

SATURDAY 06 JUNE 2026

SAT 00:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yjjz7h)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 00:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct8kch)
Science bears fruit

Long live the king – of mangoes! In India the famed ‘king of mangoes’, the Alphonso mango, is in drastically short supply after a particularly bad bout of adverse weather. Inspired by the mango’s plight, the Unexpected Elements team takes a look at what fruit science can bear.

First, from the ‘king of mangoes’ to the ‘king of fruits’, we hear how the infamously stinky durian could be used to charge your phone. Then, an evil lemon planet. We discuss the planet so bizarre it sounds like it belongs in a sci-fi movie.

Plus, have you ever wondered what the key to immortality is? Well, if you guessed sea cucumbers you might be right. We’re joined by Dr Annie Mercier who tells us all about these eternal weirdos of the sea and their surprisingly vital role in the ocean’s ecosystem.

Also, a crayfish invasion, plant cause of death, and what exactly is El Niño?

All that, plus many more Unexpected Elements.

Presenter: Marnie Chesterton, with Sandy Ong and Michael Kaloki
Producers: Sophie Ormiston, with Lucy Davies, Alice Lipscombe-Southwell and Robbie

SAT 01:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk02zm)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 01:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqj800bj0w)
The world’s Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

SAT 01:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlngmp4pg80)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 01:32 The Global Story (w3ct8m8t)
How the ‘Godzilla’ El Niño could change the world

Scientists warn that a “super” El Niño could be on its way which, combined with the effects of human-caused climate change, could result in 2027 being the warmest year on record. Yet El Niño is not just a climate story - throughout history, this recurring weather pattern has helped shape global events, triggering everything from famines and revolutions to impacting the Cold War. In this episode, we speak to historian Peter Frankopan, Professor of Global History at Oxford, to discuss what historical El Niños tell us about what could be coming our way, and how we can collectively prepare.

Producers: Valerio Esposito and Aron Keller

Executive producer: James Shield and China Collins

Mix: Travis Evans

Senior news editor: China Collins

Photo: A woman rides a bicycle in the rain in Yangon, Myanmar, 22 May 2026. Credit: Nyein Chan Naing/EPA/Shutterstock

SAT 02:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk06qr)
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SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqj800bms0)
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SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlngmp4pl04)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct99f9)
Are Virat Kohli and Royal Challengers Bengaluru building an IPL dynasty?

Alison Mitchell, Jim Maxwell and Charu Sharma discuss whether Virat Kohli and Royal Challengers Bengaluru are building an IPL dynasty after securing back-to-back titles.

The president of France Cricket, Prebou Balane, joins us after 31 men and women connected with the development of the women’s game in France wrote an Open Letter calling for

change.

Plus, South Africa’s Tazmin Brits reveals her Olympic dream ahead of the Women’s T20 World Cup.

Photo: Royal Challengers Bengaluru’s Virat Kohli celebrates with teammates after winning the Indian Premier League (Credit: Reuters)

SAT 03:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk0bgw)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 03:06 Outlook (w3ct8hpk)
Outlook Mixtape: A portrait of the artist

German artist Carlotta has a severe form of prosopagnosia, or face blindness, a brain disorder that means she can’t recognise faces, not even her own. Her condition went undiagnosed for years, and as a result Carlotta tried to avoid other people as much as she could. But she had always loved painting, and came up with a creative way of making self-portraits. It was through Carlotta’s art that neuroscientist and filmmaker Valentin Riedl came to meet her. After all these years seeking solitude, Carlotta agreed to work with Valentin and together they made a documentary called Lost in Face. They spoke to Emily Webb in 2020.

Margaret Keane was the artist behind the popular Big Eyes paintings of the 1960s, but her husband Walter Keane bullied her into letting him take the credit for them. He made millions of dollars from them, until Margaret took him to court to prove they were her own. In 2014, when she spoke to Outlook’s Jo Fidgeon, her story was made into a feature film by Hollywood director Tim Burton. Margaret died in 2022.

Paul Ninson grew up hearing traditional stories about Ghana’s Ashanti people from his grandparents. He became a self-taught photographer, committed to capturing and preserving African culture. Determined to challenge the usual photographic stereotypes, he began with a project in a Kenyan village where no men are allowed.

Presenter: Jo Fidgeon
Producer: Hetal Bapodra

SAT 03:50 Witness History (w3ct98dp)
The creation of Inspector Montalbano

On 10 March 1994, Italian author Andrea Camilleri’s The Shape of Water was published.

It features Inspector Montalbano in the fictional Sicilian town of Vigàta.

The novel is widely credited with helping start a new wave of Italian noir.

It is the first book in a series that has had worldwide sales of 25 million and has been translated into 120 languages.

Jen Dale uses BBC Archive to tell the story of how the fictional detective was created.

Eye-witness accounts brought to life by archive. Witness History is for those fascinated by and curious about 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 how the Excel spreadsheet was developed, the creation of cartoon rabbit Miffy and how the sound barrier was broken.

We look at the lives of some of the most famous leaders, artists, scientists and personalities in history, including: the moment Reagan and Gorbachev met in Geneva, Haitian singer Emerante de Pradines’ life and Omar Sharif’s legendary movie entrance in Lawrence of Arabia.

You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, like the invention of a stent which has saved lives around the world; the birth of the G7; and the meeting of Maldives’ ministers underwater. We cover everything from World War Two and Cold War stories to Black History Month and our journeys into space.

(Picture: Italian writer Andrea Camilleri. Credit: Leonardo Cendamo/Getty Images)

SAT 04:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk0g70)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 04:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct8kch)
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SAT 05:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqj800c00d)
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SAT 05:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlngmp4py7j)
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SAT 05:32 More than the Score (w3ct9bcq)
Jordan Cowan: The camera behind ice skating’s viral hits

Figure skating was the social media hit of the Winter Olympics, with stars like Alyssa Liu becoming globally famous over the course of the Games. But it wasn’t just the skaters going viral - fans’ eyes were also drawn to Jordan Cowan, a cameraman in a sparkling white suit, who took to the ice after routines to capture the emotion and atmosphere like never before.

Formerly a competitive skater himself, Jordan now uses his on-ice skills and passion for cinema to create intimate films of the world’s greatest skaters at work. His On Ice Perspectives YouTube and social media channels have become hugely popular, giving fans a new way of seeing figure skating - and also helping to introduce the sport to a new generation.

More than the Score’s Sophia Hartley talks to Jordan Cowan about how his childhood in Los Angeles sparked his love of film, the methods he uses to capture skating from angles few people get to see, and the transformative effect social media is having on his sport.

More than the Score tells stories beyond the scoreline from all over the world of sport. From the World Cup to F1, golf to figure skating, and Grand Slam tennis to Diamond League athletics. We’ve got interviews with extraordinary athletes like heavyweight boxing champion Fabio Wardley, Tour de France winner Pauline Ferrand-Prévoit, trailblazing Samoan athlete Alex Rose and cricket superstar Smriti Mandhana, as well as the experts working behind the scenes, from football super-agents to the coaches keeping athletes in peak form. Plus, we’ve got the expertise of the BBC’s top journalists, who share their insights from decades of covering sport at all levels. And if you’ve got your own take on the stories we cover, we’d love to hear from you. Email morethanthescore@bbc.co.uk, or WhatsApp us on 0044 800 032 0470. You can find more information, along with our privacy notice, on our website: www.bbcworldservice.com/morethanthescore

SAT 05:50 More or Less (w3ct998s)
Factchecking claims that 400 churches were burned to the ground in France

In certain corners of the internet some suspicious numbers are cropping up again and again. People claiming that 400 churches have been burnt to the ground or attacked in an assortment of countries, including France, the US and Canada. So, what is going on? Is there a spate of anti-Christian crime sweeping the globe?

We look into what the data actually tells us.

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

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Producer: Lizzy McNeill
Sound engineer: Dave O’Neill
Editor: Richard Vaden

SAT 06:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk0pq8)
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SAT 06:06 Weekend (w1730c5kpjm124r)
US and Iran exchange strikes amid shaky ceasefire

Iran and the US trade fresh strikes, putting an already fragile ceasefire at risk.

Also in today’s programme: Astronauts return to the International Space Station after taking shelter during air leak repairs; and a chat with American musician Brian Jackson on why he’s a strong believer of music’s ability to bring people together.

Presenter Krupa Padhy is joined by Laurel Rapp, Director of the US and North America Programme at Chatham House and Peter Frankopan, Professor of Global History at Oxford University.

Photo: Iranian women walk past a residential building, destroyed by previous US-Israeli airstrikes, in Tehran, Iran. 2 June 2026. Credit: Abedin Taherkenareh/EPA/Shutterstock

SAT 07:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk0tgd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 07:06 Weekend (w1730c5kpm15ww)

Gulf states come under fire in US-Iran strikes

Iran and the US exchange fire in a new round of tit-for-tat attacks. The US military has struck coastal sites in Iran, while Iran's Revolutionary Guards say they have fired ballistic missiles at US bases in Bahrain and Kuwait.

Also in today's programme: After weeks of uncertainty, Iran's football team will be allowed to enter the US for the World Cup; and the White House proposes reforms to US science funding.

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Photo: Iranians walk next to an anti-US and Israeli mural in Tehran, Iran. 3 June 2026. Credit: Abedin Taherkenareh/EPA/Shutterstock

SAT 08:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk0y6j)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 08:06 Weekend (w1730c5kpm19n0)

Lebanese army says troops killed in Israeli strikes

The United Nations said on Friday that it is doubling the amount of money it says it needs to help Lebanon meet surging humanitarian needs as the war enters its fourth month. This comes as the armed group Hezbollah rejects a renewed ceasefire agreed by Israel and Lebanon.

Also in today's programme: Actor Rosamund Pike called someone in the audience out for texting during her performance. Actor Juliet Stevenson joins us to explain how it can ruin the magic of theatre; and we discuss the life and legacy of French-Iranian author and artist Marjane Satrapi, best known for the book and film *Persepolis*, has died at 56.

Photo: Black smoke billows at a strike scene following an Israeli strike on a car as seen from Nabatieh, Lebanon, June 5, 2026. Credit: Reuters

SAT 09:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk11yn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 09:06 BBC Conversations (w3ct8m3p)

Injured during childbirth

Three women come together to discuss a sensitive subject that's not often talked about: Injuries experienced during childbirth.

While many of these injuries heal quickly, millions of women around the world sustain trauma that can impact their long-term physical, psychological, and social well-being.

"You really have to struggle not to feel ashamed that your body has failed you," Gill tells us. "You're led to believe as a woman that this is what we're here to do, to get pregnant and to give birth to babies easily and without any problems afterwards."

We also hear about the stigma surrounding birth injuries in some parts of the world, including the Democratic Republic of Congo, and bring together health professionals helping women rebuild their lives and educate their communities.

Warning: our guests discuss the physical impact of childbirth, which will include some detailed biological descriptions.

Presenter: James Reynolds
BBC producers: Lindsay Brown and Angela Sheeran
Boffin Media producer: Richard Hollingham
Editors: Arja Haikonen and Harriet Oliver
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(Photo: Karen - who features in our programme - with her baby)

SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgmp4q71)

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SAT 09:32 Americast (w3ct8lz5)

Why Democrats think they can win back Iowa from Trump

Could Democrats flip Iowa from the Republicans? It's a state Trump has won three times and Republicans have dominated for more than a decade. The last senate race the Democrats won there was Barack Obama's victory in 2008, before he went on to win the presidential nomination. But now, overnight primary results from Iowa are leaving Democrats feeling optimistic.

Justin, Sarah and Anthony break down the key races, including a well-funded, gun-owning Democratic gubernatorial candidate who is appealing to voters across party lines, versus a Republican outsider who won without Trump's endorsement. Does this signal an end to Trump's winning streak when it comes to picking Republican candidates? Democrats are also hoping to flip the senate, with a paralympian gold medalist who was backed by Chuck Schumer and the party establishment.

We analyse how important Iowa is for the Democrats to win, and for Republicans to keep hold of.

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

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SAT 10:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk15ps)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 10:06 Not by the Playbook (w3ct996j)

Close knit

This week we take a tour of England highlighting the stories and legends from every part of "This blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this England." to borrow a quote from William Shakespeare!

We start in the deep South West and the port city of Plymouth, birthplace of Olympic, World, European and Commonwealth diving champion Tom Daley. The poster boy of the London 2012 games; his debut came four years earlier in Beijing aged just fourteen. Now retired he lives in Los Angeles - very handy to watch the next games - with his husband and two children. Since hanging up his trunks Tom has become famous for knitting. In fact once he starts talking about it, it's rather difficult to get him talking about anything else!

To the Midlands, represented by former Premier League footballer Dion Dublin. Aside from playing for Manchester United, Coventry City and Aston Villa, Dion also represented England in both defence and attack! Yet for a younger generation he's better known as host of the BBC Television show "Homes Under the Hammer" about buying, renovating and then selling properties purchased at auction. So before talking about the upcoming World Cup, does Dion feel he is more famous for football or for flogging houses on the telly?!

We head to Liverpool in the north of England to meet double World Heptathlon Champion Katrina Johnson Thompson. Heptathletes are a different breed, competing over two days in 7 different events, unsurprisingly it can take a toll on the body and Katrina, or KJT as she's known has had more than her fair

share of setbacks. After competing at four Olympics her only medal was a silver in Paris two years ago. So how does she balance the need to push herself to the limit, without taking it too far and causing her body to fail?

It's one of the most iconic achievements in sporting history. In 1954, the late Sir Roger Bannister - a doctor living Oxford - became the first athlete to run a mile in less than four minutes. At the time this was one of the greatest prizes in athletics.

Photo: Tom Daley of Team Great Britain knitting before the Men's 10m Platform Final at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (CREDIT: Clive Rose/Getty Images)

SAT 11:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk19fx)

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SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w1730bj800cqh5)

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SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgmp4qnq9)

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SAT 11:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct8tw6)

What's it like to be living in Iran now?

This week John Simpson, in discussion with the BBC's unparalleled range of experts across the world, explores the feelings of ordinary Iranians about the conflict with the United States, analyses the latest extreme global weather warnings, and looks at the state of Ethiopia as it heads to the polls.

Producer: Kate Cornell

Executive Producer: Benedick Watt

Commissioning Editors: Silvia Costeloe and Paul Royall

SAT 12:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk1f61)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 12:06 World Book Club (w3ct97sx)

Karin Slaughter: The Good Daughter

World Book Club welcomes Karin Slaughter to answer your questions about her brutal, heart-rending thriller, *The Good Daughter*.

28 years after the murder of their mother, another horrific crime forces sisters Sam and Charlie Quinn to confront the truth about the night that shattered their family so long ago.

Karin will be asking your questions about her attitude to violence in her novels, the dynamics of sisterhood, and why saving public libraries is more important than ever in the modern world.

SAT 13:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk1jy5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 13:06 Newshour (w1730bn168m2c57)

Iran targets Bahrain and Kuwait after renewed US strikes

Iran targets Bahrain and Kuwait after renewed US strikes. We speak to a former Kuwaiti minister as the American-Iranian stalemate continues. Also in the programme, India's Cockerhoo Janta Party takes to the streets to demand the resignation of the education minister; and the African-American musician Brian Jackson on his work and collaboration with Gil Scott-Heron.

(Photo: CCTV image of Iranian drone above Kuwait airport on 3rd of June. Credit: Reuters)

SAT 14:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk1np9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w1730c8vgg0t7ty)

Live Sporting Action

Delyth Lloyd presents live tennis coverage of the women's final at the French Open.

Plus, coverage of qualifying at the Monaco Grand Prix, cricket updates from the first Test between England and New Zealand and the latest from the NHL and NBA Finals.

Photo: Coco Gauff holds the trophy after the match at the Roland Garros Grand Slam Tournament Women's Final in Paris, France, on June 7, 2025. (Credit: NurPhoto via Getty Images)

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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 FI drivers, tennis players and athletes as well as people who've had ground-breaking impact in their chosen sporting field, including: the most decorated Paralympian, the woman who was the number 1 squash player in the world for nine years, and the first figure skater to wear a hijab. You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, such as the tennis player who escaped the Nazis, how a man finally beat a horse in a race, and how the FIFA computer game was created. (Photo: Diana Ross at the 1994 World Cup opening ceremony. Credit: Kazuhiro Nogi/AFP via Getty Images) SAT 19:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk28dy) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SAT 19:06 The Inquiry (w3ct98pq) Is Portugal's drugs policy in need of reform? In 2001, Portugal decriminalised the possession and use of all illicit drugs. It was a move designed to mitigate the country's public health crisis, which at the time meant Portugal had one of the worst rates of overdose deaths in Europe, as well as the highest rate of HIV among drug users. Whilst drugs remained illegal, users did not receive a criminal record but were instead referred to rehabilitation and treatment programmes. It was an approach that proved so successful, that it has remained in place for a quarter of a century. But just over 10 years after its introduction, Portugal's drugs policy started to come under strain as the country's economic crisis and subsequent austerity measures led to budget cuts for drug services. More recently the rising cost of living has diverted people's attention from investment in this field. On top of this, the trafficking of cocaine and newer substances into the country along with changing demographics is putting decriminalisation under strain. So, on The Inquiry this week, we're asking 'Is Portugal's drugs policy in need of reform?' Contributors: Joana Teixeira, President of the Board of Directors, Institute for Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies (ICAD), Lisbon, Portugal Luís Mendão, Director General, Grupo de Ativistas em Tratamentos (GAT), Lisbon, Portugal António Leitão da Silva, Chief of Police, Braga, Portugal Keith Humphreys, Esther Ting Memorial Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University, California, USA Presenter: David Baker Producer: Jill Collins Technical Producer: Toby James	Editor: Tom Bigwood Production Management: Phoebe Lomas and Liam Morrey (Photo: Discarded drug paraphernalia. Credit: Andy Buchanan/AFP via Getty Images) SAT 19:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgmp4rmpb) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service. SAT 19:32 Happy News (w3ct8nwh) The Happy Pod: Kinder medicine for millions of cancer patients A new DNA test can distinguish between patients who are likely to benefit from chemotherapy and those who are not, meaning many with the most common form of breast cancer can avoid the brutal treatment. Also, scientists have found a daily pill that could double the survival time for people with advanced pancreatic cancer. Daraxonrasib appears to be a breakthrough in managing a disease that has the highest mortality rate of all major cancers. Plus, we hear from Sterling Nasa, the student who ended up on stage during a concert performance of La La Land. A pianist was taken ill half way through the show, and the conductor appealed to the audience for help. A British man is hoping to become the first person with a physical disability to go to live and work in space. John McFall lost his leg when he was 19 -- but he hasn't let that stop him -- he has already become a paraplympian and a surgeon. Finally, we meet Dr Shaunna Burke who has reached the summit of Mount Everest despite living with stage four incurable cancer. She becomes the first woman to do so. Presenter: Holly Gibbs Music: Iona Hampson (Photo: A doctor examining a mammogram to determine if a woman has breast cancer. Credit: PA) SAT 20:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk2d52) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct8h80) Actor Kristin Scott Thomas British actor Kristin Scott Thomas, star of the English Patient and Four Weddings and a Funeral, reveals the personal story behind her directorial debut film, My Mother's Wedding. Nikki Bedi is joined by critic Larushka Ivan-Zadeh to discuss My Mother's Wedding and other cultural highlights of the week Twenty-year-old American you tube star Kane Parsons on Backrooms, the feature film version of his YouTube series British Asian author Vaseem Khan on writing the latest new James Bond story And the Canadian author of Heated Rivalries, Rachel Reid, on the raunchy ice hockey drama that is sweeping the world as a TV series Nikki's Studio guest interview is Mexican American filmmaker Alex Kahuam, who shares the vision behind his horror film, The Remedy Leo Woodall, of White Lotus and Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy fame, talks about working with Dustin Hoffman on the film Tuner And there's music from Belarusian jazz band Soyuz Photo Credit: Getty Images: Julien M. Hekimian SAT 21:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk2hx6) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SAT 21:06 Newshour (w1730bn168m3b48) Hundreds of Ukrainian drones hit St Petersburg The strikes on the city were timed to coincide with the final day of a prestigious international economic forum. Russian authorities called the attack 'unprecedented', and St Petersburg residents were advised to remain indoors for the first time since the start of the war. We hear from a Ukrainian drone commander and the UK's former Ambassador to Moscow, Sir Tony Brenton. Also on the programme: migrants in South Africa under pressure to leave the country after a surge in xenophobic	attacks; and why mass banquets are causing controversy in France. (Photo: Smoke after a Ukrainian drone strike on St Petersburg, Russia, 3 June, 2026 Credit: Reuters) SAT 22:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk2mnb) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SAT 22:06 Not by the Playbook (w3ct996j) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 today] SAT 23:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk2rdg) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SAT 23:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqj800f5fq) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen SAT 23:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgmp4s3nv) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service. SAT 23:32 This Is Africa (w3ct8td3) DJ Kerozen DJ Kerozen overcame a stutter, poverty and family resistance to follow his musical dreams. He's become one of Cote d'Ivoire's major artists in coupé-décalé, a heavily percussive, high-energy dance music that blends Ivorian and Congolese rhythms with contemporary sounds. His unique sound mixes a coupé-décalé beat, gospel lyrics and a zouglo melody. And he's collaborated with some of Africa's musical legends: Ivorian superstars Magic System and Didi B, and the trailblazing Senegalese rapper Didier Awadi. DJ Kerozen tells This is Africa how he counts among his fans the Ivorian former footballer Didier Drogba, where he got his name from and his determination to give back to the people who helped him achieve his goals by setting up a label and a charity that focuses on safe water provision. Plus DJ Edu, the Afroboss, plays his latest pick of the hottest tunes being produced in Africa. SUNDAY 07 JUNE 2026 SUN 00:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk2w4l) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SUN 00:06 BBC Conversations (w3ct8m3p) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday] SUN 00:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgmp4s7dz) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service. SUN 00:32 The Documentary (w3ct9b95) Manosphere messiahs: Kenya It started in the West with influencers like Andrew Tate. Now the manosphere has gone global, with copycats from Africa to Latin America attracting huge audiences and the cash to match. In the second episode of a two-part investigation, reporter Jacqui Wakefield explores the booming industry in Kenya, where social media algorithms are fuelling a growing gender divide. She meets one of the biggest Kenyan influencers, Andrew Kibe, and his devoted fans and asks, are women paying the price? Reporter: Jacqui Wakefield Producer: Katy Ling Executive Producer: Louise Hidalgo Sound engineer: Gareth Jones Editor: Rebecca Henschke SUN 01:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk2zwq) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SUN 01:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqj800fdx2) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen SUN 01:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgmp4sc53) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service. SUN 01:32 More than the Score (w3ct9bcq)
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With the World Cup coinciding with rainy season in Mexico, which also means mosquito season, our reporter Rogelio Navarro in Guadalajara brings us the latest on efforts in Jalisco state to prevent outbreaks of dengue which is transmitted by mosquitoes. And the potential for health issues due to extreme heat has caused concerns amongst players, spectators and scientists. At the men's FIFA Club World Cup in the USA last year Chelsea and Argentina midfielder Enzo Fernandez spoke out about the difficulties of playing in high temperatures. We hear from Norwegian international midfielder Morten Thorsby and Douglas Casa, CEO of the Korey Stringer Institute and Professor of Kinesiology at the University of Connecticut, who have written to tournament organisers, FIFA, calling for stronger heat protection measures for players and spectators. Presenter: Claudia Hammond Producer: Jonathan Blackwell Image: Aziz Behich and Mathew Leckie of Australia drink water during the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 Group D match between Australia and Denmark at Al Janoub Stadium on November 30, 2022 in Al Wakrah, Qatar SUN 03:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk37cz) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SUN 03:06 World Book Club (w3ct97sx) [Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday] SUN 04:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk3c43) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct99c1) Ebola in the DRC: Fear and conspiracy theories Pascale Harter introduces stories from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ukraine, Manipur state in India's north-east and the Klamath River in the USA. The Democratic Republic of Congo is experiencing another outbreak of Ebola - and as the virus spreads, so too have rumours and conspiracy theories about the disease. Olivia Acland reports from the border between North Kivu and Ituri provinces. Ukraine has recently come under one of the heaviest Russian assaults in months, with its energy infrastructure once again hit hard. Yet the rhythms and tasks of daily life don't let up. Vitaly Shevchenko reflects on the traffic police, bus drivers and road-repair crews keeping things going in Kherson and Kyiv. Three years ago, the state of Manipur in India's north-east erupted in violence, and hundreds of people were killed as tensions between the Kuki and Meitei communities boiled over. Since then, the deeper causes of the conflict haven't been resolved – and this year, communal violence has broken out again. Raghvendra Rao journeyed through the Imphal Valley and saw how divided the state's landscape has become. And in America's Pacific Northwest, Ash Bhardwaj takes a	wild raft ride down the Klamath River - which is flowing freely for the first time in a century after the removal of a string of hydroelectric dams. The new waterscape has been a boon for Indigenous communities in Oregon and California - and for the coho salmon, finally able to swim all the way upstream to spawn - but people who once owned lakeside homes now have no waterside views. Producer: Polly Hope Editor: Richard Fenton-Smith Production co-ordinator: Katie Morrison (Image: Health officials race to contain deadly Ebola outbreak in Democratic Republic of Congo. Credit: Michel Lunanga/Getty Images) SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgmp4sqdh) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service. SUN 04:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct8tw6) [Repeat of broadcast at 11:32 on Saturday] SUN 05:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk3gw7) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqj800fwxh) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgmp4sv4m) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service. SUN 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct9b95) [Repeat of broadcast at 00:32 today] SUN 06:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk3lmc) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SUN 06:06 Weekend (w1730c5kpbjm3z1v) Ukrainian drones hit St Petersburg Ukraine carries out another wave of drone attacks in Russia. Also in today's programme: Elections in Armenia are being seen as a decisive moment in the country's relationship with Russia and the West; and a musical treat from northern Mali. The group Tamikrest are tackling displacement in their new album, Assikel, which means "journey" in the Tuareg language, Tamasheq. Presenter Krupa Padhy is joined by Hannah Lucinda Smith, a UK-based journalist and author, and Paul Mason, a writer, journalist, and associate fellow at the Council on Geostrategy think tank here in London. Photo Credit: Residents stand at the site of an apartment building hit by a Russian drone strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine June 4, 2026. Credit: Reuters SUN 07:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk3qch) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SUN 07:06 Weekend (w1730c5kpbjm4z2s) Armenia votes as Russia steps up pressure Voting is under way in Armenia in an election which could decide whether the country continues edging towards the West, or returns to its traditional ally Russia. Also in today's programme: National Portrait Gallery opens Marilyn Monroe exhibition for her centenary week; and UK research study finds films more likely to star "Chris" or talking animals than women over 60. Award winning actress Juliet Stevenson shares her view on this. Presenter Krupa Padhy is joined by Hannah Lucinda Smith, a UK-based journalist and author, and Paul Mason, a writer, journalist, and associate fellow at the Council on Geostrategy think tank here in London. Photo Credit: People visit a polling station during a parliamentary election in Yerevan, Armenia, June 7, 2026. Credit:Reuters/ Ahram Baghdadasaryan SUN 08:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk3v3m) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.	SUN 08:06 Weekend (w1730c5kpbjm46k3) Ukraine talks: Starmer to host Zelensky Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelensky is in London to discuss next steps as Russia comes under military and economic pressure. This comes after Ukraine's unprecedented drone attacks on the Russian city of St Petersburg. Also in today's programme: Armenia votes in an election that could shift it away from Russia; and more on Curaçao's fairytale World Cup qualification. Presenter Krupa Padhy is joined by Hannah Lucinda Smith, a UK-based journalist and author, and Paul Mason, a writer, journalist, and associate fellow at the Council on Geostrategy think tank here in London. Photo Credit: British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, during a bilateral meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy ahead of the European Political Community summit in Yerevan, Armenia. Picture date: Sunday May 3, 2026. Credit: Reuters SUN 09:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk3yvr) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SUN 09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct99c1) [Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today] SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgmp4tb44) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service. SUN 09:32 The Food Chain (w3ct8sw2) Can I save the family restaurant? Running a restaurant is hard. Long hours, tight margins and constant stress. In this week's programme Rumella Dasgupta travels to Edinburgh, Scotland, to meet Lisa He and her mum Sophie. Lisa has just put her life and acting career on hold, to try and help her mum save the family's restaurant, the China Star. A video she made documenting her attempt has gone viral, with more than fifteen million views. But is a viral video going to be enough to turn a failing business into a success? Lisa's got to fix the sprawling menu, digitise the paper ordering system and cut costs. Lisa and Rumella meet restaurant turnaround expert David Hopkins from the Fifteen Group in Canada, who's on hand to give advice and to explain why restaurants are such difficult businesses to run. Meanwhile the Mand family in Sydney Australia know only too well what Lisa and Sophie are going through. Last year, son Bhav documented his fight to save his dad's failing restaurant. So how's it doing now? And, in such a difficult industry, when is the right time to walk away? Rumella hears from Carleigh Bond, who made the tough decision to close her vegan fast-food restaurant Forked Up in October 2025. Producers: Lexy O'Connor and Beatrice Pickup. Sound Engineer: Andrew Mills Image description: Lisa He and mum Sophie in their restaurant, The China Star. Lisa is looking at mum and smiling. (Credit: BBC) SUN 10:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk42lw) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SUN 10:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct8t0t) Slow down! Is our modern obsession with speed damaging us? This week we explore the slow movement, a philosophy that challenges our fixation with productivity and suggests slowing down could offer a more meaningful way to live. Joined by Dr Joanne Lee from the University of Warwick, we visit a school garden and restaurant in Malawi to see how Slow Food is influencing how people grow and consume food. And presenter Myra Anubi takes part in an immersive Slow Art experience in London. People Fixing The World from the BBC is about brilliant solutions to the world's problems. We release a new edition every Tuesday. 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SUN 10:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgmp4tfw8) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.		
SUN 10:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct8sqk) Finding soldier Tom		
For more than 80 years, no-one knew what happened to a Soviet prisoner of war who escaped from the Nazis on the Channel Island of Jersey and spent the rest of World War Two hiding from the German occupiers with a local family, the Le Bretons. Known only by his first name, Bokejon, or simply Tom, he was one of about 2,000 Soviet prisoners and forced labourers brought to the island of Jersey to build Nazi fortifications. After liberation, Tom and the other surviving PoWs were sent back to the USSR and the Le Breton family, particularly their daughter Dulcie, always wondered what became of him. That was until BBC teams tracked down his descendants. BBC Russian's Olga Ivshina was one of the journalists who tracked him down.		
Political violence has been a problem in Kenya for decades now. It is often carried out by gangs of young people, known as 'goons', who are sponsored by politicians to threaten, disrupt and attack rivals. After the general election in 2007 over 1500 people were killed and with another election planned for 2027, there are fears violence could erupt again. Wycliffe Muia of BBC Africa has been looking into these politically sponsored violent gangs and what can be done to stop them.		
Traditional fortune telling culture, known as Saju, is popular in South Korea and has ancient roots. It uses data such as a person's birth year, month, day and hour to determine their future and in South Korea people still sometimes consult it before important life decisions like marriage, or seeking a new job. Now, the practice of Saju is beginning to be combined with AI technology and it's finding a wide audience both online and as a walk-in, more immersive experience. BBC Korean's Yujin Choi went to try it out.		
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Recent episodes have investigated Russia's youth armies and how they make soldiers of Ukrainian children; featured the BBC team who were the first journalists to the site of the Nigerian school kidnappings and reflected the effects of internet blackouts in Iran, Uganda and India.		
If you want to know more about Venezuela's acting president, Delcy Rodríguez, and the legacy of Hugo Chavez; or how Vladimir Putin's network of deep cover spies operates; or why Donald Trump signed an executive order granting white South Africans asylum in the US, we have all those stories and more.		
This episode of The Documentary comes to you from The Fifth Floor, the show at the heart of global storytelling, with BBC journalists from all around the world.		
Presented by Faranak Amidi.		
Produced by Laura Thomas, Caroline Ferguson and Hannah Dean.		
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SUN 11:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk46c0) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.		
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SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgmp4tkmd) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.		
SUN 11:32 More than the Score (w3ct9bcq) [Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]		
SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct998s) [Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]		
SUN 12:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk4b34) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.		
SUN 12:06 BBC Conversations (w3ct8m3p) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]		
SUN 12:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgmp4tpcj) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.		
SUN 12:32 Assignment (w3ct8h16) Italy's migrant fruit pickers		
In Italy, Georgia Meloni's coalition government gained power on an anti-immigration political platform. But faced with low birth-rates and a dwindling workforce, the prime minister has had to be pragmatic. Over the next two years, hundreds of thousands of temporary visas are being offered to migrant workers, mainly from Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, to help fill the gaps.		
In the far south of Italy, one of the country's poorest regions, Calabria, is famous for its citrus fruit, and thousands of farms need workers to pick their produce. Some of the migrant workers live in terrible conditions. Lizzy McNeill reports on what the reality is on the ground.		
Producer: John Murphy Production co-ordinator: Katie Morrison Sound engineer: Rod Farquhar Editor: Penny Murphy		
(Photo: A worker empties the basket of clementines in the fields of Calabria, southern Italy. Credit: Alfonso Di Vincenzo/Getty Images)		
SUN 13:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk4fv8) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.		
SUN 13:06 Newshour (w1730bn168m582b) Armenians go to the polls		
The people of Armenia are voting in a parliamentary election - a test of whether the country in the Caucasus moves closer to Europe, or remains within Russia's sphere of influence. We hear from both sides.		
Also in the programme: How China is clamping down on exam candidates who try to get the answers from the inside of their glass lenses: and the boy who has learnt to sing like a bird.		
Photo: Armenian people examine voting information during parliamentary elections at a polling station in Yerevan, Armenia, 07 June 2026. Credit: Photo by Vahram Baghdasaryan Photo Lure/ EPA		
SUN 14:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk4kld) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.		
SUN 14:06 The Climate Question (w3ct99hk) Can the World Cup cope with extreme heat?		
Scorching temperatures are expected at this year's World Cup in the USA, Mexico, and Canada. How will players and fans cope? And how will it affect the action on the pitch?		
Scientists are concerned about the impact of extreme heat on the biggest sporting event in history.		
The organisers, FIFA, is introducing mandatory water breaks to keep players cool, but experts say the hot conditions may slow down the game and give an advantage to teams that play more matches in air-conditioned stadiums.		
There's also concern about the health effects on fans. FIFA has put in place measures such as cooling areas and misting systems, but some say the plans don't go far enough.		
The Climate Question hosts Graihagh Jackson and Jordan Dunbar chat to Dr Madeleine Orr, Associate Professor of Sports Ecology at the University of Toronto, and BBC Sport Correspondent Katie Gornall.		
Katie also breaks down the carbon footprint of a World Cup that's been described as one of the most polluting events ever.		
Got a question or comment? You can email the team: theclimatequestion@bbc.com		
Presenters: Graihagh Jackson and Jordan Dunbar Producers: Nik Sindle, Jordan Dunbar, Melanie Stewart-Smith Sound Mix: Tom Brignell, Philip Bull Editor: Simon Watts		
SUN 14:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgmp4txvs) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.		
SUN 14:32 Happy News (w3ct8nwh) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:32 on Saturday]		
SUN 15:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk4pbj) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.		
SUN 15:06 Sportsworld (w1730c8vgg0x8h5) Live Sporting Action		
Delyth Lloyd presents coverage of a busy Sunday of sport including live athletics from the Stockholm Diamond League and updates from the French Open men's final.		
Sportsworld will be in Stockholm for the fifth Diamond League meeting of the year. Ade Adedoyin, Ed Harry and global medallist Jenny Meadows will provide live commentary and analysis as the world's best track and field stars compete in the Swedish capital, including home favourite Mondo Duplantis.		
Shourjo Sarkar will have regular updates from Roland-Garros where there will be a new Grand Slam men's champion at the French Open.		
There will also be build-up to the start of the Fifa World Cup with reaction to the final friendly matches as teams continue their preparations, plus reaction to Formula One's Monaco Grand Prix, the latest from golf's Women's US Open, the NBA play-offs and ice hockey's Stanley Cup.		
Photo: Armand Duplantis of Sweden celebrates his victory in the Men's Pole Vault Final in Sechseläutenplatz, the largest town square in Zurich during the Weltklasse Zürich, Wanda Diamond League Final on August 27th, 2025 in Zurich, Switzerland. (Credit: Getty Images)		
SUN 19:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk55b1) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.		
SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w1730bj800hlc9) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen		
SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgmp4vjlf) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.		
SUN 19:32 In the Studio (w3ct815b) São Paulo's carnival competition		
Every year during Brazil's carnival celebrations, samba schools are tasked with creating elaborate parades based around a unique theme, from which they build huge floats, compose a song, and choreograph an entire visual spectacle.		
Tom Raine follows one of São Paulo's oldest samba schools, Águia de Ouro, in the final stages of creating their carnival parade ahead of their most important event of the year - parading in São Paulo's iconic Sambadrome in the attendance of thousands of people, and millions more watching on TV across Brazil.		
This year they have chosen a theme titled Amsterdam: City of Liberty, celebrating the cities' values of freedom, tolerance and modernity. It's not just a celebration but a fierce competition, with rigorous judging and a football-style league system of promotion and relegation.		
In The Studio goes behind the scenes to São Paulo's "carnival factory" to find out what it takes to put on a parade, from one whole year of work to just one hour on the tarmac.		
Presenter/producer: Tom Raine		
SUN 20:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk5925) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.		
SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct8kch) [Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 on Saturday]		
SUN 21:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk5dt9) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.		
SUN 21:06 Newshour (w1730bn168m671c) Israel carries out deadly strikes on southern Beirut		
The Israeli military has carried out deadly airstrikes on the southern districts of Lebanon's capital, claiming it is targeting		
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Hezbollah sites. In response Iran has fired ballistic missiles towards Israel, the first attack of its kind by Tehran since the ceasefire in April. Also on the programme: Armenians vote in a general election that could determine whether the country looks to Brussels or to Moscow. And researchers test a new weight loss drug that not only suppresses appetite, but could help people burn calories faster. (Picture: The site of an Israeli airstrike in the southern suburbs of Beirut., 07 June 2026 Credit: NNA) SUN 22:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk5jktf) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SUN 22:06 The Climate Question (w3ct99hk) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 today] SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgmp4vwtl) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service. SUN 22:32 Assignment (w3ct8h16) [Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 today] SUN 23:00 BBC News (w1730nkn5yk5n9k) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. 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Clare Bryant from the University of Cambridge also joins the conversation. And Steve Brusatte, Professor of Palaeontology at the University of Edinburgh, joins the program to talk about his new book, The Story of Birds, tracing a 150-million-year journey from small, feathered dinosaurs to the birds of today. Plus, science journalist Caroline Steel joins us to discuss the latest scientific discoveries that you might have missed. Presenter: Tom Whipple Producers: Dan Welsh and Kate White Production co-ordinator: Jana Bennett-Holesworth Editor: Martin Smith MON 01:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6v9r1z) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. MON 01:06 The Newsroom (w1730bjq89n537) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgzyg03bc) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.	MON 01:32 Discovery (w3ct8jsf) The Life Scientific: Seth Berkley Dr Seth Berkley is an epidemiologist and global health leader whose career has been shaped by one central problem: vaccines save lives, but only if people can actually get them. His 40-year career has spanned the global, from helping to build Uganda's first HIV surveillance system and founding the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative; to leading Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance for more than a decade – overseeing the immunisation of hundreds of millions of children worldwide. And when COVID-19 struck, Seth co-founded COVAX, the global initiative designed to stop wealthy nations monopolising vaccines. In conversation with Professor Jim Al-Khalili, Seth discusses the highs and lows of his globe-trotting career - from saving millions of young lives through vaccine distribution, to setting his own shattered leg after a climbing accident in Namibia - and addresses the huge challenge of tackling vaccine scepticism. 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Some are more vigorous than others, some bloom quicker, others last longer, and some are more tolerant when the conditions change. And this got George wondering. Could 'brainless' lifeforms like mushrooms, and plants, have different 'personalities'? Do they experience the world differently, and live their lives differently from each other? Alex Lathbridge is on the case. He visits the PGRRI, the Plant Genetic Resources Research Centre, for a quick lesson on genetic variation in the plant world. Plants are all different at the genetic level, and it's those differences which can result in a tastier fruit, or a hardier crop. But would we call traits like these personality? In the Minimal Intelligence Lab in the University of Murcia in Spain, Paco Calvo thinks that we absolutely should. He studies plant intelligence, and points Alex to a whole host of examples of plants being smart in ways which might surprise you. Each one is an individual, and if we can only slow down enough to appreciate them properly, we'd be able to understand them better too. Back in Ghana, Alex meets plant physiologist Dr Acheampong Atta-Boateng, in the beautiful grounds of Aburi Botanical Gardens, to meet some of these plants for himself. And he discovers that there's a whole world of smart, resilient, and resourceful little organisms in the plant world, full of personality, if you know where to look. Who needs a brain!? Presenter: Alex Lathbridge Producer: Emily Knight Editor: Ben Motley (Photo: Drawing of a face and smiling eyes on a sunflower flower - stock photo- Credit: Jose A. Bernat Bacete via Getty Images) MON 03:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6v9zk7) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. MON 03:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct8t0t) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Sunday] MON 03:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgzyg0btm) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.	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She's president elect of the British Association of Neurologists. Sofia says it's important more people talk openly about the condition to help stop people who have it feeling so isolated. Betty Barbara Nsachilwa had her first seizure when she was 13 years old. It took 18 months to find the right medication that has kept her seizures under control since. She says she's been lucky to have the support of her family and colleagues but says many others in Zambia face discrimination and stigma. Betty Barbara co-founded the Epilepsy Association of Zambia in 2001 to increase awareness and education about the condition and support others living with epilepsy. (Image: (L) Betty Barbara Nsachilwa, courtesy Betty Barbara Nsachilwa. (R) Sofia Eriksson, credit Hannah Lovell.) MON 05:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vb71h) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. MON 05:06 Newsday (w1730c1cy0jx977) Israeli military launches retaliatory strikes on Iran Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) says multiple waves of missiles fired at northern Israel are "the beginning of a full week of continuous strikes." The Israel Defence Forces says it has detected the launch of a missile also from Yemen toward Israeli territory. Armenia's pro-Europe Prime Minister has won the most votes in elections there despite warnings from Vladimir Putin. Could it cement a pivot towards the West? (Photo: Israeli security works next to a part of a projectile following a missile attack from Iran towards Israel; Credit: Shir Torem/Reuters) MON 06:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vbbsm) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. MON 06:06 Newsday (w1730c1cy0jxdzc) More missiles launched from Iran towards Israel Iran has suspended all incoming flights to Tehran's Imam Khomeini International Airport "until further notice" after it launched a wave of missile strikes on Israel Oil prices climbed on Monday morning trade in Asia after Iran fired missiles at Israel for the first time since a fragile ceasefire was agreed between the countries and the US in April. The Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan declares victory in parliamentary elections there. we'll get the latest from the capital Yerevan. Chinese leader Xi Jinping lands in North Korea to meet Kim Jong Un in a rare visit. So how have things changed since Xi's last visit to North Korea. (Photo: Smoke from an explosion in the sky after Israel's Iron Dome anti-missile system intercepted an Iranian missile, as seen from Jerusalem, June 8, 2026; Credit: Ronen Zvulun/Reuters) MON 07:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vbgjr) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.
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MON 07:06 Newsday (w1730c1cy0jxjqh)

Iran and Israel exchange fire

Iran has again fired at Israel this morning after Israel's military says it carried out strikes on military targets in central and western Iran early this morning.

Oil prices go up again reacting to latest attacks in the Middle East . We go to Singapore for the latest.

The Chinese leader Xi Jinping lands in North Korea to meet Kim Jong Un in a rare visit. Seoul is watching closely - we go live there.

(Photo: A woman holds a Hezbollah flag during a rally in support of Iran's Supreme Leader, Mojtaba Khamenei, in Tehran, Iran. Credit: Majid Asgarpour/Reuters)

MON 08:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vbl8w)

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MON 08:06 The Interview (w3ct8k19)

Aziz Abu Sarah and Maoz Inon: Reconciliation over revenge

'We are transforming feelings of revenge into reconciliation. We are transforming despair into hope, trauma into healing. So the future is peace is also like a manual, like a guide, not just for a shared journey across the holy land, but a guide for human conscience.'

Rajan Datar speaks to Palestinian and Israeli authors and peace activists Aziz Abu Sarah and Maoz Inon.

Maoz Inon's parents were killed during the Hamas attacks of October 7th. Aziz Abu Sarah's brother died after being detained for nearly a year in an Israeli military prison. Together, they have forged an unlikely friendship across the Israeli Palestine divide, become leading voices for reconciliation, arguing that peace can only be built through empathy, dialogue and a recognition of each other's humanity.

Their new book, The Future Is Peace, chronicles their eight day drive across Israel and Palestine.

They talk about loss, forgiveness, and why they remain hopeful despite the devastation of war.

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Presenter: Rajan Datar
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(Image: Aziz Abu Sarah and Maoz Inon. Credit: Getty)

MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyz0yk8)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct8gfw)

Who's behind Sierra Leone's illegal fishing problem?

Each Monday, Ed Butler takes you around the globe to the heart of the stories and meeting those living through them. West Africa is currently the global epicentre for illegal fishing, according to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation. An estimated 40% of the world's illegal industrial fishing occurs in its waters, costing the region up to 10 billion dollars a year in lost revenue, and severely depleting stocks essential for the food security and livelihoods of over 7 million people. Ed Butler has been hearing about the practice in Sierra Leone, trying to ascertain who is behind it, and finding out how much the government is doing to help.

Presenter/producer: Ed Butler

(Picture: Thomas Turay, Sierra Leone Artisanal Fishermen's Union. Credit: BBC/Ed Butler)

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MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct8r3d)

Nelson Mandela's incarceration at Robben Island

On 13 June 1964, Nelson Mandela, who later became South Africa's president, was taken to the maximum security prison on Robben Island off the coast of South Africa.

Mandela had led the military wing of the African National Congress party which was banned by the apartheid government.

He was sentenced to life imprisonment and spent 18 years on the island before being transferred to prison on the mainland.

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(Picture: Nelson Mandela's cell on Robben Island, Credit: Getty/Dave Hogan)

MON 09:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vblq10)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 09:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89p428)

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MON 09:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg129d)

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MON 09:32 CrowdScience (w3ct8k6z)

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MON 10:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vblt4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct9917)

The creation of Inspector Montalbano and Australia's first Big Thing

Max Pearson presents a collection of the week's Witness History interviews from the BBC World Service. Our guest is Professor Giuliana Pieri, an expert in Italian noir from Royal Holloway, University of London.

We start with the author Andrea Camilleri on the creation of his fictional detective Inspector Montalbano in 1994, and his influence on Italian noir.

Then we explore the tapes recorded in the 1950s with Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann.

We hear about the Chinese protests in 1989 that led up to the Tiananmen Square massacre.

Plus, the launch of Ireland's first Irish language television channel in 1996.

Next, when Diana Ross missed a penalty at the World Cup in 1994.

Finally, we hear from the artist behind the first of Australia's 'Big Things', the giant novelty sculptures that became a national phenomenon.

Contributors:

Professor Giuliana Pieri - an expert in Italian noir from Royal Holloway, University of London

Andrea Camilleri - Italian crime-writer (archive)

Saskia Sassen - daughter of Dutch journalist Willem Sassen, who recorded interviews with Adolf Eichmann

Wu'er Kaixi - Chinese student organiser of pro-democracy demonstrations in Tiananmen Square

Sinéad Ní Ghuidhir - first live presenter to speak on Teilifís na Gaeilge: Ireland's first television channel broadcasting exclusively in the Irish language

Alan Rothenberg - former president of the US Soccer Federation

Paul Kelly - Australian artist behind both the Big Scotsman and the equally iconic Big Lobster

Christobel Kelly - daughter of Paul Kelly

(Photo: Italian writer Andrea Camilleri, Rome, Italy, 2011. Credit: Luciano Viti/Getty Images)

MON 11:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vbyj8)

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MON 11:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89pckj)

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MON 11:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg19sn)

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MON 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct8mc3)

North Korea goes even more nuclear

North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un has announced plans to expand the country's nuclear arsenal at 'an exponential rate', according to state media reports.

His announcement comes as China's president, Xi Jinping, is making his first visit to Pyongyang this week since 2019 – the same year Donald Trump met Kim Jong Un several times for failed talks on denuclearisation.

We speak to the BBC's Celia Hatton about why China might now be trying to keep North Korea in check.

Producers: Xandra Ellin, Sam Chantarasak and Aron Keller

Executive producer: James Shield

Mix: Travis Evans

Senior news editor: China Collins

Studio manager: Mike Regaard

Digital producer: Tom Bage

Photo: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un speaks during the fifth session of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), in Pyongyang, North Korea, February 23, 2026. Credit: KCNA/Reuters

Clip: Team America: World Police/Trey Parker/Scott Rudkin/Trey Parker/Matt Stone

MON 12:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vc28d)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct8hxc)

I was kidnapped by North Korea

In the 1970s and 80s, a spate of mysterious disappearances were reported along Japan's coast. One of those was 19-year-old nurse Hitomi Soga, who was walking with her mother when they were kidnapped. She was blindfolded and dragged to a boat destined to the world's most secretive state, North Korea. But why was she taken? Hitomi's stay in North Korea would last 24 years and include a forced marriage to America's most well-known defector, Charles Jenkins. The world watched when eventually she returned home, still desperate to uncover the truth about the mother who vanished with her into the darkness.

Australia's Alice Glenn and her friend Heidi Barrett turned their living room lights off and danced like no-one was watching. A few years later they had turned dancing in the dark into a global community called No Lights No Lycra. Joel Carnegie spoke to Alice in March 2017.

Presenter: Asya Fouks
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Also in the programme: Armenia's pro-EU incumbent wins election; a new online archive of the complete writings and drawings of Leonardo da Vinci. (Picture: A screenshot taken from a handout video released by the Israeli Military says to show a strike on an aerial defence system in Iran at an unknown location. Credit: Reuters) MON 15:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vcfhs) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. MON 15:06 The Interview (w3ct8kl9) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today] MON 15:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg1ss5) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service. MON 15:32 Business Daily (w3ct8gfw) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:32 today] MON 15:50 World Business Express (w3ct8d3c) Markets rattled by tech sell-off and Middle East tensions Global stock markets have fallen sharply after a sell-off in technology shares combined with growing uncertainty over tensions in the Middle East. South Korea's Kospi index briefly suspended trading after plunging at the open, while Japan's Nikkei also suffered heavy losses. Plus, Chinese President Xi Jinping is in North Korea for talks with Kim Jong Un. We look at what the visit could mean for trade and economic ties between the two neighbours. Oil prices initially surged before easing back. We ask what that tells us about how investors are assessing the risk of a wider regional conflict. And Prada has entered the space race. The Italian fashion house has helped develop part of a new spacesuit for future Nasa missions. Presenter: Leanna Byrne Producer: David Cann MON 16:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vck7x) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. MON 16:06 Outside Source (w1730c6dhjj273p) Iran's military says it's stopping strikes on Israel Iran's military says it's halting operations against Israel, after the first direct hostilities between the sides in two months. It is not clear whether Israel will also stop its attacks on Iran. We have the latest from our correspondents in the region and hear from those affected by the conflict.	The British government has given tech companies including Apple and Google three months to block children's access to naked images on smartphones and other devices. Our correspondent explains. Hundreds of thousands of fans from around the world begin the football World Cup journey to North America but some African supporters are facing the hurdle of actually gaining permission to enter. We speak to our reporter. We also hear from fans from four nations that are making their World Cup debut. Presenter: Rahul Tandon. (Photo: Part of a missile protrudes from the ground, from the ground, following strikes from Iran, in the central Israeli-occupied West Bank, June 8, 2026. Credit: Naama Stern/Reuters) MON 17:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vcp01) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. MON 17:06 Outside Source (w1730c6dhjj2bvt) Israel holding off attacks on Iran 'for now' Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says that his country will hold off on attacks on Iran "for now" but warns Israel will respond forcefully if attacks resume. We have the latest from our correspondent in Jerusalem. Our business correspondent explains how the markets have been reacting. A new study says eating very specific types of fresh food each day - not just any five portions of fruit and vegetables - could help keep your heart healthy. Our digital health editor explains. Divers in the Mediterranean Sea have captured rare footage of a Great White Shark -- the largest predatory fish alive today. Volunteer diver Derk Remmers has been speaking to the BBC. Officials in Ukraine say Russia now has more than 3,000 from Africa in its army. We speak to our correspondent who has met those captured in Ukraine. We hear from fans from four nations that are making their World Cup debut. British actor Sir Idris Elba has said that James Bond shouldn't become "woke" and that some audiences would not accept a black male playing 007. We get reaction from listeners. Presenter: Rahul Tandon. (Photo: International conference on combating antisemitism in Jerusalem - 26 Jan 2026. Credit: ABIR SULTAN/EPA) MON 18:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vcsr5) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. MON 18:06 Outlook (w3ct8hxc) [Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today] MON 18:50 Witness History (w3ct8r3d) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today] MON 19:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vcxh9) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. MON 19:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89qbjk) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen MON 19:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg28rp) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service. MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct8rjy) 2026/06/08 GMT BBC sports correspondents tell the story behind today's top sporting news, with interviews and reports from across the world. MON 20:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vd17f) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct99c1) [Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]	MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg2dht) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service. MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct8jsjg) The Life Scientific: Helen Hastie What if robots of the future weren't just clever machines, performing tasks in isolation, but trusted teammates you could have a chat with? That could respond naturally to conversational cues and even explain their work? Making this relationship a reality is a focus for Helen Hastie, Professor of Human-Robot Interaction and Head of the School of Informatics at the University of Edinburgh. Helen's career has taken her from developing early dialogue systems - the ancestors of today's generative AI - to working on sophisticated bots that can serve coffee with a side of small-talk, teach struggling kids with empathy, or provide calm and confident decisions as triage nurses. She's also driven some of the UK's flagship robotics initiatives, including as co-lead of the National Robotarium. Talking to Professor Jim Al-Khalili - who reveals he was once told off for rudeness by an early chatbot - Helen explains her hopes for useful, reliable and ultimately trustworthy robots; machines that aren't just in our world but a welcome part of it. MON 21:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vd4zk) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. MON 21:06 Newshour (w1730bn1kxdz6m) Has President Trump forced Israel to stop attacking Iran? Iran's military has said it's halting military operations against Israel and media reports in Israel say that it is stopping attacks on Iran "at Trump's request" Also on the programme: is overheating going to be an issue in the World Cup which starts this week? And the octopus "super bloom" around the shores of England. (Picture: Iranians examine an unexploded missile. Credit: Reuters) MON 22:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vd8qp) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. MON 22:06 The Interview (w3ct8kl9) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today] MON 22:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg2n02) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service. MON 22:32 The Conversation (w3ct99nj) [Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today] MON 23:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vddgt) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. MON 23:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89qtj2) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen MON 23:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg2rr6) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service. MON 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct8fn1) Another legal setback for Trump A federal judge has overturned the \$100,000 H 1B visa application fee ordered by President Donald Trump saying it's an unlawful tax. IATA, the airline industry's main body says it likely to miss its key emission target. And China's Xi Jinping is in North Korea. What's he after? (Picture: Illustration shows U.S. flag, passport and U.S. H-1B Visa application form, Credit: Reuters) TUESDAY 09 JUNE 2026 TUE 00:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vdj6y) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct99l7) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]
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TUE 01:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vdmz2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 01:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89r20b)

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TUE 01:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg307g)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 01:32 The Global Story (w3ct8mc3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:32 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vdrq6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89r5rg)

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TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg33zl)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:32 Assignment (w3ct8h17)

Khartoum: Lessons in war

For three years a brutal civil war has been raging in Sudan. Hundreds of thousands have been killed. Millions have been forced from their homes. But the war has other hidden costs – particularly for the young. It's estimated that 60% of the population is under 25, and millions have lost out on their education. Now after the capital Khartoum was recaptured by the army, for the first time in years, school and universities have re-opened in the city. But as Mohanad Hashim reports, the lives of Khartoum's youth are still shaped by war.

Reporter: Mohanad Hashim

Producer: Alex Last

Sound engineer: Neil Churchill

Production co-ordinator: Katie Morrison

Series Editor: Penny Murphy

(Photo: Kids on a swing at a communal kindergarten in Khartoum. It was set up by local mothers who stayed during the battle for the city. Credit Alex Last)

TUE 03:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vdwgb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct8hxc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Monday]

TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct8r3d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vf06g)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89rf7q)

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TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg3cgv)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct8l5c)

Trine Hahnemann: Mixing cookery and hygge

Renowned Danish chef Trine Hahnemann tells Sahar Zand how she combines the concept of hygge with her cooking. Hygge is a word that is embedded in the Danish language. It is about relaxing and taking time away from the daily rush to enjoy life's quieter pleasures. And yet, Trine finds the time to write cookery books (over 20 so far), and run cookery lessons from the kitchen in her family home in Copenhagen. She tells Sahar how she does it, as she prepares a comforting meal of freshly harvested vegetables, and explains how she started her culinary career by cooking for rock stars on tour, including Red Hot Chili Peppers, The Rolling Stones and Elton John.

Produced and presented by Sahar Zand

TUE 05:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vf3yl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 05:06 Newsday (w1730c1cy0k064b)

Iran and Israel halt further strikes

In a call with the BBC, US President Donald Trump denied that Netanyahu had defied his wishes by launching strikes. The White House confirmed that Trump had called Netanyahu to discuss the crisis. An Israeli official said Israel had halted its strikes at his request.

We'll also hear about the rescue efforts in the Philippines after a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck, leaving dozens dead.

And we'll find out what the leaders of China and North Korea have been discussing at a rare meeting in Pyongyang.

(Photo: A veiled Iranian woman walks past a mural on a street in Tehran; Credit: Abedin Taherkenareh/EPA/Shutterstock)

TUE 06:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vf7pq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 06:06 Newsday (w1730c1cy0k09wg)

Trump tells BBC Netanyahu did not defy him

Iran and Israel say they have halted attacks on each other, after the two countries exchanged fire for the first time since April's truce.

Also in the Middle East, we'll be asking why Yemen's Houthi rebels are threatening Israeli ships in the Red Sea.

Schools have reopened in Khartoum, but the civil war is having a lasting impact on children in Sudan.

(Photo: United States president Donald Trump looks on before game three of the 2026 NBA Finals; Credit: Vincent Carchietta/IMAGN IMAGES/Reuters) Connect

TUE 07:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vfcfv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 07:06 Newsday (w1730c1cy0k0fml)

A tense calm between Israel and Iran persists

The latest truce between Israel and Iran appears to be holding, but Israeli attacks in southern Lebanon have continued. President Trump has told the BBC Netanyahu did not defy him when it attacked Iran on Sunday night.

We speak to the Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine on how fast technology development is key to their future

And The International Criminal Court has suspended its chief prosecutor, Karim Khan, who's denied allegations of sexual misconduct.

(Photo: A woman looks at the rubble of her house, which was damaged in a U.S. and Israeli strike in March, in Tehran; Credit: Majid Asgaripour/Reuters)

TUE 08:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vfh5z)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct8f0v)

Ending violence against women

Sexual and gender-based violence remains a reality for many women. In this programme we go to Rwanda to meet survivors who are beginning to find their voice after years of silence. We follow projects led by the development charity Tearfund and meet Sabine Nkusi, the organisation's lead on the prevention of sexual and gender-based violence. They are projects that create safe spaces for women who have experienced SGBV, while also engaging men and religious leaders in challenging ingrained beliefs.

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Reporter/producer: Naomi Wellings

Editor: Jon Bithrey

Sound mix: Hal Nakies

(Image: Sabine Nkusi of Tearfund, credit: Kevine Uwase/Tearfund)

TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg3vgc)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct8gqx)

Follow the Money: FIFA's billions — where your World Cup ticket money goes

World Cup 2026 will span the United States, Canada and Mexico, with demand for tickets at record levels. Fifa stands to earn nearly \$9 billion from the tournament, more than the entire Paris 2024 Olympics. So who pays, and where does the money actually go? Sam Fenwick follows the cash through the business of the World Cup: the rising price of tickets, Fifa's own resale platform, the billions generated by broadcast rights and sponsors, and the host cities covering security and transport costs while receiving little direct revenue in return.

Featuring Mark DiDonato (Florida State University), ticketing consultant Jim McCarthy, Amir Somoggi (Sports Value), and Alan Rothenberg, who led the 1994 US World Cup and now sits on the Los Angeles host committee.

On Tuesdays, we Follow the Money with Sam Fenwick. Discover where the cash you're spending goes.

Presenter: Sam Fenwick

Producer: Matt Lines

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(Photo: A Germany fan during training at the Fifa World Cup 2026 in North Carolina, USA. Credit: Chuck Burton/Reuters)

TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct985y)

Mstislav Rostropovich: Virtuoso cellist

In 1978, Mstislav Rostropovich, one of the greatest cellists in history, was stripped of his Soviet citizenship for engaging in 'unpatriotic activity'.

Rostropovich's fallout with the Soviet leadership was precipitated by his decision to let the dissident writer, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, stay in his house. Joe Schultz tells his story using BBC archive.

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(Photo: Rostropovich in 1965. Credit: Erich Auerbach via Getty Images)

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TUE 09:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89s0zc)

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TUE 09:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg3z6h)

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TUE 09:32 Assignment (w3ct8h17)

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TUE 10:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vfqp7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 10:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct8h80)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

TUE 11:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vfvfc)

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TUE 11:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89s8gm)

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TUE 11:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg46pr)

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TUE 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct8mhm)

The Trump-endorsed Brit running for California governor

A British immigrant backed by President Trump is running to be the next governor of California. Once a senior advisor to former prime minister David Cameron, Steve Hilton has since been on a journey – swapping Downing Street for Silicon Valley.

Having made his home in the US, Hilton is now running to become California's Republican governor on a platform of cutting taxes and regulation.

We speak to Nicholas Watt, political editor of BBC Newsnight, who has known Hilton since his days advising Cameron.

Producers: Viv Jones and Aron Keller

Mix: Travis Evans

Video producer: Matt Pintus

Executive producer: James Shield

Senior news editor: China Collins

Photo: California Republican gubernatorial candidate Steve Hilton. Credit: Reuters /Mike Blake

Audio for this episode was updated on 9th June 2026 to clarify Steve Hilton's views on Brexit.

TUE 12:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vzf5h)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 12:06 Outlook (w3ct8jbx)

Fatima Bhutto: My partner controlled me; my dog set me free

Fatima Bhutto is a daughter of one of Pakistan's most famous political dynasties, and one that is no stranger to turbulence and trauma. Her grandfather and former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was hanged in 1979. Her uncle, Shahnawaz, was found dead, allegedly poisoned, in 1985. Her aunt, Benazir Bhutto, was assassinated at a rally in 2007. And in 1996 when Fatima was just 14, her beloved father, Murtaza, was shot in an encounter with police. She was consumed by grief.

Years later in 2010, Fatima felt ready to write a memoir about her father's murder. But it led to a resurgence of emotion that left her unable to speak and stricken with anxiety and panic attacks. It was then that she met someone who promised to help. Fatima calls him 'The Man', and he claimed to not only recognise her problems but also had the solution to fix them. What unfolded was a decade-long relationship that Fatima describes as toxic and coercive.

She longed to become a mother but The Man made her wait, with a stream of excuses and promises. In her sadness, Fatima bought a Jack Russell terrier called Coco and her life slowly began to change – before finally, her dog's unfaltering love helped her to escape The Man and find what she'd always wanted.

Presenter: Mobeen Azhar
Producer: Anna Lacey and Saskia Collette

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(Photo: Fatima Bhutto is sitting by an open window with her hand to her chin. Credit: Pankaj Mishra)

TUE 12:50 Witness History (w3ct985y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

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TUE 13:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89shyw)

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TUE 13:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg4g60)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 13:32 In the Studio (w3ct8l5c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

TUE 14:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vg6nr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 14:06 Newshour (w1730bn1kxh0wt)

Hundreds of migrants kidnapped and threatened with kidney removal

A BBC investigation has found that more than 300 migrants heading to the UK last summer were kidnapped, tortured and threatened with forced organ removal. The young men, all from Iraqi Kurdistan, were captured in Libya by a militia which demanded a ransom of \$5,000 from each of their families. Newshour hears from Libya expert Tim Eaton.

Also in the programme: the chief executive of US Soccer on the coming World Cup, and illegal fishing off the coast of Sierra Leone.

(Photo: Iraqi people smuggler Noah Aaron who is now serving a 10-year jail sentence in France)

TUE 15:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vgbdw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 15:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct8t0v)

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TUE 15:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg4pp8)

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TUE 15:32 Business Daily (w3ct8gqx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:32 today]

TUE 15:50 World Business Express (w3ct8d7w)

China and North Korea: Strengthening ties

Chinese President Xi Jinping has wrapped up a two-day visit to North Korea featuring military honours, public displays of friendship and talks with Kim Jong Un. While few concrete agreements emerged, the trip sends a clear signal that Beijing wants to strengthen its relationship with its isolated neighbour.

Plus, Indonesia's central bank has unexpectedly raised interest rates in an effort to stabilise the rupiah after its sharpest decline in years.

And the race to public markets is accelerating. Just days before SpaceX is expected to begin trading, OpenAI, the company behind ChatGPT, has confidentially filed for an initial public offering. We look at what could be one of the most significant listings in the technology sector for years.

Presenter: Leanna Byrne
Producer: David Cann

TUE 16:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vgg50)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 16:06 Outside Source (w1730c6dhjj540s)

Humanitarian situation in Gaza 'catastrophic'

Twenty countries have released a joint statement describing the humanitarian situation in Gaza as 'catastrophic' and calling on Israel to allow more aid into the territory. Australia, Japan and Britain are among the signatories urging Israel to overturn a new law allowing the government to ban dozens of international aid organisations. We speak to aid workers about the situation on the ground.

UK police chiefs have told the BBC that hundreds, if not thousands, of people's homes are being taken over by criminals every week, usually to store and deal drugs. Perpetrators of so-called cuckooing often target vulnerable people, including the elderly or disabled, by forcing themselves into homes to carry out illegal acts. We speak to our reporter and hear from people affected.

With the World Cup just days away we speak to super-fans who are follow their teams across the world, sometimes at huge cost.

Presenter: Rahul Tandon

(Photo: Palestinians gather to receive food from a charity

kitchen, in Gaza City, 2 June, 2026. Credit: Dawoud Abu Alkas/Reuters)

TUE 17:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vgkx4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 17:06 Outside Source (w1730c6dhjj57rx)

Nasa names Artemis III crew in next step to Moon landing

Nasa is naming the four astronauts who will blast off as part of the Artemis III mission in 2027 - the next step for humans to return to the Moon. Using what they learn from this mission, Nasa will work towards landing humans on Moon during the Artemis IV mission in 2028. We hear the latest and speak to astronauts.

Medical sources in Afghanistan say a woman and a child have been killed in a crackdown by Taliban forces on a protest against the detention of dozens of women for breaking strict religious dress codes. We speak to our reporter.

With the World Cup just days away we speak to superfans who are follow their teams across the world, sometimes at huge cost.

Presenter: Rahul Tandon

Photo: A view of the Moon taken by an Artemis II crew member through the window of the Orion spacecraft on the third day of the NASA mission April 3, 2024. Credit: NASA

TUE 18:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vgpn8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 18:06 Outlook (w3ct8jbx)

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TUE 18:50 Witness History (w3ct985y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

TUE 19:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vgtd0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 19:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89t7fn)

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TUE 19:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg55ns)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct8rpg)

2026/06/09 GMT

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

TUE 20:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vgy4j)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:06 Assignment (w3ct8h17)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg59dx)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:32 Tech Life (w3ct8jxz)

Tackling lithium battery fires on planes

When we fly we love to take our gadgets with us. But the lithium batteries that power them can catch fire. We find out about a new campaign urging us to pack with safety in mind.

Also this week: the BBC's Lily Jamali visits an international competition for new AI applications in San Francisco. And protecting Africa's endangered wildlife is an increasingly high-tech business - a new scheme aims to give conservation workers the latest skills.

Presenter: Chris Vallance
Producer: Tom Quinn

(Photo: A man is in an airport lounge. He is charging his smartphone with a portable charger, which is resting on a suitcase. Credit: Getty Images)

TUE 21:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vh1wn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 21:06 Newshour (w1730bn1kxhw3q)

President Trump says Iran has shot down an American military helicopter

The two crew members of a US army helicopter that crashed near the Strait of Hormuz were rescued by an American sea drone, say US officials. It was the first such operation carried out by US forces, the officials added.

Also on the programme: Iran's ticket allocation for its team's World Cup games in the US is cancelled; and the trial opens in Paris over a Europe-wide scheme to steal Russian literary classics.

(Photo: AH-64 Apache helicopters are American-made twin-turboshaft attack aircraft Credit: Getty Images)

TUE 22:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vh5ms)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 22:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct8t0v)

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TUE 22:32 In the Studio (w3ct8l5c)

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TUE 23:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vh9cx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89tqf5)

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TUE 23:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg5nn9)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct8f5k)

UK watchdog investigates mega takeover with Paramount and Warner Bros

The UK competition watchdog started the investigation into Paramount Skydance's \$110bn takeover of Warner Bros Discovery. We ask the former CMA director how will it affect the deal?

Also, why is Switzerland going to restrict the number of the population in the country?

And we look into one of the most successful IPO - SpaceX.

(Picture: The statue of justice, goddess of justice in front of UK flag. - stock photo, Credit Getty Images)

WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2026

WED 00:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vhf41)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 00:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct8h80)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

WED 01:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vhjw5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 01:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89tyxf)

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WED 01:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg5x4k)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 01:32 The Global Story (w3ct8mhm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:32 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vhnm9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 02:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89v2nk)

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WED 02:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg60wp)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 02:32 The Climate Question (w3ct99hk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 03:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vhscf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 03:06 Outlook (w3ct8jbx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Tuesday]

WED 03:50 Witness History (w3ct985y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vhx3k)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 04:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89vb4t)

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WED 04:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg68cy)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 04:32 Good Bad Billionaire (w3ct9bc2)

Steven Spielberg: Directing dreams and deals

Steven Spielberg always felt like an outsider, but became the most commercially successful movie director in history. His hits, including ET, Indiana Jones and Jurassic Park, sent him on his way to becoming one of the first entertainment billionaires. BBC business editor Simon Jack and journalist Zing Tsjeng chart the filmmaker's rise, from a movie-obsessed outsider with an 8mm camera, to the chaos of Jaws - a production he feared would end his career - to rewriting Hollywood's rulebook by inventing the modern blockbuster. With his new film Disclosure Day on the horizon, Zing and Simon explore if Steven Spielberg's sentimental storytelling and blockbuster dominance elevated cinema or narrowed it, and if his dealmaking instincts make him a creative visionary, a shrewd operator, or both?

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WED 05:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vj0vp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 05:06 Newsday (w1730c1cy0k331f)

In Myanmar rebels are losing military ground

We report from Myanmar where the forced recruitment of tens of thousands of conscripts has led to a change in fortune for the country's military. Until now the military was losing ground to rebel and ethnic groups across the country.

We look at how Los Angeles is gearing up for the World Cup with our Sport reporter who's covering the tournament.

And the US has launched fresh strikes on Iran after President Donald Trump accused Tehran's forces of shooting down a US Apache helicopter over the Strait of Hormuz.

Presenters: James Copnall and Barbara Plett.

(Photo: Rebel soldier in Myanmar. Credit: Darren Conway/BBC)

WED 06:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vj4lt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 06:06 Newsday (w1730c1cy0k36sk)

Myanmar rebels on defensive

We report from Myanmar where the forced recruitment of tens of thousands of conscripts has led to a change in fortune for the country's military. Until now the military was losing ground to rebel and ethnic groups across the country.

We hear from Taiwan's TSMC, the world's most important chipmaker that sits at the centre of the AI boom.

And Ukraine's foreign minister says Kyiv is seeking deeper ties with African countries, as it tries to counter Russia's growing influence on the continent.

Presenters: James Copnall and Barbara Plett.

(Photo: Men who fled forced conscription in Myanmar's military. Credit: Darren Conway/BBC).

WED 07:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vj8by)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 07:06 Newsday (w1730c1cy0k3bjp)

Rebel army on defensive in Myanmar

We report from Myanmar where the forced recruitment of tens of thousands of conscripts has led to a change in fortune for the country's military. Until now the military was losing ground to rebel and ethnic groups across the country.

Iran has launched a wave of strikes at US targets across the Middle East. It follows US strikes on Iran in response to the downing of an American Helicopter.

And what caused the overnight violence in Northern Ireland, with black people's homes reportedly targeted.

Presenters: Barbara Plett and James Copnall.

(Photo: BBC reporter Quentin Somerville with rebel army in Myanmar. Credit: BBC).

WED 08:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vj32)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 08:06 The Interview (w3ct98gz)

Mohammed Dewji, billionaire: I want to give back

"I do want to make money, but I want to make money in the right way, ethically. But more importantly, I want to use this money to be able to give back."

Charles Gitonga speaks to entrepreneur and businessman Mohammed Dewji about becoming one of Africa's youngest billionaires and how he wants to use his wealth.

Mohammed Dewji is a Tanzanian businessman, entrepreneur and philanthropist who has primarily accumulated his wealth from his family business, an East African conglomerate founded by his grandparents and expanded by his father in the 1970s. It deals with textile manufacturing, flour milling, beverages and edible oils.

About twenty-five years ago, Africa had no dollar billionaires. Today, there are still only 23, not a huge number for a continent rich in mineral wealth and an abundance of relatively cheap labour. Their combined wealth has grown to more than 100 billion US dollars.

Dewji signed the Giving Pledge in 2016 promising to donate at least half his fortune to philanthropic causes. He explains why he believes billionaires have a responsibility to give back.

Thank you to the Focus on Africa team for its help in making this programme.

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Presenter: Charles Gitonga
Producer: Cordelia Hemming
Editor: Justine Lang

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

(Image: Mohammed Dewji. Credit: Getty)

WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg6rcg)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct98s0)

Founders: Caecilia Chu on 200 rejections and building YouTrip

We meet Caecilia Chu, founder of one of Southeast Asia's fastest-growing fintech companies, YouTrip. Growing up in a small public housing flat in Hong Kong, she watched her father study at night for years to become an accountant, only to later struggle to secure a bank loan to start his own business. The experience left a lasting impression and sparked her interest in making financial services more accessible.

She tells Leanna Byrne how she went from a failed first startup and hundreds of investor rejections to building a company that now processes billions of dollars in payments each year. She also shares how the pandemic-era collapse in travel nearly wiped out the business overnight, forcing a dramatic pivot that ultimately helped YouTrip survive.

Founders with Leanna Byrne - The stories of the emotions from the highs and lows of starting a successful business
Producer: Amber Mehmood

(Picture: Caecilia Chu)

You can contact us by email to businessdaily@bbc.co.uk

WED 08:50 Witness History (w3ct9886)

Picasso and the Surrealist summer

In the summer of 1937, some of the 20th Century's most famous artists, writers and photographers were holidaying in the south of France.

They included artist Pablo Picasso, photographer Lee Miller, poet Paul Éluard and the painter Man Ray.

The group were part of the Surrealist movement – a style of art inspired by dreams and hidden thoughts that can look strange and bizarre – and one of their most recent converts was artist Eileen Agar.

Through a 1985 BBC interview with Eileen, digital archivist Jonathan Charlton tells the story of that summer in an episode produced by Jane Wilkinson.

Eye-witness accounts brought to life by archive. Witness History is for those fascinated by and curious about 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 how the Excel spreadsheet was developed, the creation of cartoon rabbit Miffy and how the sound barrier was broken.

We look at the lives of some of the most famous leaders, artists, scientists and personalities in history, including: the moment Reagan and Gorbachev met in Geneva, Haitian singer Emerante de Pradines' life and Omar Sharif's legendary movie entrance in Lawrence of Arabia.

You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, like the invention of a stent which has saved lives around the world; the birth of the G7; and the meeting of Maldives' ministers underwater. We cover everything from World War Two and Cold War stories to Black History Month and our journeys into space.

(Photo: Roland Penrose, Ady Fidelin, Picasso and Dora Maar, Cote d'Azur, France 1937. Credit: Lee Miller Archives)

WED 09:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vjhv6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 09:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89vxxg)

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WED 09:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg6w3l)

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WED 09:32 The Climate Question (w3ct99hk)

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WED 10:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vjmlb)

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WED 10:06 World Book Club (w3ct97sx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

WED 11:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vjrbg)

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WED 11:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg73lv)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct8mkw)

World Cup 2026: Your questions answered

The Fifa World Cup kicks off this week. Beginning Thursday, football - or soccer - matches, depending on your preference, will be played in the US, Mexico, and Canada, with a record 48 nations competing for the trophy.

However, the tournament has been beset by controversies over ticket prices, travel bans that affect fans and officials, and security concerns.

We answer questions from the audience about what to expect from this year's World Cup, with BBC Sports football issues correspondent, Dale Johnson.

Producer: Cat Farnsworth and Xandra Ellin

Executive producer: Bridget Harney

Sound engineer: Travis Evans

Senior news editor: China Collins

(Photo: A Fifa soccer ball in a locker room at Kansas City Stadium ahead of the 2026 Fifa World Cup. Credit: Denny Medley/Reuters)

WED 12:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vjw2l)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 12:06 Outlook (w3ct8jkp)

Love and lime leaves: Conjuring my grandma through her cooking

Ranie Saidi spent the earliest years of his life being raised by his grandmother, a sought-after wedding cook in her Malaysian village. Sitting in her kitchen watching her work her magic or following her through the bustling market, Ranie adored her, and always felt safest and happiest in her presence. So when she died unexpectedly at 59 years old, his world fell apart. He moved across the world to London to study law and start a new life, but when he couldn't outrun the sadness he felt, he sought therapy for the first time. It was his therapist who first suggested he might try cooking as a way of processing some of his grief. Despite never having cooked before, Ranie threw himself into the task of trying to recreate his grandmother's dishes from memory, visiting Malaysian restaurants across the city to try to remember flavour combinations from his childhood. Cooking for days on end, he started handing out food to neighbours and friends, who were so impressed by his dishes they suggested he start a supper club. Eventually he quit his job as a lawyer to focus on cooking full time. Ranie has just published his first book of recipes dedicated to his grandmother, called The Malay Cook.

John Farr was a young man in 1968 when he heard a song on the radio that stopped him in his tracks. The song was by an American psychedelic folk singer called Ed Askew who he'd never heard of before. John was so struck by Ed's unusual voice and songwriting that he rushed out to buy his record, listening to it over and over again. But when John tried to find out more about the artist, there was nothing. He consulted music magazines and radio stations, and even placed an advert asking for more information about Ed Askew, but no one seemed to know anything about this obscure folk singer. It remained a mystery, until decades later after a tip-off from a fellow fan, John finally managed to track down Ed's address. John wrote Ed a letter, telling him how much his music meant to him, and setting off a chain of events neither could have predicted.

Presenter: Mobeen Azhar

Producer: Zoe Gelber, Emily Naylor, Shivani Chaudari

(Photo: Ranie Saidi sits a table, smiling and wearing a green jumper, in front of a selection of his dishes. Credit: Mowie Kay)

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WED 14:06 Newshour (w1730bn1kjkxss)

US and Iran exchange fire after helicopter downed

The US says it has carried out a series of strikes on Iranian military and surveillance sites in response to the downing of an American helicopter in the Gulf. Iran responded with attacks on American bases across the region.

We hear from Bahrain, one of the Gulf countries where Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has claimed attacks.

Also on the programme: rebels in Myanmar tell the BBC they are losing ground to the military after the government began conscripting thousands to be soldiers; and a concert to celebrate the completion of Barcelona's iconic Sagrada Familia on the centenary of the death of its architect, Antoni Gaudí.

(Photo: Iranians walk past a large billboard featuring late Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on a street in Tehran on June 10, 2026. Credit: EPA/Shutterstock)

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WED 15:50 World Business Express (w3ct8db4)

US inflation hits three-year high as energy prices surge

The cost of goods in the United States is rising at its fastest pace in three years, with inflation driven mainly by soaring energy prices since the start of the war in Iran.

Economists say the energy shock is feeding through into broader price pressures across the world's largest economy.

Meanwhile, Taiwan's TSMC, a key player in the global AI boom and the centre of the US-China tech rivalry, has been speaking exclusively to the BBC about whether it can keep up with surging demand for advanced chips.

And with just a day to go, large numbers of World Cup 2026 tickets are appearing on resale platforms.

Presenter: Leanna Byrne

Producer: David Cann

WED 16:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vkc23)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 16:06 Outside Source (w1730c6dhjj80xw)

Rebels losing ground in Myanmar

It's more than five years since Myanmar erupted into civil war following the military coup that deposed its civilian government. Until recently, the military had been losing ground to rebels but now they are taking back some of the territory previously lost. We speak to our International Correspondent Quentin Sommerville who has spent time with rebels in Myanmar's Bago and Karen states.

A model who alleges Kanye West choked her on a music video set has told the BBC she was left feeling "suffocated, unsure and scared". We speak to our reporter about the interview.

WARNING: Listeners will hear details some may find distressing.

Bill Gates, the co-founder of Microsoft and one of the world's most prominent philanthropists, is being questioned by a congressional committee about his past association with the late convicted sex offender, Jeffrey Epstein. Our correspondent in Washington gives details.

The 2026 FIFA men's World Cup begins this week. We speak to business owners in Canada, US and Mexico about their expectations and preparations.

Presenter: James Reynolds.

(Photo: The BBC's Quentin Somerville with rebel army in Myanmar)

WED 17:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vkg7)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 17:06 Outside Source (w1730c6dhjj84p0)
Belfast unrest after knife attack

A Sudanese man has appeared in court in Northern Ireland accused of attempted murder over a knife attack. We speak to our correspondent and hear reaction from callers on the BBC's phone-in programme.

Iranian media say thousands of people in a town overlooking the Strait of Hormuz are without water, after American airstrikes damaged reservoirs. We have the latest.

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(Photo: A Glider bus, set fire by protesters, on the Newtownards Road in east Belfast, as disorder flared during an anti-immigration demonstration organised in response to Monday night's stabbing attack in the city, Tuesday June 9, 2026. Credit: PA/PA Wire)

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The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct8k2h)
How reading fiction impacts our mental health

How does reading shape our mind and spirit? Why do novels make us feel more human?

In front of a live audience at the Hay Festival of Literature & Arts in Wales in the UK, Claudia Hammond looks at the science of what reading does to the mind and explores the profound impact it can have on our lives and well-being.

She is joined on stage by award-winning novelist and travel writer Joanna Kavenna; Dr Paula Byrne, Jane Austen biographer, writer and co-founder of ReLit: The Bibliotherapy Foundation and Ben Alderson-Day, Professor in Psychology at Durham University and lead researcher on ReaderBank, an ongoing research project studying reading, imagination and wellbeing.

With these leading experts in psychology and the literary world, she examines the range of imaginative experiences that fiction readers have, whether novels can deepen our capacity for empathy and the therapeutic effect of reading on our minds.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond
Producer: Helena Selby

WED 21:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vksyr)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 21:06 Newshour (w1730bn1kxsl0t)
Ukraine steps up its aerial campaign

Experts say that recent advances in drone technology, including the AI-enabled Hornet system, have allowed Ukraine to attack Russian targets travelling to the front lines at greater distances and with increased accuracy.

Also on the programme: an Israeli airstrike hits the centre of Sidon in Lebanon, we hear from the local MP; violent unrest continues in Northern Ireland over immigration; and the conductor Marin Alsop leads a musical tribute to Barcelona's Sagrada Familia church and its famous architect Antoni Gaudi.

(Photo: Firefighters extinguish a fire at a historic museum following a drone attack by Ukraine in Sevastopol, Crimea. Credit: Government of Sevastopol via Reuters)

WED 22:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vl2jw)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 22:06 The Interview (w3ct98gz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

WED 22:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg8ft8)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 22:32 Good Bad Billionaire (w3ct9bc2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

WED 23:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vl690)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 23:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89xmb8)
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

WED 23:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg8kkd)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct8fvt)
US inflation hits three-year high

Gideon Long dives into the latest US inflation figures after prices rose at their fastest pace in three years. We hear from American business owners on the front line of rising costs.

We also turn to China, where inflation remains far lower than in the United States, and examine what the latest figures reveal about the strength of the world's second-largest economy.

And with the FIFA World Cup approaching North America, how are businesses preparing for the economic opportunities the tournament could bring?

(Picture: Fuel prices are displayed outside a gas station in Washington, DC, USA, 22 May 2026.JIM LO SCALZO/EPA/Shutterstock)

THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2026

THU 00:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vlb14)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 00:06 World Book Club (w3ct97sx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

THU 01:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vlfs8)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 01:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89xvtj)
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THU 01:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg8t1n)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 01:32 The Global Story (w3ct8mkw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:32 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vlkjd)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 02:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89xvzn)
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg8xss)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 02:32 The Documentary (w3ct9b80)
The Black Power Station: I rap what I like

On the edge of a failing South African city, a disused power station hums once again — this time with beats, voices, and possibility. Makhanda is a divided place and, for the majority, opportunities are scarce and challenges are constant: poverty is grinding, houses and roads crumble, unemployment is overwhelming, violence is never far away and life can be cheap.

But Makanda is also full of creativity and passion, and some of its young people are responding to the hardships they face with music. They are filling the gap where their futures should be with art rather than with drugs, alcohol or crime. The Black Power Station provides a stage for these musicians to do what they love as well as to get their message across. Their lyrics speak of poverty, inequality and violence but also of love, determination and hope.

With one of the artists as our guide, The Black Power Station: Resistance Generation takes us into the world of backyard studios and mobile phone mixing desks. From total first-timers to those starting to make a name for themselves, we get inside the heads of these musicians as they write, record and perform. We discover what music means to them, what their friends and families say about their ambitions and learn more about the dreams that spur them on. In particular, we're taken through the highs and lows of the build-up to Euphoria – the Black Power Station's music event of the year - where these artists get a chance to step into the spotlight and make themselves heard.

Presenter: Luthando Zingela
Producer: Jayne Morgan
Editor: Flora Zajicek
A The Big Light production for BBC World Service

THU 03:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vlp8j)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 03:06 Outlook (w3ct8jkg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Wednesday]

THU 03:50 Witness History (w3ct9886)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vl0n)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 04:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89y71x)
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THU 04:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzg9591)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct8sw3)

Can music change the way food tastes?

Music is part of the backdrop to millions of meals every day. But what if it is doing more than simply creating atmosphere?

In this episode of The Food Chain, Rumella Dasgupta explores the growing evidence that sound can shape the way we experience food and drink. From scientists studying how the brain combines hearing and taste, to chefs designing dishes around playlists, we ask whether music has become an ingredient in its own right.

Chef Gagan Anand explains why music sits at the centre of his restaurant in Bangkok, where sound, lighting and food are carefully choreographed into a single experience. Cognitive neuroscientist Ophelia Deroy shares research showing how music can influence our perception of sweetness, bitterness and texture, and explains why flavour is far more than what happens on the tongue.

We also hear from Ola Sars, founder of the business music platform Soundtrack, whose company helps restaurants, cafés and hotels tailor the music they play. He shares research suggesting that the right soundtrack can influence customer behaviour and even affect sales.

But not everyone is convinced. Dan Keeling, co-owner of London's Noble Rot restaurants and a former music industry executive who signed artists including Coldplay and Lily Allen, explains why he has chosen not to play music in his dining rooms at all.

From silent restaurants to carefully curated playlists, from neuroscience labs to commercial dining rooms, we explore the increasingly important role sound plays in the way we eat.

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

THU 05:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6v1xrs)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 05:06 Newsday (w1730c1cy0k5zyj)

Fifa head Infantino tells World Cup critics to "chill"

The head of FIFA, Gianni Infantino, has defended the organisation of the football World Cup, on the eve of the opening ceremony. It comes amid fierce criticisms over visas, tickets and the US's stance towards the Iranian team.

On Thursday Mexico will play South Africa at the Estadio Azteca for the opening match. We have an interview with the South African keeper Ronwen Williams.

And we speak to the lead creative of all three opening ceremonies as we look forward to Thursday's show in Mexico. It will celebrates Latin American culture and headlines Colombian superstar Shakira and Nigeria's Burna Boy.

Presenters: Barbara Plett Usher and James Copnall.

(Photo: FIFA President Gianni Infantino attends a press conference on the eve of the FIFA World Cup 2026 opening match, in Mexico City, Mexico. Credit: Isaac Esquivel/EPA).

THU 06:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vm1hx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 06:06 Newsday (w1730c1cy0k63pn)

Fifa President defends handling of Football World Cup

The head of FIFA, Gianni Infantino, has defended the organisation of the football World Cup, on the eve of the opening ceremony. It comes amid fierce criticisms over visas, tickets and the US's stance towards the Iranian team.

The US has carried out a wave of new strikes on Iran after President Trump said American forces would hit the country "hard" as sirens sound in Bahrain and air defences reportedly are engaged in Kuwait.

And there's been a second day of unrest in the northern Ireland city of Belfast that's impacted foreigners and ethnic minorities, we speak to a Congolese resident.

Presenters: Barbara Plett Usher and James Copnall.

(Photo:FIFA World Cup 2026 - FIFA President Gianni Infantino Press Conference - Estadio Azteca, Mexico City, Mexico. Credit: Henry Romero/Reuters).

THU 07:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vm581)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 07:06 Newsday (w1730c1cy0k67fs)

Head of Fifa tells fans to "chill"

The head of FIFA, Gianni Infantino, has defended the organisation of the football World Cup, on the eve of the opening ceremony. It comes amid fierce criticisms over visas, tickets and the US's stance towards the Iranian team.

We also speak to the captain of the South African team head of tonights match with Mexico.

And we look at the repatriation of hundreds of Nigerians from South Africa.

Presenters: Barbara Plett Usher and James Copnall.

(Photo: FIFA World Cup 2026 - FIFA President Gianni Infantino Press Conference - Estadio Azteca, Mexico City, Mexico. Credit: Henry Romero/Reuters).

THU 08:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vm905)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct98pr)

Why does Ebola keep coming back?

In May 2026, the World Health Organization declared an Ebola outbreak in western Africa a public health emergency of international concern. Within days, hundreds of cases had been recorded in the Democratic Republic of Congo, raising fears that the virus could spread further across the region.

Ebola has been causing outbreaks for nearly 50 years, but despite advances in vaccines and treatments, the disease continues to return. But why is it so difficult to treat and contain?

This week on The Inquiry, we're asking: "Why does Ebola keep coming back?"

Contributors:

Syra Madad, infectious disease epidemiologist at the Harvard Belfer Centre, US

Hypolite Muhindo Mavoko, professor of tropical medicine at the University of Kinshasa, the Democratic Republic of Congo
Amanda Rojek, associate professor of health emergencies at the University of Oxford, UK

Julienne Anoko, risk communication and community engagement officer at the World Health Organization Regional Office for Africa, Kenya

Presenter: Tanya Beckett

Producer: Matt Toulson

Researcher: Amelia Cox

Editor: Tom Bigwood

Technical producer: Nicky Edwards

Production management: Phoebe Lomas and Liam Morrey

(Photo: Ebola awareness banner in Democratic Republic of the Congo. Credit: Glordy Murhabazi/Getty Images)

THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgzyg9n8k)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct8gld)

Power Players: Elon Musk and SpaceX's IPO liftoff

It's not just about rockets. This week, Michelle, Rahul and Will explore one of the most anticipated stock market debuts in history: the SpaceX IPO. With a potential \$1.75 trillion valuation and intense global investor interest, it's widely tipped as one of the biggest market launches ever. But can the company live up to the hype — or is this Elon Musk's biggest gamble yet? Plus: what does SpaceX actually do, and why does it matter to investors?

This is the latest episode of our weekly Power Players show, hosted by Rahul Tandon and Will Bain in the UK, and North America Business Correspondent Michelle Fleury in New York.

Producer: Rebecca Smyllie

You can email the team: businessdaily@bbc.co.uk

(Picture: Tesla and SpaceX's CEO Elon Musk reacts during an event in London, UK in 2023. Credit: Kirsty Wigglesworth/Pool via REUTERS/File Photo)

THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct98bg)

The inspiration for Chekhov's Three Sisters

In 1897, Paul Shishkoff was 10 years old and living with his family in rural Russia.

It was there he met the great Russian playwright, Anton Chekhov, who was resting after the end of Moscow's theatre season.

During the long, hot summer, Paul became friends with Chekhov - accompanying him on rambles and fishing expeditions.

In 1938, Paul spoke to the BBC about their friendship and how his family became the inspiration for one of Chekhov's most famous works - Three Sisters.

BBC archivist Tariq Hussain, who discovered the incredible recording, tells the story. Produced by Jacqueline Paine.

Eye-witness accounts brought to life by archive. Witness History is for those fascinated by and curious about 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 how the Excel spreadsheet was developed, the creation of cartoon rabbit Miffy and how the sound barrier was broken.

We look at the lives of some of the most famous leaders, artists, scientists and personalities in history, including: the moment Reagan and Gorbachev met in Geneva, Haitian singer Emerante de Pradines' life and Omar Sharif's legendary movie entrance in Lawrence of Arabia.

You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, like the invention of a stent which has saved lives around the world; the birth of the G7; and the meeting of Maldives' ministers underwater. We cover everything from World War Two and Cold War stories to Black History Month and our journeys into space.

(Photo: Anton Chekhov in his garden in Yalta, 1902. Credit: Heritage Images via Getty Images)

THU 09:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vmdr9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 09:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89ytsk)

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THU 09:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgzyg9s0p)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 09:32 The Documentary (w3ct9b80)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

THU 10:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vmjhf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 10:06 The Explanation (w3ct98mh)

The Media Show: Reporting the World Cup

The men's football World Cup begins this week in the US, Mexico and Canada. With matches being played in three different time zones, it presents an unprecedented challenge for the media. Alex Kay-Jelski, Director of BBC Sport, Craig Hope, Chief Football Reporter at the Daily Mail, and Daniel Storey, Chief Football Writer at The i, set out their plans.

Violent disorder on the streets in Belfast has followed a knife attack earlier this week, with a Sudanese man who was granted refugee status in the UK in 2023 charged with attempted murder. Dan Johnson, BBC News correspondent, explains the challenge for journalists reporting from the ground.

Russia's economic forum in St Petersburg earlier this month played host to several Western social media stars. Influencers are now part of the messaging strategy for governments around the world. Samantha Berkhead, Editor of The Moscow Times, and Evie Aspinall, Director of the British Foreign Policy Group, discuss the reasons.

Production team

Presenters: Katie Razzall and Ros Atkins

Producers: Lisa Jenkinson and Lucy Wai

Researcher: Ruth Waites

Technical Coordinator: James Cherry

Sound: Robin Schroder and Rebecca Millar

THU 10:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyg9wrt)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 10:32 Happy News (w3ct8nwh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:32 on Saturday]

THU 11:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vmn7k)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 11:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89z28t)

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THU 11:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzb0hy)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct8mfc)

The world according to Marco Rubio

As a Florida senator, Marco Rubio seemed to hold an opposing world view to Donald Trump; on Russia-Ukraine, on China, on USAID, and more. He notably called Trump a “con man”, and Trump in turn dubbed him, “little Marco”.

And yet now, as US Secretary of State, Rubio has made himself indispensable to the president on foreign affairs, bringing his own background to play in policy on Venezuela and Cuba, and shaping the US' approach to further interventions abroad. Trump has even indicated that he wants Rubio to run on a joint ticket with JD Vance for the next US presidency.

How has Rubio tailored himself to Trump's world view? And what difference would he bring as a potential presidential candidate? Tom Bateman, the BBC's State Department correspondent, regularly travels with Rubio, and he joins Asma on today's show.

Producers: Hannah Moore and Aron Keller

Executive producer: Bridget Harney

Mix: Travis Evans

Senior news editor: China Collins

Photo: Marco Rubio attends a Senate Appropriations subcommittee to testify about the proposed 2027 budget for the Department of State, June 3, 2026. Credit: Reuters/Evelyn Hockstein.

THU 12:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vmrzp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct8j44)

The Sudanese doctor who rebuilt a war-ravaged hospital

Dr Mustafa Omer grew up amidst a backdrop of conflict in his home country of Sudan. He was just 11 years old in 2003 when his older siblings told him that war had broken out in the Darfur region. As a family they were displaced from their village to the mountains and Mustafa was denied an education, having to swap school for tending cattle. But having witnessed the severe lack of medical services in his community while growing up, he had dreams of becoming a doctor. He eventually managed to qualify, and when the current civil war began in 2023 he decided to travel towards the trouble and singlehandedly organise the re-opening of a hospital in the town of Tawila which had been all but destroyed amidst clashes there. Despite the huge challenges, including lack of resources or fully-trained staff, the hospital has become a lifeline for thousands of Sudanese people at the darkest, most violent moments of the conflict.

In 2006 André Krüger was inducted into Football Australia's Hall of Fame, an organisation that honours Australia's footballing legends. The thing is that André isn't Australian and he's never played even a minute of international football. So how did a retired German engineer join the elites of Australian soccer? Tim Mansel reports on the childhood obsession that became a lifelong occupation.

Presenter: Jo Fidgeon

Producers: Hannah Dean, Maryam Maruf

Interpreter: Ayman Alali

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(Photo: Dr Mustafa Omer at work in the hospital wearing white medical uniform with a stethoscope around his neck. He is looking down at his notes. Credit: Courtesy of Mustafa Omer)

THU 12:50 Witness History (w3ct98bg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

THU 13:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vmwqt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 13:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm89z9s2)

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THU 13:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzb806)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 13:32 The Food Chain (w3ct8sw3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

THU 14:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vn0gy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 14:06 Newshour (w1730bnlkjxntq0)

Trump says US will hit Iran 'very hard tonight'

The US military has struck another commercial tanker in the Strait of Hormuz, accusing it of violating its blockade of Iranian ports. It's the third ship to be targeted by American missiles this week. All had Indian crews. On Wednesday three Indian seafarers were killed when their vessel was hit off the coast of Oman.

Also in the programme: Britain's defence minister has resigned, accusing the prime minister Keir Starmer of failing to deliver on commitments to boost military spending; the Pope's visit to the Spanish islands where many African immigrants have sought sanctuary; and Mexico take on South Africa today in the first game of the tournament at World Cup 2026.

(Photo credit: EPA)

THU 15:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vn472)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 15:06 The Inquiry (w3ct98pr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

THU 15:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzbhbg)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 15:32 Business Daily (w3ct8gld)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:32 today]

THU 15:50 World Business Express (w3ct8d5m)

SpaceX Prepares for a Historic Market Launch

Wall Street is preparing for what could be the biggest IPO in history as SpaceX gets ready to begin trading on the public markets. We look at the final steps before launch, what investors can expect, and what the listing could mean for the wider technology and space sectors.

Also on the programme, the European Central Bank has raised interest rates for the first time in almost three years as policymakers respond to inflationary pressures across the eurozone.

Nearly a year after the crash of Air India Flight 171, investigators are expected to provide an update. But the inquiry has become increasingly controversial, with competing theories about what caused the disaster and growing scrutiny of the investigation itself.

And the World Cup kicks off in Mexico. We head to Atlanta, one of the tournament's host cities, to find out whether businesses and residents are ready for the economic opportunities and challenges that come with football's biggest event.

Presenter: Leanna Byrne

Producer: David Cann

THU 16:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vn7z6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 16:06 Outside Source (w1730c6dhjbxzt)

Fifa World Cup 2026 begins

Football fans are heading later to the Azteca Stadium in Mexico

City where the first match of the World Cup will kick off. The opening ceremony takes place there as well as in Toronto and Los Angeles. We hear from football fans around the world and speak to our reporters in Mexico City and in Johannesburg.

We also speak to organisers of the previous opening ceremonies about what it takes to create these events.

The father of one of the pilots killed in last year's Air India plane crash has told the BBC he will continue to defend his son's reputation, on the eve of the first anniversary of the disaster. Our reporter joins to tell more about her interview.

The US singer-songwriter Olivia Rodrigo has become one of the world's biggest pop stars. We speak to our music correspondent who has interviewed her.

Presenter: James Reynolds

(Photo: Football fan wearing a fluffy green hat with two fluffy footballs, Mexico City, Mexico, 11 June, 2026. Credit: Hannah McKay/Reuters)

THU 17:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vncqb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 17:06 Outside Source (w1730c6dhjbc113)

Fifa 2026 World Cup begins

The first match of the football World Cup will kick off at the Azteca Stadium in Mexico City in a few hours time. We speak to our reporters covering the tournament, and we hear from fans across the world.

There will be an opening ceremony in Mexico City as well as in the coming days in Toronto and Los Angeles. We speak to organisers of the previous opening ceremonies about what it takes to create these events.

Nigeria has become the latest African nation to repatriate some of its citizens from South Africa following a rise in anti-migrant sentiments in the country. We hear from one returnee and our reporter who was at the airport as the first group of Nigerians landed.

Presenter: James Reynolds

(Photo: Mexico fans queue to enter the stadium before the match. Credit: Kai Pfaffenbach/Reuters)

THU 18:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vnhgg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 18:06 Outlook (w3ct8j44)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

THU 18:50 Witness History (w3ct98bg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

THU 19:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vmn6l)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 19:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm8b017v)

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THU 19:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzbzgz)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct8rm6)

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

THU 20:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vnaqyq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 20:06 The Documentary (w3ct9b80)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzc373)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 20:32 BBC Inside Science (w3ct977q)

How do you build an unbuildable tower?

After 144 years the tallest tower on the Sagrada Familia is finally complete, but when Gaudi first designed it, the technology to build the tower didn't exist. We're joined by Tristram Carfrae, structural engineer and designer at Arup who was tasked with this impossible feat over a decade ago.

With the reappearance of screwworm in North America, we ask – is it ever acceptable to intentionally drive a species to extinction? Tom is joined by Dr Gregory Kaebnick from the Hastings Center for Bioethics to dive into the science that could make it happen and the ethics stopping us.

Four in five of us will check the weather daily, but do we really know what our apps are telling us? Meteorologist Simon King guides us through the complex models behind these forecasts that govern our daily decisions.

Plus, science journalist Caroline Steel is in the studio bringing us the scientific discoveries the headlines missed, but that you need to know.

Presenter: Tom Whipple
Producer: Kate White
Editor: Martin Smith
Production Co-ordinator: Jana Bennett-Holesworth

THU 21:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vnpv)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 21:06 Newshour (w1730bn1kxpnxx)
World Cup starts in Mexico City

Football fans have filled the Azteca Stadium in Mexico City for the start of the World Cup. After the opening ceremony, Mexico takes on South Africa in the first of 104 matches in the expanded tournament. 48 nations are competing for football's ultimate prize. The co-hosts Canada and the United States will hold their own opening ceremonies before their first group matches on Friday and Saturday.

Also in the programme: Pope Leo urges world leaders to treat migrants more humanely; and drama in the world of chess as Russia is suspended - we'll hear from the governing body's president, who is himself Russian.

(Photo: FIFA World Cup 2026 - Group A - Mexico v South Africa - Estadio Azteca, Mexico City, Mexico - June 11, 2026. A performer during the opening ceremony before the match. Credit: Reuters/Kai Pfaffenbach)

THU 22:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vzfz)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 22:06 The Inquiry (w3ct98pr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

THU 22:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzgcqbc)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 22:32 The Food Chain (w3ct8sw3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

THU 23:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vp363)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 23:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm8b0j7c)
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THU 23:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzgcggh)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct8fq9)
It's official: 2026 is an El Niño year

El Niño has officially begun, according to scientists at the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Will Bain examines what the climate phenomenon could mean for food prices, energy markets, economic growth and weather patterns around the world.

We'll also look ahead to Friday's huge Initial Public Offering in shares in SpaceX.

And the World Cup is under way. We hear from businesses and residents about the opportunities, disruptions and expectations as the tournament gets started.

(Picture: Indonesian farmers brace for possible dry spell linked to El Niño, Indonesia, June 4, 2026. REUTERS/Willy

Kurniawan)

FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2026

FRI 00:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vp6y7)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:06 The Explanation (w3ct98mh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzgc6m)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct8tw7)
Fighting resumes between Israel and Hezbollah

This week John Simpson, in discussion with the BBC's unparalleled range of experts across the world, explores the impact of Israel's recent attacks on Lebanon, analyses the flotation of SpaceX and what it will mean for Elon Musk, and looks at the outcome of the election in Armenia.

Producer: Kate Cornell
Executive Producer: Benedick Watt
Commissioning Editors: Silvia Costeloe and Paul Royall

FRI 01:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vpbpc)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 01:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm8b0rqm)
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FRI 01:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzgcpr)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 01:32 The Global Story (w3ct8mfc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:32 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vpqfth)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm8b0wgr)
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

FRI 02:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzgcptw)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:32 Tech Life (w3ct8jxz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Tuesday]

FRI 03:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vpl5m)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 03:06 Outlook (w3ct8j44)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Thursday]

FRI 03:50 Witness History (w3ct98bg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vppxr)
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FRI 04:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm8b13z0)
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FRI 04:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzgd264)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct983p)
Following the Path of the Rose

Saint, Sinner, Freedom Fighter, Leader, Follower, Symbol of the Divine Feminine... Mary Magdalene is one of the most controversial and significant figures in Christian history. But what does it mean to walk in her footsteps today? Journalist Natasha Serlin, embarks on a personal journey to connect with her legacy and explore how it resonates with her, here, now, today.

She traces Mary's path through southern France, beginning at the spot where she is believed to have first arrived: Saintes-Marie-de-la-Mer, and continuing to the cave of Saint Baume where she is said to have spent the final 30 years of her life. As Natasha walks, she becomes conscious of her presence, imagining her processing the loss of her beloved, enduring exile, and spreading a message of love, healing, empowerment and unity.

For Natasha, this journey has echoes of her own personal struggles: the loss of her mother, a divorce, leaving the family home, and more recently navigating the death of a dear friend. As she follows Mary's footsteps, she explores the physical terrain and her own inner landscape - open to whatever revelations may come.

Producer/presenter: Natasha Serlin
Series producer: Rajeev Gupta
Production co-ordinator: Mica Nepomuceno
Editor: Chloe Walker

FRI 05:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vptnw)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 05:06 Newsday (w1730c1cy0k8wvm)
World Cup kicks off in Mexico

World Cup football has kicked off in Mexico City, with the co-hosts beating South Africa two goals to nil in the first of more than a hundred matches spread across North America.

Iran says it still hasn't reached a decision about an agreement aimed at ending the war with the US, which President Trump announced late on Thursday

And while the world's attention has been diverted to Mideast conflicts, Palestinians are being forced from their homes in Occupied East Jerusalem.

Presenters: Barbara Plett Usher and James Copnall.

(Photo: Mexico Fans during the FIFA World Cup Group A match at the Mexico City Stadium. Credit: Nick Potts/PA).

FRI 06:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vpyf0)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 06:06 Newsday (w1730c1cy0k90lr)
World Cup has officially begun

In the opening matches a comfortable win for the co-hosts Mexico who defeated South Africa 2-0 and South Korea came from behind to beat the Czech Republic.

We look at the expected benefits from the tournament for the economy of co-hosts Canada.

And Iran says it has not reached a final decision on a deal with Washington after US President Trump claimed that a deal to end the current conflict, was close. We speak to the United Nations about concerns over the continuing escalation in the Middle East.

Presenters: Barbara Plett Usher and James Copnall.

(Photo: South Korean fans react during the FIFA World Cup 2026 Group A match between South Korea and Czechia in Guadalajara, Mexico. Credit: Francisco Guasco/EPA).

FRI 07:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vq254)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 07:06 Newsday (w1730c1cy0k94bw)
World Cup officially underway

The World Cup has officially started and with two matches played so far, Mexico and South Korea have secured wins. We report on those matches and how fans have been celebrating the wins.

We also look at how this sport event is expected to be the biggest betting event in history.

And report on the agony of the families of the Air India crash. They describe their year long battle to identify correctly the remains of the victims.

Presenters: Barbara Plett Usher and James Copnall.

(Photo: Fans react as they watch South Korea play the Czech Republic during their FIFA World Cup 2026 Group A match, at a public viewing event in Seoul. Credit: Kim Soo-hyeon/Reuters).

FRI 08:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vq5x8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:06 The Interview (w3ct98k7)

Paul McCartney, musician: I often think about the past

Mark Savage speaks to musician Paul McCartney. Born in Liverpool, England, during the Second World War, he found fame as a member of the legendary British band The Beatles in the 1960s, widely regarded as one of the most influential acts in music history.

McCartney shared primary singing and songwriting duties with bandmate John Lennon, and along with George Harrison and Ringo Starr, the four-piece became a global pop music sensation with hits such as Twist and Shout, Yesterday and Hey Jude.

They remain one of the best-selling musical acts of all time alongside the likes of Elvis Presley and Michael Jackson.

McCartney was knighted for his services to music in 1997, but despite his huge achievements, the 83-year-old seems to be showing no interest in retirement — he's releasing his 19th solo album.

The Boys of Dungeon Lane is inspired by his experiences growing up in post-war Liverpool, during which a young McCartney, carrying a guitar and wearing a bowler hat to catch attention, would hitchhike with John Lennon to places as far away as Paris.

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Presenter: Mark Savage
Producers: Steven Wright and Ben Cooper
Editor: Damon Rose

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(Image: Paul McCartney. Credit: Getty Images)

FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzgd5n)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct8tg9c)

The Weekly: AI rivals race to list shares

Connecting the timezones we get different perspectives on the key global business stories of the week, setting you up for the weekend. Rahul Tandon discusses OpenAI's plans to sell shares with Emily Peck from Axios and David Kuo from The Smart Investor. Plus, who are their business heroes and villains of the week?

Presenter: Rahul Tandon
Producer: Josh Martin

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(Picture: CEO of OpenAI Sam Altman waves as he speaks with reporters, following meetings on Capitol Hill, in Washington, D.C. in June 2026. Credit: REUTERS/Kylie Cooper)

FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct98dq)

Hussein of Jordan: The survivor king

In 1970, King Hussein of Jordan survived after gunmen opened fire on his motorcade close to his summer palace. The king remained unharmed, but his driver was wounded. It wasn't the king's first near-miss.

Before being crowned, Hussein survived another attempt when his grandfather, King Abdullah, was assassinated by a Palestinian gunman in 1951. Hussein was saved when a medal deflected a stray bullet. And there were other attempts. One would-be assassin used nose drops poisoned with acid. Another time, a cook was given poison to put in the king's food.

Many of the attempts were because of his pro-Western stance and his efforts to control Palestinian guerrillas. Jane Wilkinson has been through the BBC archives to find out more about the 'survivor king', who tells his story in his own words.

Eye-witness accounts brought to life by archive. Witness History is for those fascinated by and curious about 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 how the Excel spreadsheet was developed, the creation of cartoon rabbit Miffy and how the sound barrier was broken.

We look at the lives of some of the most famous leaders, artists, scientists and personalities in history, including: the moment Reagan and Gorbachev met in Geneva, Haitian singer Emerante de Pradines' life and Omar Sharif's legendary movie entrance in Lawrence of Arabia.

You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, like the invention of a stent which has saved lives around the world; the birth of the G7; and the meeting of Maldives' ministers underwater. We cover everything from World War Two and Cold War stories to Black History Month and our journeys into space.

(Photo: King Hussein, 1970. Credit: Fred Ihrt/LightRocket via Getty Images)

FRI 09:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vq9nd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 09:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm8b1qpn)

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FRI 09:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzgdms)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 09:32 BBC Inside Science (w3ct977q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Thursday]

FRI 10:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vqfdj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct8kcj)

The beautiful game

As the Fifa Men's World Cup kicks off this week in the United States, Mexico, and Canada, football fever is everywhere – and this has the Unexpected Elements team exploring all things football.

First, we discover how it took eight years and 170 experiments for scientists to create the perfect grass pitch. Then, why a football is not really a ball... it's a truncated icosahedron. We discuss how this shape revolutionised not only the beautiful game, but nanotechnology too.

Then, what secrets can your sweat reveal? We are joined by Prof John Rogers who explains how sweat is an underappreciated and understudied biomarker of our health.

And whether in life or in football, what is a better strategy – survival of the fittest or co-operation and teamwork? Author Rowan Hooper joins us to battle it out.

Presenter: Marnie Chesterton, with Chhavi Sachdev and Ogechi Ekeanyanwu
Producer: Ella Hubber, with Sophie Ormiston, Lucy Davies and Robbie Wojciechowski

FRI 11:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vqk4n)

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FRI 11:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm8b1z5x)

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FRI 11:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzgdxf1)

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FRI 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct8m8v)

The World Cup referee barred from the United States

The 2026 World Cup kicked off last night in Mexico, after a series of controversies in the lead up, including over visas for foreign teams, fans, media and officials hoping to go to the host countries: US, Canada and Mexico.

The latest scandal involves FIFA dropping Somali referee Omar Artan, after the US refused him entry. FIFA's president Gianni Infantino said "we don't control everything", and asked critics to 'chill'.

US Customs and Borders protection said in a statement that "derogatory information, including association with suspected members of terror organisations" was discovered after Omar Artan landed at Miami International Airport to attend the tournament. Artan says he told border officials he knows nothing about the Somali militant group Al Shabab.

Today, we speak to Charles Gitonga, senior journalist and host of the BBC's Focus on Africa podcast, about how Africans are reacting to the news, and whether the controversies will have long-term consequences for US-Africa relations.

Producers: Sam Chantarasak and Cat Farnsworth
Executive producer: Bridget Harney
Video editor: Matt Pintus
Mix: Travis Evans
Senior News Editor: China Collins

Photo: Somali referee Omar Artan. Credit: Ulrik Pedersen/NurPhoto via Getty Images

FRI 12:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vqwns)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 12:06 Outlook (w3ct8hpl)

Outlook Mixtape: No ordinary Joe

Chris Barns, known as Brolga, is a kangaroo 'mum' – he rescues orphaned baby kangaroos, or joeys, carrying them around in a pillowcase to mimic their mother's pouch. While working as a tour guide in the Outback, Brolga would always check the pouches of kangaroos killed by cars on the road, finding that often the joeys would still be alive. He gave up his job to create a sanctuary for them in Alice Springs. After spending all of his money building a giant dingo-proof fence, he ended up living in a tin shack on site, without electricity or a toilet, sharing his bed with joeys. But after he starred in a BBC documentary series called Kangaroo Dundee, Brolga received hundreds of emails from fans which guaranteed the sanctuary's survival. And he was able to dedicate all his time to mothering orphaned joeys, some of which starred in a family film called Kangaroo, inspired by his life.

Mokhtar Alkhanshali is a young American who went back to his family's homeland in Yemen to work with the farmers there and try to get his coffee import business off the ground. As he told Outlook in 2017, he encountered all kinds of challenges including malaria, tape worm and air strikes. But despite the difficulties his business did well, and he is now opening a cafe and art gallery in San Francisco.

Marjoe Gortner was just four years old in 1944 when his parents had him ordained as an evangelical minister. He was dubbed 'the miracle child' and conducted his first marriage ceremony before he even went to school. During the 1950s he became a star turn on the American preaching circuit and attracted huge crowds for his exuberant preaching, raking in millions of dollars. But behind it all was an elaborate con, and years later Marjoe went public with an exposé documentary. He spoke to Outlook in 2022.

Presenter: Jo Fidgen
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(Photo: A transparent 60-minute cassette tape with a white label bearing the words: The Outlook Mixtape. Credit: Getty Images)

FRI 12:50 Witness History (w3ct98dq)

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FRI 13:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm8b26p5)

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FRI 13:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzgf4x9)

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FRI 13:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct983p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

FRI 14:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vqxd1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 14:06 Newshour (w1730bn1k1xqrqm3)

SpaceX offers its shares for public purchase

SpaceX shares have begun trading on the US stock exchange, marking what could be the largest initial public offering in history.

If share sales reach the company's suggested price of \$135 (£100), it will set founder Elon Musk on track to be the world's first trillionaire.

Also in the programme: We pay tribute to David Hockney, one of the UK's most important and influential artists, who has died at the age of 88; Iran and the US both suggest they're close to a deal to end the conflict between them; and the biggest sporting show in the world comes to Canada - but are Canadians buying the World Cup hype?

(Photo shows SpaceX CEO Elon Musk on a live feed projected onto the Nasdaq MarketSite in New York City, on 12 June 2026. Credit: Jeenah Moon/Reuters)

FRI 15:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vr145)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:06 The Interview (w3ct98k7)

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FRI 15:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzgfddk)

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FRI 15:32 Business Daily (w3ct8g9c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:32 today]

FRI 15:50 World Business Express (w3ct8d13)

SpaceX Begins Trading in Landmark \$1.8 Trillion Listing

Today is the day SpaceX begins trading on public markets after raising around \$75 billion in one of the largest listings on record, valuing the company at nearly \$1.8 trillion.

Broader markets are also edging higher, with investors weighing whether enthusiasm around SpaceX is part of a wider surge linked to major AI-related listings still to come.

There is also growing focus on the personal implications of the listing. The scale of the valuation raises the possibility of Elon Musk entering the trillion-dollar club, prompting questions about what that means in practice

Presenter: Leanna Byrne

Producer: David Cann

FRI 16:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vr4w9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 16:06 Outside Source (w1730c6dhjjftr2)

Celebrated British artist David Hockney dies

The celebrated British artist David Hockney has died at the age of 88. He was known for his bold figurative paintings and exploration of light and space. We speak to artists about his influence.

Thailand's Princess Bajrakitiyabha, who had been in a coma for more than three years, has died, the royal household has announced. She was 47. We speak to our South East Asia correspondent.

World Cup co-hosts USA and Canada will get their tournament underway later today after holding their own opening ceremonies. We speak to our sports reporter.

Mexico is also hosting the World Cup. Three Mexicans discuss why some people in the country are feeling less enthusiastic about the event.

Recent research has found that only four in ten adults feel comfortable speaking about their finances, making asking to split the bill also difficult. We hear messages from listeners and speak to an etiquette expert.

Presenter: James Reynolds.

(Photo: David Hockney sitting in front of his work entitled Card Players (left) and A Bigger Card Players at the launch of an Exhibition of his work called David Hockney: Painting And Photography at Annely Juda Fine Art in central London.Credit: John Stillwell/PA Wire)

FRI 17:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vr8mf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 17:06 Outside Source (w1730c6dhjjfyh6)

SpaceX debuts on stock exchange

SpaceX is making its debut on the New York stock market, in a move that should make it one of the largest companies in the United States. We speak to our business correspondent.

The celebrated British artist David Hockney has died at the age of 88. He was known for his bold figurative paintings and exploration of light and space. We speak to artists about his influence.

World Cup co-hosts USA and Canada will get their tournament underway later today after holding their own opening ceremonies. We speak to reporters in New York and Toronto.

UFC Freedom 250 is set to take place on the White House's South Lawn on 14 June. Our correspondent has been looking around the arena.

Presenter: James Reynolds.

(Photo: Founder, CEO, chairman, and chief engineer of SpaceX, Elon Musk, speaks via videolink on the day of SpaceX's initial public offering (IPO) at the Nasdaq MarketSite in New York City, US., 12 June, 2026. Credit: Brendan McDermid/Reuters)

FRI 18:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vrdck)

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FRI 18:06 Outlook (w3ct8hpl)

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FRI 18:50 Witness History (w3ct98dq)

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FRI 19:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vrj3p)

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FRI 19:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm8b2y4y)

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FRI 19:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzgfwd2)

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FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct8rgp)

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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 (w1730nknk6vrmtt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:06 BBC Conversations (w3ct8m3q)

World Cup superfans

The most watched sporting event in the world has not been without its controversies, including high ticket prices and transport costs, as well as rows over visas and concerns about security.

But, in our conversations, we wanted to hear from supporters. We bring together three world cup superfans, including Craig who's walked across the United States to see his team compete.

"Football is the universal language of the world," he tells us. "That is just fact no matter where you travel, no matter where you go."

We also hear from guests in Jordan, Curacao in the Caribbean, Cape Verde and Uzbekistan. They share their excitement of watching their countries take part for the first time.

Presenter: James Reynolds
BBC producers: Lindsay Brown and Isabella Bull
Boffin Media producer: Richard Hollingham
Editors: Arja Haikonen and Harriet Oliver

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(Photo: Danny Pires - who features in our programme - at the recent Cape Verde v Bermuda friendly)

FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzgg046)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct8k70)

Why does paper fold so well?

CrowdScience listener Haruka has been making origami cranes out of paper since she was a child. Creating one out of a cloth napkin, however, was a next-level challenge. It gave her a new appreciation of paper's excellent foldability, and made her wonder: what is it about paper's structure that means it remembers its creases?

We set out to unfold her question as we peer into paper's secrets. First stop: Frogmore, the world's first mechanised paper mill. Here, Dr Steven Mann is on hand to explain the papermaking process, the chemistry of paper, and why that makes for a foldable sheet.

Host Caroline Steel tries to make a paper crane, assisted by both listener Haruka and origami teacher Toshiko Kurata, who also introduces us to an array of paper types. Each type folds differently, and, with the help of a trusty microscope, Professor Bill Sampson from the University of Manchester reveals why.

Finally, we see just how complex paper folding can get, meeting Professor Tomohiro Tachi from the University of Tokyo, and his invention, The Organizer.

Presenter: Caroline Steel

Producer: Cathy Edwards

Editor: Ben Motley

(Photo: Toshiko Kurata and Caroline Steel with origami creations - Credit:BBC)

FRI 21:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vrrly)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 21:06 Newshour (w1730bn1kjskv0)

Elon Musk becomes world's first trillionaire as SpaceX shares soar

Elon Musk has become the world's first trillionaire after his company SpaceX debuted on the Nasdaq stock market in New York. Shares jumped more than 25% over their initial offer price, valuing the rocket, satellite, and AI firm at more than two trillion dollars.

Also on the programme: One of the world's best-known artists David Hockney has died aged 88; and the English miners who took football to Mexico.

(Photo: SpaceX company leadership ring the opening bell to celebrate during SpaceX's initial public offering (IPO) at the Nasdaq MarketSite in New York City, US, June 12, 2026. Credit: Reuters/Brendan McDermid)

FRI 22:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vrwc2)

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FRI 22:06 The Interview (w3ct98k7)

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FRI 22:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzgg7mg)

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FRI 22:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct983p)

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FRI 23:00 BBC News (w1730nknk6vs036)

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FRI 23:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqjm8b3f4g)

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FRI 23:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlgyzgcecl)

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FRI 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct8fks)

Elon Musk becomes the world's first trillionaire

Elon Musk has become the world's first trillionaire after SpaceX shares soared following the company's stock market debut in New York. Andrew Peach examines what's driving the company's remarkable rise from its Starlink satellite business to the enduring appeal of the Musk brand.

Also on the programme, Switzerland is preparing to vote on proposals to limit population growth. But could restricting

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migration come at a cost to the country's economy? And we'll assess the legacy of one of the art world's biggest names, as David Hockney dies aged 89, and ask what continues to make his work so sought after and valuable. (Picture: A billboard of SpaceX is pictured on the day of SpaceX's initial public offering (IPO) at the Nasdaq MarketSite, in New York City, U.S., June 12, 2026. REUTERS/Jeenah Moon)		
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