenges, including conflict and the lack of facilities at home.

Presenters: James Copnall and Pria Rai

(Photo:Deputy United States Special Envoy to the Middle East Morgan Ortugas casts a veto as members of the U.N. Security Council vote on a draft resolution demanding a ceasefire in Gaza, at U.N. headquarters in New York City. Credit: Eduardo Munoz/Reuters).

FRI 06:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyh9yp8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 06:06 Newsday (w172zspsvdx8bpv)

US vetos resolution for Gaza ceasefire

The US has once again vetoed a draft resolution at the UN Security Council that would have demanded an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza and the release of hostages. It comes as the UN's humanitarian office warns that the last remaining lifelines for civilians are collapsing in Gaza City as Israel expands its military offensive. We get the view of a Palestinian diplomat.

The US President, Donald Trump, has suggested some TV networks should have their licences 'taken away' as he backed America's broadcast regulator in a row over the suspension of ABC host Jimmy Kimmel. We hear from a US lawmaker.

And we take a look at Intervention, Russia's version of the Eurovision Song Contest. It opens this weekend with 23 countries from Qatar to Cuba taking part.

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(Photo: Riyadh H. Mansour, Palestinian Permanent Observer to the United Nations, addresses members of the U.N. Security Council after a vote on a draft resolution demanding a ceasefire in Gaza, at U.N. headquarters in New York City. Eduardo Munoz/Reuters).

FRI 07:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyhb2fd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 07:06 Newsday (w172zspsvdx8gfv)

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And we speak to United Nations about Sudanese people fleeing the ongoing war in the country. Many are now risking dangerous journeys through countries like Libya. This week 50 Sudanese refugees died when a boat caught fire off the Libyan coast.

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FRI 08:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyhb65j)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:06 Americast (w3ct715y)

Has Trump cancelled Jimmy Kimmel over Charlie Kirk?

Donald Trump has finished his state visit to the UK and it ended with a joint press conference with the British PM Keir Starmer. What did the two leaders say about Gaza and Ukraine, why was Epstein not really mentioned, and what does it tell us about the relationship between the two countries? Sarah - who was in the room with Trump and Starmer at Chequers - also reveals what Susie Wiles, the US president's chief of staff, told her about Trump.

The other big topic discussed - and the story dominating US headlines - is the broadcaster ABC's decision to take Jimmy Kimmel's late-night show off the air after his comments on the killing of Charlie Kirk. Justin, Marianna and Sarah unpack what that means for late night talk shows and free speech in America.

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FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp30kfx)
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FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct6rsl)
 No AI, thanks

Many skilled professionals working within creative fields are unhappy about how AI is impacting their industry. They want to protect their work and the creative process from artificial intelligence because of fears over things like job protection, devaluation of skills, and a loss of control over their work.

Some small and medium-sized companies in other industries also say they plan to never use AI technology.

We discuss why that is, and ask whether those businesses that don't embrace the technology may fall behind.

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Presented and produced by Hannah Mullane

(Picture: Actress and filmmaker Justine Bateman, who runs the CREDO 23 film festival, which is billed as a non-AI event, in Los Angeles, California. Credit: Steven Meiers Dominguez)

FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct744b)
 Omar Sharif stars in Lawrence of Arabia

In 1962, Egyptian actor Omar Sharif made his Hollywood debut in Lawrence of Arabia, a sweeping epic that would become one of cinema's most popular films.

Using archive recordings, Gill Kearsley tells the story of the movie legend's transformation into the enigmatic Sherif Ali and brings to life the moment he stepped into the desert and onto the world stage.

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: Sherif Ali, played by Omar Sharif in Lawrence of Arabia. Credit: Columbia Pictures via Getty Images)

FRI 09:00 BBC News (w172zwwthyb9xn)
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FRI 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zwl8h4x9py1)
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FRI 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp30p61)
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FRI 09:32 Science In Action (w3ct6yfw)
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FRI 10:00 BBC News (w172zwwthybfnfns)
 The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct72wk)
 Pirate science ahoy!

For International Talk Like a Pirate Day on 19th September, we dig up a treasure chest full of pirate-inspired science.

First up, we peer down our microscopes at a bacterium that takes its inspiration from a pirate warship. Next, we turn our attention to scurvy, the disease that plagued mariners and is now making a comeback in the modern age.

We then get on the line with marine archaeologist Dr Sean Kingsley, who is about to set sail on a mission to survey the unexplored wrecks of Nassau.

Plus, we delve into the tricky topic of modern-day piracy and copyright, before testing our pirate knowledge in a swashbuckling quiz.

All that, plus many more Unexpected Elements.

Presenter: Marnie Chesterton, with Kai Kupferschmidt and Sandy Ong
 Producers: Alice Lipscombe-Southwell and Margaret Sessa Hawkins, with Robbie Wojciechowski and Imaan Moin

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FRI 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp30xp9)
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FRI 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct714n)
 Putin's new Eurovision

At the height of the cold war in the 1970s, the Soviet Union set up an international song contest to rival Eurovision. It was called Intervision, and like its western counterpart, featured a bevy of cheesy songs, sequins and highly flammable outfits – albeit with a different political message.

Intervision burned bright and fast – disappearing long before the fall of the Berlin Wall. But this weekend, with Russia still exiled from the Eurovision Song Contest because of its full-scale invasion of Ukraine, Vladimir Putin is reviving the competition, and the USA is due to compete.

In today's episode, BBC Moscow correspondent and Eurovision superfan Steve Rosenberg explores the intertwined histories of Eurovision and Intervision, and the politics behind Putin's decision.

Producers: Hannah Moore and Valerio Esposito
 Executive producer: Annie Brown
 Sound engineer: Travis Evans
 Editor: China Collins

(Photo: The international music contest Intervision at Zaryadye Park in Moscow. Credit: Maxim Shipenkov/EPA/Shutterstock)

FRI 12:00 BBC News (w172zwwthybhp51)
 The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6whc)
 Outlook Mixtape: Between the ears

Alexandra Morton-Hayward knows more than most about the human brain. Every night her own brain causes her excruciating pain in the form of a 'cluster headache' — a pain so bad it's often described as the most pain a person can physically experience. But despite this, she is a forensic anthropologist leading the effort to understand why some brains preserve for thousands of years without any embalming, freezing or fossilisation. From her lab at Oxford University, she holds the world's largest collection of preserved brains, some older than the Great Pyramid of Giza.

Today Dr Irene Pepperberg is regarded as the mother of avian cognition. But that accolade comes decades after being overlooked and ridiculed, both for being a female scientist in the 1970s and for daring to think that birds, with their walnut-sized brains, might have the ability to understand language. Alex, an African Grey parrot, would help Irene to change people's minds about what a 'bird-brain' can really do.

Uruguayan nature recordist Juan Pablo Culasso has a rare skill that only one in 10,000 people have — perfect pitch. His memory is as impressive as he can also identify hundreds of birds from listening to their song alone. Juan Pablo relies on his sense of hearing and ability to identify birds because he is blind.

His talent led to a transformative moment on the Latin American TV gameshow, Super Cerebros.

Presenter: Asya Fouks
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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty Images)

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FRI 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp3155k)
 The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 13:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct6vpc)
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FRI 14:00 BBC News (w172zwwthybhn9)
 The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 14:06 Newshour (w172zss8jw0h26x)
 Trump says TV networks opposed to him should 'maybe' lose licence

The remarks come after pressure from the administration led ABC to suspend late-night TV host Jimmy Kimmel. Mr Kimmel made comments about the Charlie Kirk murder suspect, saying Trump supporters had tried to "characterise this kid as anything other than one of them".

Also, we speak to Omar Barghouti who co-founded the worldwide movement to isolate Israel, through boycott, sanctions and divestment; and we head to Moscow to meet some of the musicians competing in Intervision, the Kremlin's counterpoint to Eurovision.

(Photo: President Donald Trump speaks to reporters aboard Air Force One on his return from a state visit in Britain, 18 September, 2025. Credit: Kevin Lamarque/Reuters)

FRI 15:00 BBC News (w172zwwthybcl1df)
 The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:06 Americast (w3ct715y)
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FRI 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp31dnt)
 The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:32 Business Daily (w3ct6rsl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:32 today]

FRI 15:50 World Business Express (w3ct81pk)
 TikTok talks: Who wins if Washington strikes a deal?

The future of TikTok in the US hangs in the balance today with two President Donald Trump and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping talking over the phone. Will Bain gathers fresh perspectives on why the short video app matters so much to American users and creators.

Also, Premier League tickets are flooding dodgy resale sites, despite UK laws. So what's the risk for fans?

And in India, the latest iPhone launch sparked a frenzy queues formed from the crack of dawn as eager buyers tried to get their hands on Apple's newest drop.

FRI 16:00 BBC News (w172zwwthybhc54k)
 The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 16:06 BBC OS (w173067yrywf18j)
 Women's books removed from Afghanistan universities

The Taliban have removed books written by women from universities in Afghanistan. The move is part of a new ban that

also bars the teaching of human rights and sexual harassment. We speak to Afghan women to get their reaction.

Huge explosions could be seen over Gaza early on Friday as the Israeli military continues its offensive in Gaza City. We hear a conversation with people in Gaza.

OS presenter: Rahul Tandon.

(Photo: A woman reading a book in Kabul, Afghanistan, June 2024. Credit: Photo by SAMIULLAH POPAL/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

FRI 17:00 BBC News (w172zwthyhc8wp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 17:06 BBC OS (w173067yryw50n)

Trump-Xi call: 'progress' on TikTok deal

Donald Trump and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping have held their first call in three months. The US president said they had made progress on a TikTok deal and agreed to a face-to-face meeting as soon as next month in South Korea. We get the latest.

Huge explosions could be seen over Gaza early on Friday as the Israeli military continues its offensive in Gaza City. We speak to our correspondent.

Local activists and residents say a drone strike on a mosque in Sudan's Darfur region has killed at least 75 people. We explain what happened.

OS presenter: Rahul Tandon.

(Photo: U.S. President Donald Trump meets with China's President Xi Jinping at the start of their bilateral meeting at the G20 leaders summit in Osaka, Japan, June 29, 2019. Credit: REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque/File Photo)

FRI 18:00 BBC News (w172zwthyhcdmt)

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FRI 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6whc)

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FRI 18:50 Witness History (w3ct744b)

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FRI 19:00 BBC News (w172zwthyhcjcy)

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FRI 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zw18h4xbxdb)

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FRI 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp31wnb)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct6z36)

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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 (w172zwthyhcn42)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct6rn2)

Charlie Kirk and free speech

The shooting of conservative US activist Charlie Kirk has intensified what was already a bitter divide between those who found him inspiring, and those who believed he spread hate with his views on subjects like gay marriage, Islam and abortion.

Since he was killed at a university rally in Utah, some fear the whole idea of free speech and what it means is now in the balance.

We hear from some of Kirk's supporters, and from others who worry about where the US is heading.

William He is a liberal activist and commentator, "I think extremism on either side will be our downfall. And if we fail to change course, we are headed for a very dark road ahead of radicalism and extremism and violence."

Others support free speech, but believe it brings responsibilities. "Freedom of speech doesn't mean freedom from consequences. We're not going to create legislation and

make laws against what you can say. But society has the right to ostracise you," says Kirk supporter Jordan Goodwin. She believes employers have the right to fire staff who express extreme views, as has happened in the wake of Kirk's death.

Presenter: Rahul Tandon

BBC producers: Angela Sheeran, Ben Davis and Adam Chowdhury

Boffin Media producer: Anne McNaught

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(Photo: Jordan Goodwin with Charlie Kirk at Turning Point's first Black Leadership Summit in 2018. Credit J Goodwin)

FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp320dg)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct6st6)

Do birds understand us?

CrowdScience listener David is a bird whisperer.

On his family farm in Guinea, he would mimic the call of the black-headed weaver. He could replicate it so well that the birds would fly in close, curious to find out who was calling. David has been wondering if he was actually communicating with the weaver.

In the foothills of the Austrian Alps is a research hotspot with a curious history. It was here that a scientist first began studying birds in their natural environment. That work continues today with Andrew Katsis from the University of Vienna, who knows the local flock of greylag geese by name. His research shows that animals aren't just anonymous members of a group, they have personalities, relationships, and the ability to recognise one another.

But what else do birds know? Thomas Bugnyar, professor of social behaviour and animal cognition, spends his time trying to get inside the mind of ravens. His work suggests they can understand their surroundings, make rational decisions, and even solve complex problems.

Plus, we meet Ellie, a cockatoo with the ability to use a touchscreen computer to "talk." She has a working vocabulary of more than 1,500 words. And when she presses a button, it would appear she is not just pecking at random, she is choosing purposefully, responding in ways that suggest birds may not only understand us, but communicate back.

Presenter: Caroline Steel

Producer: Minnie Harrop and Harrison Lewis

Series producer: Ben Motley

(Photo: Close up of Greylag goose with blue background
Credit: Harrison Lewis, BBC)

FRI 21:00 BBC News (w172zwthyhcrw6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 21:06 Newshour (w172zss8jw0hxf)

More than 70 dead in Sudan strike

Sudan's military rulers have condemned a drone strike on a mosque in El Fasher city in Darfur that it says killed more than 70 people and blamed the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces for the attack. The leaders said targeting the people who were performing dawn prayers is a crime that shames humanity. The RSF has been fighting to take over the city from the army, as the civil war in Sudan rages. Newshour hears from a doctor who went to the mosque in the aftermath of the attack.

Also in the programme: the Taliban removes books written by women from universities; and Estonia requests urgent NATO consultations over a violation of its airspace by Russian jets.

(Photo: Image of El Fasher. Credit: Maxar Technologies)

FRI 22:00 BBC News (w172zwthyhcwmb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 22:06 Americast (w3ct7t5y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

FRI 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp327wq)

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FRI 22:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct6vpc)

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FRI 23:00 BBC News (w172zwthyhd0cg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zw18h4xcdev)

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FRI 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zwxmsp32cmv)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct76nr)

US-China talks: What's been agreed?

US president Donald Trump and China's leader Xi Jinping were in talks for more than two hours today. It's their first call in over three months, but has anything come out of it to help the trade impasse between Washington and Beijing?

With the details murky, Roger Hearing dissects what any deal between the world's largest two economies could be.

Also, we hear from two farmers in Pennsylvania and New York about the added stress they're feeling amid the curse of trade uncertainty.

Elsewhere, are German rail operators cancelling trains to help their reputation?

And the new pop up 'Fat Mall' which is hoping to help plus-sized customers.

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(Photo: portraits of US President Donald Trump (L) and China's President Xi Jinping (R) on 14 May, 2020. Credit: Jim Watson/Peter Klaunzer/AFP/POOL/AFP via Getty Images)