

SATURDAY 18 MAY 2024**SAT 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gw21k)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 00:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q1r)

Winning Losers

In a competitive world, is it always best to finish first? A tribute to second place, second thoughts, and second opinions.

You might assume that Olympic gold medallists have more successful lives than their silver-placed competitors. A study shows that on average winners die a year younger than the runners up, and earn less money.

In the invasive jelly-fish wars of the Black Sea of recent years, it seems the second-comers prevailed over the voracious first-timers.

And what about siblings? Does the first-born in a family really have any discernible advantage in life?

Also, the potential perils of cutting-edge wearable medi-tech, the value of second opinions, and the chemical benefits of silver itself.

Presented by Marnie Chesterton, with Godfred Bofoa and Andrada Fiscutean
Produced by Alex Mansfield, with Dan Welsh, Julia Ravey and Noa Dowling
Sound by Gwynfor Jones

SAT 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gw5sp)

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SAT 01:06 Donald Trump receives big cash pledges despite conviction (w172zbfhmt6fyk)

Boeing CEO's \$33m exit package

Shareholders of plane maker Boeing approved a pay package of nearly \$33 million for outgoing CEO Dave Calhoun - the highest ever agreed by the company - at its AGM on Friday. Mr Calhoun, who will leave the company at the end of the year, was also re-elected to stay on the troubled company's board.

Cubans are enduring some of their bleakest economic times since the Cold War – amid worsening inflation, a scarcity of basic goods and a decades-long US economic embargo. The BBC's Correspondent, Will Grant, looks at how the situation has impacted on one of Cuba's most quintessential industries – sugar – to see how tough the situation has become.

Plus as Mercedes workers in Alabama have voted against joining a union we look at the result means for workers and management.

Rahul Tandon is joined by Peter Ryan, ABC's senior business correspondent, in Sydney and Han Lin, China Country Director of "The Asia Group" a Washington DC based consultancy, and NYU Shanghai professor based in Shanghai.
(Image Credit: The Washington Post/Getty Images.)

SAT 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gw9jt)

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SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq863fnhy4)

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SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfws2knt6)

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SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct5wgl)

Sir Alastair Cook on Jimmy Anderson's future after retirement

Alison Mitchell, Jim Maxwell and Charu Sharma are joined by not one, but two, former international cricket captains.

England's Sir Alastair Cook gives us his thoughts on Jimmy Anderson's decision to retire and reflects on his career. He also shares if he was surprised by the timing of the decision. Plus with a new portrait of Cook being unveiled at the Lord's, he tells us what he really thinks of it.

And we hear from former Pakistan captain Bismah Maroof who has announced her retirement from the game. She tells us why she has decided not to take part in the T20 World Cup later this year and also on her experience of balancing motherhood and cricket.

Photo: Sir Alastair Cook and James Anderson pose with the Ashes urn as England celebrate winning the ashes after day four

of the 5th Test match between England and Australia at The Kia Oval on August 23, 2015 in London, United Kingdom.
(Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gw8y)

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SAT 03:06 Outlook (w3ct698p)

Outlook Mixtape: Hidden roots; island reburial; boy witness

Moira Millán is an indigenous Mapuche activist who has led her people's struggle for rights and representation. But as a child she had no idea of her ancestral roots until an encounter with a stranger challenged the very core of who she thought she was. She ended up travelling the length and breadth of Argentina for almost three years to bring 36 indigenous groups together for the first ever indigenous women's march on the capital.

In 2012, Annina van Neel travelled to the tiny South Atlantic island of St Helena to work as an environmental officer for an airport construction project. After excavators uncovered the remains of more than 300 formerly enslaved Africans, victims of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade, Annina turned her attention to the fight for their proper reburial. It was a campaign that would force her to reassess her relationship to her own heritage.

On the day his mother disappeared in December 1989, 11-year-old Collier Landry started looking for evidence. He suspected his father, a rich and well-respected town doctor, had something to do with it. This is the story of Collier's fight to get justice for his mother, and the detective who believed him.

Award-winning filmmaker Leo Regan forged a close bond with his friend Lanre Fehintola after meeting on a photography course in London. Together they sought to find humanity and beauty in the harshest of settings. Their most personal project became a trilogy of films documenting Lanre's descent into an underworld of drugs and criminality, a project that would define their lives and friendship forever.

Presenter: Asya Fouks

Producer: Thomas Harding Assinder

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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ydg)

When Cuban spy Ana Montes was caught

In 2001, the American Ana Montes, who was working for the United States Defense Intelligence Agency was arrested for espionage.

Although the FBI knew that there was a spy they didn't know who it was. The Cubans always referred to Ana by a man's name.

Former FBI agent, Pete Lapp, tells Gill Kearsley the fascinating story of how he and his team tracked down and arrested Ana, who is known as 'Queen of Cuba'.

(Photo: Ana Montes in 2001. Credit: FBI)

SAT 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gwk12)

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SAT 04:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q1r)

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SAT 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gwms6)

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SAT 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq863fnw5j)

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SAT 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfws2l11l)

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SAT 05:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct6nx3)

Diagnosed by a stranger, with Ria Lina

Comedian Ria Lina finds out she is autistic after an audience member picks up on it at one of her shows. What does being autistic mean for her?

She tells Namulanta that being a woman with autism is like being a chameleon: you wear lots of different masks to suit the occasion, but sometimes all you want to do is go to a quiet dark

place and crash.

Ria tells Namulanta all about autism so the next generation can feel more prepared than she did.

Letter writer: Ria Lina

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(Ria Lina image credit: Arabella Itani)

SAT 05:50 More or Less (w3ct5tq2)

Are falling marriage rates causing happiness to fall in the US?

It's long been known that marriage is associated with happiness in survey data. But are falling marriage rates in the US dragging down the mood of the whole nation?

We investigate the statistical relationships with Professor Sam Peltzman from the University of Chicago, and Professor John Helliwell, from the University of British Columbia.

Presenter: Tom Colls

Reporter: Natasha Fernandes

Production co-ordinator: Brenda Brown

Sound mix: Nigel Appleton

Editor: Richard Vadon

SAT 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gwsjb)

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SAT 06:06 Weekend (w172zcwy412w1f5)

Ukraine says shortage of manpower weakening morale

President Zelensky says a shortage of personnel is sapping morale in Ukraine's army. Samuel Ramani from the University of Oxford assesses Zelensky's options.

Also in the programme: Cuba's struggling sugar industry; and the shooting of Slovakia's prime minister.

Julian Worricker is joined by British writer Timandra Harkness and economist Ganeshan Wignaraja.

(Picture: A firefighter works at a site of a Russian missile strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, near Odesa, Ukraine May 17, 2024. Credit: Reuters)

SAT 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gwx8g)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 07:06 Weekend (w172zcwy412w559)

Ukraine acknowledges lack of troops

Ukraine's President Zelensky acknowledges that a lack of troops is affecting morale in war with Russia, a rare acknowledgement from the Ukrainian leader.

Also in the programme: a personal look at mental health by Dan Howell; and boxing's big night in Saudi Arabia.

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(Picture: Clouds of smoke rise above the city after Russian shelling in Kharkiv, Ukraine, 17 May 2024, Credit: EPA)

SAT 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gx10l)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 08:06 Weekend (w172zcwy412w8xf)

Ukraine says it has only a quarter of air defences needed to hold frontline

Ukraine President Zelensky says his country only has a quarter of the air defences it needs to hold the frontline against Russia. He told the French news agency AFP that the military required at least another 120 F-16 fighter planes. He's also admitted that a lack of manpower was sapping morale.

Also in the programme: ecologists in Costa Rica have just completed one of the largest ever surveys using audio recordings from its rainforests; and we talk to Ahmed Best who played the much-maligned character Jar Jar Binks in Star Wars' prequel films.

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(Picture: A man sits near his damaged home as smoke rises after shelling on the outskirts of Kharkiv on May 17, 2024. Credit: SERGEY KOZLOV/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

SAT 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gx4rq)

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SAT 09:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rbj)

The floods in Brazil

Vast areas of the southern Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Sul remain under water after the worst flooding in 80 years. Homes have been destroyed, thousands are without power or drinking water, and entire towns remain cut-off.

The torrential rains began in Rio Grande do Sul at the end of April, saturating the ground and bursting the banks of the Taquari and Caí rivers. Those rivers flow into the Guaíba, which has led to severe flooding in the state capital, Porto Alegre.

Six hundred thousand people have been displaced from their homes and more than 150 are confirmed to have died. Rescue workers continue to search for people who are missing.

We bring together three residents of Porto Alegre to share their experiences of the flooding, including Renata whose apartment was under water.

"I had these diaries that I write since I was a kid and when I got in my apartment to try to save a little bit of the things I have, everything was just turned down," she tells us. "All those memories only exist in my mind, because I couldn't save all those histories that I had with my family and my grandma."

We also bring together volunteer rescue workers. They share their stories of sailing along flooded streets, helping people escape the rising water, as well as their hopes to rebuild, no matter how long it takes.

A Boffin Media production in partnership with the BBC OS team.

(Photo: People being rescued in Brazil. Credit: Beto Bordasch)

SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfws21j13)

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SAT 09:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v0f)

Top Indian student speaks out about online trolls

Indian student Prachi Nigam beat millions in her exams - only to be mocked for the way she looks. She's been speaking out against her online trolls. Plus, how can you tell if your pet has anxiety?

SAT 09:50 Over to You (w3ct5t5n)

Funding the BBC's Global China Unit

A listener sends us his thoughts on our recent report on the BBC funding its new Global China Unit.

The BBC's updated news app and ability to listen live to the radio online have both come in for criticism from users.

We invite you to send your comments to the production team behind series three of Dear Daughter. And, do you agree with a listener who argues the BBC's correspondents should always be live?

Presenter: Rajan Datar
Producer: Howard Shannon

A Whistledown production for BBC World Service

SAT 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gx8hv)

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SAT 10:06 Sportshour (w3ct5q9l)

Pedro Scooby and the surfers helping Brazil's flood hit communities

As flooding in the Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Sul continues to cause devastation, Shabnam Younus-Jewell speaks

to Brazilian surfer Pedro Scooby who is among a number of sportspeople from the country helping those affected.

Gaz Choudhry explains why he switched the wheelchair basketball court for the theatre stage. The two-time Paralympic medallist has recently been performing in 'Grenfell: In The Words of The Survivors' in New York, which tells the story of the Grenfell Fire that killed 72 residents of a tower block in London in 2017.

Twelve months ago, the Netherlands didn't have a women's rugby league team but now they're targeting a spot at the Rugby League World Cup for the first time. We'll meet the three Australian born sisters – Nicole, Jessica and Claire Kennedy – who are hoping to help get them there.

And - we'll find out about the sport of pickleball after it was announced India will launch the first-ever professional league.

Image: Aerial view of flooded houses of the Guarujá neighbourhood, located in the extreme south of Porto Alegre, on May 14, 2024 in Porto Alegre, Brazil. After several days of heavy rain, Porto Alegre and many other municipalities in Rio Grande Do Sul are flooded due to the swelling of the rivers. (Photo by Jefferson Bernardes/Getty Images)

SAT 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gxd7z)

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SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq863fpln9)

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SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfws21rjc)

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SAT 11:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct5ybr)

Why are US-Israel relations at an historic low?

John Simpson, in discussion with the BBC's range of experts across the world, analyses why Israel's government is deliberately flouting the wishes of its closest ally, the United States. Plus, the extent of China's infiltration into western countries, and why there have been mass protests in Georgia over a new law.

(Photo: Israeli PM Netanyahu attends Memorial Day state ceremony at Mount Herzl in Jerusalem - 13 May 2024 - GIL COHEN-MAGEN/POOL/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

SAT 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gxj03)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 12:06 The Documentary (w3ct6qtz)

Labelling the world

The number of labels to describe different types of mental disorder has mushroomed in recent years. Relatively new categories include oppositional defiant disorder, prolonged grief disorder and mild cognitive impairment.

Many of the classifications have been created or influenced by a book called the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM). The DSM is the official classification handbook for psychiatrists in the United States – and is widely considered the principal 'bible' for psychiatry worldwide.

Advocates of DSM say labels help people take ownership of their situation, provide them with answers they have been looking for, treatments and social support. Meanwhile critics think it creates stigma, medicalises normality and leads to a reliance on drug prescriptions.

UK based musician Jay Emme explores the way the manual's authors come to their decisions and looks at how different labels have been used to classify types of mental illness since the manual was first published in 1952.

Producer: Ashley Byrne
A Made in Manchester production for BBC World Service

(Photo: A stack of wooden bricks showing mental health related words. Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gxmr7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 13:06 Newshour (w172zb8vr90vh76)

Slovakia PM remains in serious but stable condition

Doctors treating Slovakia's Prime Minister Robert Fico now say they will not be able to move him to the country's capital in the

coming days. But they say he is in a serious but stable condition. Mr Fico is being treated in a small town hospital close to where he was shot on Wednesday. The man charged with attempting to murder Mr Fico has been in court on Saturday, with prosecutors arguing he must remain in custody pending his trial.

Also in the programme: there's been a fifth night of unrest in the French Pacific territory of New Caledonia sparked by changes to voting rights; and how Cuba's sugar industry is emblematic of the country's economic woes.

(Picture: A convoy of police cars carrying a man accused of the attempted murder of the Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico, arrives at court on 18 May, 2024. Credit: JAKUB GAVLAK/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

SAT 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gxrhc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w172zbmsvxnllt)

Live Sporting Action

Lee James will be live from Old Trafford for the final day of the Women's Super League season, as Chelsea look to beat Manchester United to win a final trophy under manager Emma Hayes. Manchester City stand in their way, who are at Aston Villa.

The Birmingham City and Republic of Ireland defender Louise Quinn and former Aston Villa, Spurs and USA goalkeeper Brad Friedel will be with us to follow the action.

Plus, we'll also see if Bayer Leverkusen can go through the Bundesliga season unbeaten, and we'll be at day three of golf's PGA Championship, Formula 1's Emilia Romagna Grand Prix qualifying, the Italian Open tennis, the NBA Conference semi-finals and day two of the World Para Athletics Championships.

And we'll be in Riyadh to preview who will become heavyweight champion of the world in the long awaited fight between Tyson Fury and Oleksandr Usyk.

Photo: A detailed view of the Barclays FA Women's Super League Trophy prior to the Barclays FA Women's Super League match between Chelsea Women and Manchester United Women at Kingsmeadow on May 08, 2022 in Kingston upon Thames, England. (Credit: The FA via Getty Images)

SAT 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gy7gw)

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SAT 18:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq863fqlw6)

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SAT 18:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfws2mlr8)

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SAT 18:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct6nx3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 today]

SAT 18:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wdb)

The fatal crash of Ayrton Senna

It's 30 years since the death of Formula One driver, Ayrton Senna.

The three time world champion died in a crash at the 1994 San Marino Grand Prix in Imola, Italy. The Brazilian icon was just 34-years-old at the time.

Following his death, major safety changes in Formula One were introduced.

Matt Pintus has been delving into the BBC World Service archives to find first person accounts of the tragedy.

You'll hear from Senna's manager, Julian Jakobi, and from one of the first people on the scene of the crash, Professor Sid Watkins.

(Photo: Ayrton Senna before the San Marino Grand Prix. Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gyc70)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 19:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xb6)

Is Turkey getting more dangerous for women?

Historically, Turkey has always had a strong women's rights

movement, stemming from the days of the Ottoman Empire through to the emergence of the Republic of Turkey into the present day.

At the top of the movement's agenda now is the fight to protect women against violence from men. It's three years since Turkey pulled out of the Istanbul Convention, the Europe wide treaty on combatting violence against women and girls. The Turkish Government has its own version of domestic violence law, but there are concerns that this doesn't offer the same protection as the Convention.

Campaigners say that femicide and violence against women continues to plague society and that there is an increasingly anti-gender rhetoric within mainstream politics.

So, this week on The Inquiry, we're asking 'Is Turkey getting more dangerous for women?'

Contributors:

Dr. Sevgi Adak, Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations,

The Aga Khan University.

Professor Seda Demiralp, Işık University, Turkey.

Dr. Ezel Buse Sönmezocak, International Human Rights

Lawyer, Turkey

Dr. Hürcan Aslı Aksoy, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin.

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Producer: Jill Collins

Researcher: Katie Morgan

Production Co-ordinator: Liam Morrey

Image credit: Cagla Gurdogan via REUTERS from BBC Images

SAT 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfws2mqhd)

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SAT 19:32 Happy News (w3ct5spg)

The Happy Pod: Punching a crocodile to save her sister

We hear from Georgia Laurie on the 'superhero move' to save her twin sister from a crocodile that's earned her a bravery award from King Charles. Her sister Melissa tells us how Georgia's singing helped her fight for her life.

Also: Bringing the joy of Irish dancing to a global stage – the Gardiner Brothers, Michael and Matthew, talk about their rise to social media fame.

We go to Thailand to find out what happens if you let children take control of their school.

Sven the heartbroken reindeer finds new love after generous donors helped pay for a new stable mate.

Why Stevie Wonder wanted to become a citizen of Ghana.

And the girls football team who went from losing every game to winning their local cup - beating a boys team five divisions above them.

Our weekly collection of the happiest stories in the world.

Presenter: Jannat Jalil

Music produced by: Iona Hampson

SAT 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gygz4)

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SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qjc)

Indian standup comedian Kanan Gill

Nikki Bedi is joined by Indian standup comedian Kanan Gill as he begins a global tour.

Along with cultural critic Anna Bogutskaya, they discuss:

The US writer-director John Krasinski talking about his childhood imaginary friend

World renowned Brazilian photographer Sebastiao Salgado remembering picking up a camera for the first time

And the award-winning Irish actor Denise Gough on reprising an iconic role about addiction

Iranian British film director Babak Jalali on his film Fremont

And Saxophonist Kamasi Washington talks about the creation of his new album Fearless Movement

Presenter: Nikki Bedi

SAT 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gylq8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8vr90wg67)

Israel's opposition leader gives the government an ultimatum

Israel's opposition leader Benny Gantz has given the government three weeks to come up with a post-war plan for Gaza, or his party will quit the war coalition. He said the six-point action plan should include an internationally administered Gaza Strip.

Also in the programme: the man charged with attempting to murder Slovakia's prime minister appears in court; and we preview the boxing match whose winner will become undisputed heavyweight champion of the world.

(IMAGE: Israeli Emergency cabinet minister and opposition politician Benny Gantz addresses the press in Kiryat Shmona, Israel November 14, 2023 / CREDIT: Reuters / Evelyn Hockstein / File Photo)

SAT 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gyqgd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 22:06 The Documentary (w3ct6r07)

Crime and punishment in South Africa

Outside of a war zone, South Africa is one of the most dangerous places in the world. The country's murder rate is now at a 20-year high. With trust in the police falling, communities say they have no option but to defend themselves. BBC Africa Eye's Ayanda Charlie joins two volunteer units, a team of farmers near Pretoria, and a group in Diepsloot, a poor township near Johannesburg. We see the risks they take, and ask who holds patrols accountable.

SAT 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfws2n2qs)

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SAT 22:32 This Is Africa (w3ct5y4v)

John Frog

John Frog is one of South Sudan's most successful musicians. He's forging an international reputation and has collaborated with artists from other African countries, including Uganda's Eddie Kenzo, Bahati from Kenya and Iyanya from Nigeria.

In this edition John Frog tells DJ Edu his remarkable story. He was given the name Aguek, which means frog in Dinka, because he was a breech baby, coming into the world feet-first. His parents were soldiers in the SPLA – the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) – and he himself was a child soldier, joining the army at around eight years old and getting his first gun at 14.

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SAT 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq863fr1lv)

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SAT 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfws2n6gx)

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SAT 23:32 Assignment (w3ct5msn)

Return of the Benin Bronzes

In 1897 British colonial forces attacked and looted the ancient Kingdom of Benin in what is now southern Nigeria. Thousands of precious objects were taken, including stunning sculptures made of bronze, brass, ivory and terracotta. Some were decorative, some were sacred. Known collectively as the Benin Bronzes, they were famed for their craftsmanship and beauty. The majority ended up in museums around the world. But ever since, Nigerians have been demanding their return. The Bronzes became symbols of the wider global campaign for restitution by former colonial powers. Now finally, some have been handed back. Peter Macjob travels to Nigeria to track the return of the Bronzes, and find out what it means for Nigeria to have these lost treasures come home.

Photo: One of the repatriated Benin Bronzes currently held at a secret location in Nigeria (BBC)

Reporter: Peter Macjob

Producer: Alex Last

Sound mix: Neil Churchill

Production Coordinator: Gemma Ashman

Series Editor: Penny Murphy

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SUN 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gyyn)

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SUN 00:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct6nx3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

SUN 00:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wdb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gz2ps)

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SUN 01:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xh6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:06 on Saturday]

SUN 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfws2nfz5)

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SUN 01:32 The Documentary (w3ct6qtn)

Things Fell Apart: Tonight's the night, comrades

Jon Ronson tells the story of how a family on a Twilight-themed lockdown-escaping camping trip ended up getting barricaded in the woods by armed, hostile townspeople.

To listen to the full-length story, search for Things Fell Apart wherever you get your BBC podcasts.

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SUN 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq863frdv7)

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SUN 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfws2nkq9)

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SUN 02:32 Health Check (w3ct5t8j)

Whooping cough on the rise

We look at the reasons behind a recent surge in Whooping cough cases in Europe and Asia. Also on the program: why are women more susceptible to heat-related mortality, the small patches that could revolutionise vaccines, and the recent Northern Lights sightings have us looking at the psychology of awe.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond

Panellist: Smitha Mundasad

Producer: Margaret Sessa-Hawkins

SUN 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gzb61)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 03:06 The Documentary (w3ct6qzt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gzfy5)

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SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5shn)

One Afghan woman's journey to Canada

Pascale Harter introduces stories from Afghanistan, Canada, Cuba, Ukraine, Bhutan and Thailand

After the Taliban retook control of Afghanistan in 2021, life for women with careers - especially those working with foreign organisations - became drastically harder. For those who come from ethnic and religious minorities, harder yet. Some saw no option but to flee the country - no matter what it took to get out. John Kampfner recently met a young woman in Toronto whose journey to Canada had taken many weeks, thousands of dollars and spanned continents.

As Ukraine continues to fight Russia's invasion of its territory, both sides face challenges in replenishing their ranks of fighting

men. Russia's armed forces have absorbed young conscripts and signed up prisoners - but they've also turned to recruiting foreign fighters, from as far afield as Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. Vitaly Shevchenko has been investigating the digital trail left by Cubans who signed contracts with the Russian Army.

High in the Himalayas in the kingdom of Bhutan, earning a good living can be tough. Farming and yak herding aren't easy in remote high-altitude areas. But there's one opportunity to make serious money: gathering a bizarre fungus which infests moth caterpillars, and sells for huge sums on the market for Chinese traditional medicine. Sara Wheeler talked to a yak herder and renowned forager about making ends meet.

The city of Chiang Mai in northern Thailand is famous for glittering temples, lush forests and piquant food - and it's also notorious for its serious air pollution problem. William Kremer examines the root causes of the choking fumes which cloak it every spring - and the effects on local people's health.

Producer: Polly Hope
Editor: Bridget Harney
Production Co-Ordinator: Janet Staples

Image: "A woman and child from Afghanistan enter Canada, 2023 - © Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada"

SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfws2nt6k)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:32 The Explanation (w3ct4z75)
How does the World Health Organization work?

Many global health experts believe we should brace ourselves for more epidemics and pandemics in the future. But deadly diseases are not exactly new. Since 1948, the World Health Organization's aim has been "the attainment by all people of the highest possible level of health". Many would say its greatest achievement has been the eradication of smallpox; in more recent years, some were critical of its response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Tulip Mazumdar, the global health correspondent for BBC News, speaks to Claire Graham about the organisation's successes, failures and future.

SUN 04:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wdb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

SUN 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gzkp9)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq863frs2m)
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SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfws2nxyt)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct6r07)
[Repeat of broadcast at 22:06 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gzpff)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 06:06 Weekend (w172zcwy412yyb8)
Middle East: new US initiative starts in Saudi Arabia

Joe Biden's national security adviser has been meeting Saudi Arabia's crown prince at the start of the latest US diplomatic initiative on the war in Gaza. We hear about the military situation in Gaza from IDF spokesman Peter Lerner.

Also in the programme: the UK's tainted blood scandal; and flooding in southern Brazil.

Julian Worricker is joined by Colleen Graffy, professor at Pepperdine Caruso Law School in Malibu and George Parker, the political editor of the Financial Times newspaper.

(Picture: Palestinians grab from a truck aid that was delivered into Gaza through a U.S.-built pier, as seen from central Gaza Strip. credit: Reuters)

SUN 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gz15k)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 07:06 Weekend (w172zcwy412z22d)

Israeli forces continue operations across southern Gaza

Israeli ground forces are pressing onward in the eastern outskirts of the city of Rafah. The head of the UN agency for Palestinian Refugees says more than 800,000 people have been forced to flee Rafah in southern Gaza because of the ongoing Israeli offensive.

Also in the programme: we discuss the future of Georgia amid demonstrations in the country; and the Cannes film festival begins today.

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(Picture: Smoke rises following an Israeli airstrike, as seen from central Gaza Strip on May 18, 2024. REUTERS/Ramadan Abed)

SUN 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf291gzxpp)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 08:06 Weekend (w172zcwy412z5tj)
US top advisor in Saudi Arabia for talks on Gaza

President Biden's national security adviser has held talks with Saudi Arabia's crown prince in the latest US diplomatic initiative to try to halt the fighting in Gaza. Jake Sullivan met Mohammad bin Salman in the Saudi city of Dhahran. According to state media, the discussions included ways to boost aid supplies to Gaza and how to achieve Palestinian statehood.

Also in the programme: Slovakia Prime Minister Robert Fico remains in a stable condition after being shot this week; and we speak to YouTube's "resident librarian" who is hosting the Booker Prize winner ceremony on Tuesday.

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(FILE PHOTO: U.S. White House National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan speaks during a press briefing at the White House. Credit: Elizabeth Frantz/REUTERS)

SUN 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf291h01nt)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5shn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today]

SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfws2pdy6)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xmj)
Can beef be carbon neutral?

Cows emit greenhouse gases when they eat, which contributes to global warming. But is it possible to produce meat in a climate-friendly way?

Grace Livingstone visits a carbon neutral certified ranch in Uruguay, where farm manager Sebastian Olaso shows her around. She also meets Javier Secadas, a small farmer who raises cattle on natural grasslands, and agronomist Ignacio Paparamborda, from the University of the Republic in Montevideo.

Grace hears from Pete Smith, Professor of Soils and Global Change at the University of Aberdeen, and Dominik Wissler, Livestock Policy Officer, from the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation.

She tries to find out if it is possible to produce meat in a way that is both good for nature and the climate. Or whether we need to stop eating meat to cut emissions.

Presenter/Producer: Grace Livingstone
(Image: Cows grazing in Uruguay. Credit: Getty Images)

SUN 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf291h05dy)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tvx)
The school run by kids

If you could invent a new kind of school what would it look like? What skills would you teach children, and how would the school be run?

On this edition of People Fixing The World we visit the Mechai Pattana School in Thailand which was founded by the campaigner Mechai Viravaidya in 2008, on principles of charity and leadership. Children are responsible for every aspect of running the school, from buying food for the kitchens to disciplining fellow students and even recruiting new staff.

The children also run their own businesses, and perform several hours of community service every week. Many of the students come from underprivileged backgrounds, but their school fees are "paid" by planting 800 trees a year, together with their families.

The idea is for the school to produce "change-makers" - could it be a model for others to follow?

Presenter: Myra Anubi
Producer/reporter: William Kremer
Series Producer: Jon Bithrey
Editor: Tom Bigwood
Sound mix: Annie Gardiner

SUN 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfws2pjbh)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69hg)
Message in a bottle to North Korea

Park Jung-oh defected to South Korea from the North 26 years ago. Hearing how North Koreans in the Hwanghae Province suffer from food shortage, he started throwing bottles filled with rice and a USB stick into the Yellow Sea, hoping they would land on North Korean shores. Did his messages ever reach anyone? Rachel Lee from BBC Korean brings us this extraordinary story. Plus, Madina Dahiru Maishanu, the youngest presenter at BBC Hausa, shares stories from her award-winning show, Mahangar Zamani, and Thomas Naadi tells us about the love affair between Stevie Wonder and Ghana.

Produced by Alice Gioia and Caroline Ferguson.

(Photo: Faranak Amidi. Credit: Tricia Yourkevich)

SUN 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf291h0952)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq863fshkd)
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SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfws2pnfg)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:32 The Explanation (w3ct4z75)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct5tq2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

SUN 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf291h0dx6)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rbj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]

SUN 12:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfws2ps5l)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:32 Assignment (w3ct5msn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:32 on Saturday]

SUN 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf291h0jnb)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 13:06 Newshour (w172zb8vr90yd49)
What is Netanyahu's plan for Gaza after the war?

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is under increasing pressure to come up with a post-war plan for Gaza. We get the latest updates from Jerusalem, and speak to a member of Mr Netanyahu's party.

We also talk about the rally organised in Madrid by Spanish political party Vox ahead of the European elections next month. Argentina's libertarian president Javier Milei is present, alongside European far right leaders.

Also in our programme: protests in Georgia continue over a law seen as extending Russia's sphere of influence; and Ukrainian boxer Oleksandr Usyk becomes the first undisputed world heavyweight champion this century.

(Photo: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaking at an event marking Holocaust Remembrance Day earlier this month. Credit: Reuters / Ronen Zvulun)

SUN 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf291h0ndg)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wrm)
What does China's green tech revolution mean for the world?

China is scouring the globe for the raw materials of the future. How will we be affected? Graihagh Jackson investigates.

SUN 14:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf291h0nv)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:32 Happy News (w3ct5spg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:32 on Saturday]

SUN 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf291h0s4l)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 15:06 Sportsworld (w172zbfmsvxmr281)
Live Sporting Action

It's the final day of the Premier League season on Sportsworld. Will Manchester City make it four titles in a row? Or can Arsenal win their first Premier League in 20 years?

There'll be live commentary of reigning champions and league leaders Manchester City as they welcome West Ham United to the Etihad Stadium, while we'll also have live updates from City's rivals for the title, Arsenal as they host Everton.

Joining Delyth Lloyd will be the former Manchester City striker Darius Vassell and former Tottenham Hotspur, Newcastle United and Cameroon defender Sebastien Bassong.

Away from the football, we'll have reaction to the heavyweight unification fight between Oleksandr Usyk and Tyson Fury in Saudi Arabia. Plus, all the headlines from Formula 1's Emilia Romagna Grand Prix, cycling's Giro d'Italia, Italian Open tennis as well as a look ahead to the final round of the PGA Championship golf in Kentucky.

Photo: The Premier League trophy during the Premier League match between Manchester City and Arsenal FC at Etihad Stadium on March 31, 2024 in Manchester, England. (Credit: Offside via Getty Images)

SUN 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf291h1843)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq863ftgjf)
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SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf291h1843)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:32 The Global Jigsaw (w3ct6r6w)
How China sees itself in Africa

"China is not buying Africa, it is building Africa" is the view from Beijing. How is this landing with local audiences? There have been hints of a cooling down of Sino-African friendship. For this episode, the team travels to the Kenyan capital Nairobi to get a sense of Chinese influence on the ground, and understand why Beijing has chosen it as a hub for its media operation in Africa.

Producer: Kriszta Satori
Presenter: Krassi Twigg

SUN 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf291h1cw7)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q1r)
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 on Saturday]

SUN 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf291h1hmc)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8vr90zc3b)
Helicopter carrying Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi crashes in mountains

Rescue teams in Iran are searching a remote mountain region for a helicopter carrying the country's president and foreign minister, which is reported to have crashed. We have the latest on the search mission - and ask what the outcome might mean for Iran.

Also in the programme: as a second member of Israel's three-man war cabinet berates Benjamin Netanyahu over his lack of a plan for the day after the Gaza war, we ask where next for the prime minister; and an extraordinary row between Spain and Argentina over a presidential speech in Madrid.

(IMAGE: A helicopter carrying Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi takes off, near the Iran-Azerbaijan border, May 19, 2024. The helicopter with Raisi on board later crashed. / CREDIT: Ali Hamed Haghdoost/IRNA/WANA (West Asia News Agency) via REUTERS)

SUN 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf291h1mch)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wrm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 today]

SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf291h1mch)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v0f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

SUN 22:50 Over to You (w3ct5tsn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

SUN 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf291h1r3m)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq863ftyhy)
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SUN 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf291h1r3m)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69hg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:32 today]

MONDAY 20 MAY 2024

MON 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf291h1vvr)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 00:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5shn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf291h1vvr)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 00:32 The Explanation (w3ct4z75)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 on Sunday]

MON 00:50 More or Less (w3ct5tq2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

MON 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf291h1vvr)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 01:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq863ftyhy)
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf291h1vvr)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 01:32 Discovery (w3ct5rmk)
Unstoppable: Hedy Lamarr

Dr Julia Ravey and Dr Ella Hubber both have a love of science, but it turns out there's a lot they don't know about some of the

leading women at the front of the inventing game. In Unstoppable, Dr Julia and Dr Ella tell each other the hidden, world-shaping stories of the engineers, innovators and inventors they wish they'd known about when they were starting out as scientists. This week, the story of the Hollywood starlet whose brilliant ideas would go on to revolutionise the way we live.

Known as the 'most beautiful woman in film' during the 1940s, Hedy Lamarr was one of the most in demand Hollywood actresses of her time. But she wasn't just a movie star. From a young age, she also had a knack for inventing - she liked to take her toys apart just to see how they worked. And she carried this passion into her adult life - creating an invention that laid the groundwork for technology many of us couldn't live without: Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, and GPS.

But it didn't come without struggle. Dr Julia and Dr Ella take us through Hedy's remarkable journey, and we get a first-hand look into Hedy's life from her daughter Denise Loder-DeLuca.

Presenters: Dr Ella Hubber and Dr Julia Ravey
Producers: Ella Hubber and Julia Ravey
Assistant producer: Sophie Ormiston
Production Coordinator: Elisabeth Tuohy
Editor: Holly Squire

(Photo: Hedy Lamarr, Austrian-born American actress and inventor. Credit: Eric Carpenter/John Kobal Foundation/Hulton Archive/Getty Images)

MON 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf291h1vvr)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq863ftyhy)
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MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf291h1vvr)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 02:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rh1)
What does prayer do to my brain?

Prayer and meditation are key features of religious and spiritual practices around the world, suggesting they're intimately linked to the human condition. But what is going on in the brain during prayer? And is praying beneficial for our mental health?

CrowdScience listener Hilary is keen to find answers to such questions. She's a counsellor with a strong Christian faith, and is curious to know whether science can illuminate religious and spiritual practices.

Presenter Caroline Steel talks to neuroscientists researching how our brains respond to prayer and meditation; and practices mindfulness herself to explore its similarities to prayer. She discovers that having a relationship with God may depend on more than religious practice. And is there a 'spiritual part' to our brains? Or is prayer just one activity among many - like going for a walk or playing music - that can have similar effects on our state of mind?

Featuring:
Professor Andrew Newberg, Director of Research Marcus Institute of Integrative Health, Thomas Jefferson University and Hospital, USA
Tessa Watt, mindfulness teacher
Ven. Hin Hung Sik, Centre of Buddhist Studies, University of Hong Kong
Dr Junling Gao, Centre of Buddhist Studies, University of Hong Kong
Dr Blake Victor Kent, Westmont College, USA

Presenter: Caroline Steel
Producer: Jo Glanville
Editor: Cathy Edwards
Studio Manager: Tim Heffer
Production Co-ordinator: Liz Tuohy

(Photo: A crowd of people praying. Credit: Digital Vision/Getty Images)

MON 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf291h1vvr)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 03:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tvx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf291h1vvr)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 03:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v0f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

MON 03:50 Over to You (w3ct5tn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

MON 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s663f)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kccqzdr)

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MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31cwket)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct5wzf)

F-16 fighter pilots: Breaking barriers in combat aviation

Ella Al-Shamahi speaks to two of the first generation of women to ever fly F16s, Manja Blok for the Netherlands Air Force and Heather Penney for the US Air Force.

Manja Blok was the first female operational F-16 fighter pilot in the world. After taking the aviation exam at 19, Manja was told she was unfit to become a pilot and pursued a career as a beautician instead. She tried again at 22 and in 1991, made her F-16 debut in a career that lasted a decade and paved the way for women behind her.

Heather Penney joined the US Air Force in the late nineties, after Congress lifted the combat exclusion for women in aviation in 1993. Six months after becoming qualified for combat, Heather was assigned a mission on September 11th 2001 during the attacks in New York and Washington D.C. to intercept hijacked Flight 93.

Produced by Elena Angelides

(Image: (L) Manja Blok, courtesy of Joni Isreali. (R) Heather Penney, courtesy of Tim Engle)

MON 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s69vk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 05:06 Newsday (w172zbjzmq00fj4)

Iran media: Iranian President Raisi confirmed dead

Iranian state TV says there is "no sign of life" in the wreckage of the helicopter carrying the country's President Ebrahim Raisi. It crashed in thick fog on Sunday.

After rescue teams located the crash site, the head of Iran's Red Crescent said, "the situation does not look good". We'll get the latest from Iran.

Also coming up, in the Dominican Republic, the incumbent president, Luis Abinader, has defeated his eight rivals in the country's election. We'll get reaction from there.

We'll also discuss Manchester City's historic win in the English Premier League, as the team clinched the title for a record fourth year in a row.

MON 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s6flp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 06:06 Newsday (w172zbjzmq00k88)

Iran's president killed in helicopter crash

Iranian search teams have located the wreckage of the helicopter that was carrying President Ebrahim Raisi and his foreign minister; state media are now reporting that both are dead. We get reactions from Iranians inside and outside the country

Slovakia's interior minister has said the man suspected of attempting to assassinate Prime Minister Robert Fico may not have been working alone. We'll go live to Bratislava for the latest.

Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky's term was due to end today but he's extending his time in office without calling an election.

MON 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s6kbt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 07:06 Newsday (w172zbjzmq00p0d)

Iranian President Raisi confirmed dead

It's been confirmed Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi, the foreign minister and several others have been killed in a helicopter crash in the country's north-west. We'll get reaction from Iran and look at who could possibly replace the president.

An unprecedented manhunt for the escaped prisoner in France continues. We'll speak to one of the French senators on why it is seemingly taking so long to find him.

And Manchester City win the premier league in a historic fourth successive time

MON 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s6p2y)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5szj)

Gillian Slovo: Has her writing exorcised demons?

Stephen Sackur speaks to Gillian Slovo whose acclaimed fiction, plays and memoirs reflect an extraordinary backstory. The daughter of South African parents whose struggle against apartheid brought prison and exile and in her mother's case, assassination. Has her writing exorcised demons?

(Photo: Gillian Slovo in the Hardtalk studio)

MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31cx1cb)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z6c)

What's holding Latin America back?

It's a region blessed with incredible natural resources, from copper to lithium to rich agricultural lands. It's home to vibrant cultures, amazing music and creative and talented people.

And yet it has never fulfilled its enormous economic potential.

All too often it's lurched from boom to bust, from hyperinflation to debt crises.

We ask why that is.

We consider corruption, crime, inequality, excessive bureaucracy and weak governance.

We look at Argentina's long decline and Venezuela's economic implosion, and ask what Latin America can do to bring greater prosperity to its people.

Produced and presented by Gideon Long

(Image: A man waves an Argentine flag during the demonstration. Members of the Argentine Workers' General Confederation and social organizations protested against new Argentine President Javier Milei's economic reforms, outside the Justice Palace in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Credit: Getty Images)

MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ygr)

Bata: Pioneering shoemakers

Bata was a Czech company which pioneered assembly line shoemaking and sold affordable footwear around the world.

The factory near London was opened in 1933 and it became key to its expansion.

In 2018, Dina Newman spoke to one of its senior engineers, Mick Pinion, about the company's remarkable history, including how it sold millions of shoes in Africa and Asia.

(Photo: mobile shoe shop selling Bata shoes. Credit: Getty Images)

MON 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s6sv2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcr007d)

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MON 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31cx53g)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 09:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rh1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

MON 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s6xl6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n1n)

Independence in French Polynesia and the 'Queen of Cuba'

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

This week, we hear how nuclear testing changed politics in French Polynesia.

Plus, the story of how the FBI caught Ana Montes, the spy known as the 'Queen of Cuba'.

We also talk to Jewish and Palestinian people about the moment the state of Israel was proclaimed in 1948.

Finally, we tell the unlikely story of how a heavy metal rock band emerged during the violent years of Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq.

Contributors:

Antony Géros - President of the Assembly of French Polynesia
KDee Aimiti Ma'ia'i – doctoral candidate at University of Oxford

Pete Lapp – former FBI agent

Hasan Hammami

Arieh Handler

Zipporah Porath

Firas Al-Lateef – bass player

(Photo: Antony Géros. Credit: Getty Images)

MON 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s71bb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcr07qn)

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MON 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31cxdlq)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dl5)

China v the West: Spies, hacking and a risk of conflict?

For decades, China has been 'on the rise'. In that time, perceptions in the West have shifted from seeing the country as a manufacturing centre, to a potential partner to a possible threat. But how does China see the West? And if Beijing is hoping to bring a change in the global order, is it on a collision course with governments in the West?

The BBC's security correspondent Gordon Corera has been taking a deep dive into this relationship for a new podcast series 'Shadow War: China and the West', which is available here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/m001z66c>

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This episode was made by Alix Pickles and Richard Moran. The technical producers were Hannah Montgomery and Mike Regaard. The assistant editor is Sergi Forcada Freixas and the senior news editor is Sam Bonham.

MON 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s752g)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nq0)

Lost in lion country and saved by Spam

In 2016, when Jenny Söderqvist and Helene Åberg's car exploded in the middle of the vast Kalahari desert, their supplies and only lifeline to the outside world went up in flames. No rescue would come. The two friends from Sweden would spend the next five harrowing days lost in the wilderness and stalked by lions, until their salvation appeared to them in the most unlikely of forms: a tin of Spam.

Presenter: Mobeen Azhar
Producer: Edgar Maddicott

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(Photo: Helene Åberg (left) and Jenny Söderqvist at Gaborone airport. Credit: Monirul Bhuiyan / Associated Press)

MON 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5ygr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

MON 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s78t1)
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MON 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcr0h6x)
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MON 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31cxn2z)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 13:32 The Conversation (w3ct5wzf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

MON 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s7dkq)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 14:06 Newshour (w172zb8w3kb581p)
ICC prosecutor seeks arrest warrants for Netanyahu and Hamas leaders

The prosecutor of the International Criminal Court says his office is seeking arrest warrants for the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the Defence Minister Yoav Gallant on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity in Gaza. He alleges there is evidence to suggest starvation has been used as a method of warfare against civilians. The prosecutor has also applied for arrest warrants for three leaders of Hamas for war crimes and crimes against humanity in connection with the October the 7th attacks in Israel. He said the decisions were the outcome of an independent and impartial investigation. ICC judges will now decide whether to grant the warrants.

Also in the programme: As Iran confirms the death of president Ebrahim Raisi in a helicopter crash, what's the mood in the capital Tehran? And will there be justice for victims of Britain's infected blood scandal?

(File photo: International Criminal Court Prosecutor Karim Khan, October 12, 2023. Reuters/Piroschka van de Wouw)

MON 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s7j9v)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5szj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

MON 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31cxw17)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zxy)
Challenges for Taiwan's new president

Taiwan's newly inaugurated president William Lai has called on China to stop threatening the island and accept the existence of its democracy.

But Taiwan's relationship with China is not the only thing that William Lai has to tackle. There are a number of economic challenges ahead of him like rising property prices and encouraging young Taiwanese people to stay and work in the country instead of heading to other prosperous Asian cities.

(Picture: Taiwan President William Lai (Lai Ching-te), waves to the crowd during the Taiwan Presidential Inauguration Source: EPA/RITCHIE B TONGO)

MON 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s7n1z)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj0trvw94b)
What next for Iran after Raisi's death?

President Ebrahim Raisi was killed on Sunday when the helicopter he was travelling on came down near the border with Azerbaijan. Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian was

also killed in the crash, along with six others. A successor will be elected within 50 days. The BBC's Iran experts explain what happens next in Iran and how Mr Raisi's death could affect the balance of power in the country and in the region.

The prosecutor of the International Criminal Court is seeking arrest warrants for the Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, his defence minister and three Hamas leaders on war crimes charges over the Gaza conflict. We explain what happens next.

South Africa's constitutional court has ruled that the former president, Jacob Zuma, is not eligible to run for parliament in this month's national election. Our correspondent explains.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: People lay flowers near the pictures of late Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, during a vigil to pay tribute to him and other victims who died in a helicopter crash, outside the Iranian embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia, May 20, 2024. Credit: Willy Kurniawan/Reuters)

MON 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s7rt3)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj0trvw94b)
ICC: Arrest warrants sought for Netanyahu and Hamas leaders

The chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court is seeking arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, his defence minister and three Hamas leaders. Karim Khan says he has "reasonable grounds to believe the men bear responsibility for war crimes and crimes against humanity". We explain what happens next.

Iran is holding five days of mourning for President Ebrahim Raisi, who was killed in a helicopter crash on Sunday. An investigation has been ordered. We get more from our Iran experts and hear reaction from Iran.

The final report of a public inquiry into an infected blood scandal in Britain has said victims were failed repeatedly by doctors, the health service and successive governments. We hear from victims and from our reporter.

Presenter: Luke Jones

(Photo: International Criminal Court Prosecutor Karim Khan speaks during an interview with Reuters about the violence in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories in The Hague, Netherlands, October 12, 2023. Credit: Piroshka van de Wouw/File Photo/Reuters)

MON 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s7wk7)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5nq0)
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MON 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5ygr)
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MON 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s809c)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcr16pp)
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

MON 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31cyckr)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w3b)
2024/05/20 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 (w172zgf2n9s841h)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5shn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31cyh9w)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct5rml)
Unstoppable: Nzambi Matee

Dr Julia Ravey and Dr Ella Hubber both have a love of science, but it turns out there's a lot they don't know about some of the leading women at the front of the inventing game. In Unstoppable, Dr Julia and Dr Ella tell each other the hidden, world-shaping stories of the engineers, innovators and inventors they wish they'd known about when they were starting out as scientists. This week, the story of an engineer who turned plastic into gold, all starting from her mother's backyard.

Every day, around 500 tonnes of plastic waste is generated in the Kenyan city of Nairobi. Hardly any of it is recycled – but engineer Nzambi Matee is on a mission to change that. Frustrated by the level of pollution, in 2017 Nzambi constructed a laboratory in her mother's backyard. It was here that she used her self-taught engineering skills to convert plastic waste into bricks that are stronger and more eco-friendly than concrete.

Since then, Nzambi's backyard operation has grown into a company – Gjenje Makers – and the bricks are widely used across Nairobi. And at only 31, Nzambi is just getting started. As Dr Julia and Dr Ella trace Nzambi's journey, we hear from Nzambi herself about what it took to get to this point, as well as her ambitions for the future.

Presenters: Dr Ella Hubber and Dr Julia Ravey
Producers: Ella Hubber and Julia Ravey
Assistant producer: Sophie Ormiston
Production Coordinator: Elisabeth Tuohy
Editor: Holly Squire

(Photo: Nzambi Matee, Kenyan entrepreneur and inventor, holds plastic polymer recycled to make bricks. Credit: SIMON MAINA/AFP via Getty Images)

MON 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s87sm)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8w3kb638l)
Netanyahu hits back at ICC arrest warrant bid

Israel's Prime Minister said the attempt by International Criminal Court prosecutor Karim Khan to seek an arrest warrant was part of 'the new antisemitism'. Khan is also seeking warrants against Israel's Defence Minister, Yoav Gallant, and three leaders of Hamas.

Also on the programme: Iran says it will hold elections on the 28th of June after its president, Ebrahim Raisi, was killed in a helicopter crash; and British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak apologises to victims of the infected blood scandal, calling it a 'day of shame' for the British state.

(Picture: Netanyahu addresses the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations in Jerusalem, February 18, 2024 Credit: REUTERS/Ronen Zvulun)

MON 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s8cjr)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 22:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5szj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

MON 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31cyqt4)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 22:32 The Conversation (w3ct5wzf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

MON 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s8h8w)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcr1pp6)
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

MON 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31cyvk8)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct6006)
What next for Iran after President Raisi's death?

Growing speculation over who will eventually replace President Raisi begins as Iran enters 5 days of mourning.

Plus, could Saudi Arabia's largest aviation deal signal a snub to Boeing?

Also, the ship that destroyed the bridge in Baltimore back in March is finally on the move.

And we have a special look at the economies of Latin America with our reporter Gideon Long.

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TUESDAY 21 MAY 2024

TUE 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s8m10)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n1n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s8qs4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 01:06 Donald Trump receives big cash pledges despite conviction (w172zbfv3l2y0)

US stocks on a roll

It has been a whirlwind in the US markets - the main indexes all hitting record highs while at the same time, commodity prices are rising.

The ship that destroyed the bridge in Baltimore back in March is finally re-floated and back in port.

And Business Matters takes a close look at the economies of Latin America with reporter Gideon Long.

[IMAGE CREDIT: REUTERS]

TUE 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s8vj8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcr21xl)

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

TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf31cz6sn)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:32 Assignment (w3ct5msp)

The Caspian crisis

The Caspian Sea is the largest inland body of water in the world. Bordered by Kazakhstan, Russia, Iran, Turkmenistan and Azerbaijan it spans 371,000 square kilometres and bridges Europe and Central Asia. It's fed mainly by Russia's Volga and Ural rivers and the sea is not only rich in oil and gas but is also home to numerous rare and endemic species, including the Caspian seal and 90% of the world's remaining wild sturgeon. But the Caspian Sea is in crisis. Climate change and the damming of Russia's rivers are causing the coastline to recede at an alarming rate. The sea's levels have fallen by a metre in the last 4 years, a trend likely to increase. Recent studies have shown that the levels could drop between 9 and 18 metres by 2100. Last June Kazakh government officials declared a state of emergency over the Caspian. Iran has also raised the alarm with the UN. Antonia Bolingbroke-Kent travels to Kazakhstan for Assignment to report from the shores of the Caspian Sea on what can be done to prevent an environmental disaster.

Presenter: Antonia Bolingbroke-Kent

Producer: Caroline Bayley

Editor: Penny Murphy

Sound Engineer: Rod Farquhar

Production coordinator: Gemma Ashman

Dombyra played by Yelnar Amanzhol

(Image: The pier at Aktau on the Caspian Sea. Credit: BBC)

TUE 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s8z8d)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nq0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Monday]

TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ygr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s930j)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcr29dv)

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TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf31czg8x)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tkl)

Zoë Barrett and Patrick Eley: Wayfinding experts

Wayfinding experts Zoë Barrett and Patrick Eley have a unique way of thinking about space. They know just how to guide people from A to B with ease, no matter how higgledy-piggledy the building or complex the environment. Zoë and Patrick consider every detail of their work carefully, with aspects such as shape, colour, typeface, graphic design, materials and iconography forming an integral part of their strategically placed signage and maps. Their job is to make sense of confusion with beautiful, simple, modern designs and attractive invitations to 'walk this way'.

From their studio in central London, they've designed wayfinding systems for flagship museums and art galleries, sprawling office blocks, and maze-like hospitals. Comedian and writer Tony Hawks (author of Round Ireland with a Fridge) finds out how their work is a fascinating mix of liaising with architects, interior designers, and clients, and getting technical about things like what material a sign's made from, what colour it should be, and how exactly to construct it. Tony also discovers the many and subtle considerations Zoë and Patrick have to take into account when designing a wayfinding system that works for everyone.

If you've ever been lost in an airport, shopping centre or museum, or can't find your way to the toilets, this episode of In the Studio is for you.

Presenter: Tony Hawks

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TUE 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s96rn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 05:06 Newsday (w172zbjzmq03bf7)

Iran declares five days of mourning after president's death

Iran has declared five days of mourning following the death of the country's President, Ebrahim Raisi. His funeral is due to start within hours. Elections are due to be held next month to select a new president.

Israel's prime minister has denounced the International Criminal Court's prosecutor for seeking an arrest warrant for him. We get reactions from a Palestinian man who has lost dozens of family members. He says children as young as three or four months were killed.

Also in this programme, France's President Macron is meeting his security council to discuss the crisis in New Caledonia after a week of riots. We'll go live to the South Pacific archipelago to get the latest.

And some of the world's most famous car makers are being accused of using Chinese forced labour.

TUE 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s9bms)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 06:06 Newsday (w172zbjzmq03g5c)

Iran election date set for 28 June

Iran says it will hold elections on the 28th of June for a new president after President Ebrahim Raisi died in a helicopter crash. An investigation has been ordered into the crash, which happened in a mountainous region in northwestern Iran. We get reaction to that.

The British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has apologised for failures over an infected blood scandal that has claimed the lives of thousands of people. It's been described as a decades-long moral failure.

Also in this programme, Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu condemns the International Criminal Court's prosecutor for seeking arrest warrants for him alongside Hamas's leaders over alleged war crimes in the Gaza conflict. We go live to Jerusalem.

TUE 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s9g7x)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 07:06 Newsday (w172zbjzmq03kxh)

Funeral procession of Iranian president starts in Tabriz

Funeral ceremonies for the Iranian President, Ebrahim Raisi, are about to start in the city of Tabriz, near the place where he died in a helicopter crash on Sunday. More events will take place in cities across the country before he is buried on Wednesday.

We hear from a former political prisoner and the spokeswoman for the Campaign to Free Political Prisoners in Iran.

Also in this programme, Wikileaks founder Julian Assange wins right to challenge US extradition. We speak to his wife, Stella Assange.

George Addo will have sport and Suranjana Tewari will update us on the latest business stories making headlines.

TUE 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s9101)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tvy)

Living with climate change

Poorer countries are likely to bear the brunt of the impacts of climate change, with rising temperatures and more unsettled weather leading to greater stresses on natural resources and often inadequate infrastructure. But whilst there's a lot of focus on global attempts to limit temperature rises by cutting greenhouse gas emissions, there are many smaller scale projects aimed at both tackling and living with climate change.

On this edition of People Fixing The World, reporter Jane Chambers travels to the small Central American nation of El Salvador. She meets communities working to preserve highly endangered mangrove forests, crucial in protecting coastlines against flooding and valuable carbon sinks. She also visits a "shade coffee" plantation - where coffee is grown beneath a canopy of plants and trees - to hear how the method can help preserve rainforest and protect against soil erosion and water loss. And she visits a project on the Pacific coast that has made huge strides in protecting the critically endangered hawksbill sea turtle.

Presenter: Myra Anubi

Reporter: Jane Chambers

Series Producer: Jon Bithrey

Editor: Tom Bigwood

Sound mix: Annie Gardiner

(Image: Aldo Sanchez and Boanergues Sanchez holding a hawksbill sea turtle, photo by Magali Portillo)

TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgf31cz9f8)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zhd)

Latin America and the Asian tiger economies

Go back 50 years and Latin America was generally wealthier than East Asia. But that has been reversed.

While the economies of East and South East Asia have taken off, enjoying a so-called "economic miracle", Latin America's have experienced only tepid growth, despite the region's enormous potential. Gideon Long asks why.

We go to Singapore, one of the most open and business friendly nations on earth, to visit a factory making credit cards using the latest computer chips. And we ask economists what Latin America can learn from the 'Asian Tigers'.

(Image: A photograph of a tourist boat in Singapore next to a drone view shot showing buildings in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Credit: Reuters/EPA)

Presented and produced by Gideon Long

Reporter: Monica Miller

TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ym8)

How a Brazilian flip-flop took over the world

In 1962, a new brand of footwear launched that would become one of Brazil's most successful and best-known exports:

Havaianas. As the country's footwear industry started to expand, one company wanted to make something that was comfortable, inexpensive, and ideal for South America's long hot summers.

Havaianas soon became the favourite of the working class because of their affordability. Fast forward almost forty years and they featured on catwalks in Paris and Oscar goody bags in Hollywood, a surprisingly journey from their modest beginnings

as the choice of farmers, builders, and tyre fitters.

Johnny l'Anson has been speaking to former employee and author Sergio Sanchez about the birth of a humble flip-flop, and how they became a global success story selling 250 million pairs a year.

(Photo: Rows of brightly coloured Havaianas flip-flops. Credit: Miguel Schincariol/AFP via Getty Images)

TUE 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s9pr5)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcr2x4h)
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TUE 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d020k)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 09:32 Assignment (w3ct5msp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

TUE 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s9th9)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 10:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qjc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

TUE 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9s9y7f)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcr34mr)
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TUE 11:36 The Global Story (w3ct6f9r)
Iran: What's next after the president's death?

Iran is reeling after the death of President Ebrahim Raisi in a helicopter crash. The country is already trying to balance deepening conflicts in the Middle East and political pressure from its own. Could this be a moment for change in Tehran? Or will the regime only tighten its grip on power? Katya Adler speaks to the BBC's Chief International Correspondent Lyse Doucet about Iran's next move.

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This episode was made by Peter Goffin and Beth Timmins. The technical producers were Ben Andrews and Phillip Bull. The assistant editor is Sergi Forcada Freixas and the senior news editor is Sam Bonham.

TUE 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sb1zk)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5p4k)
The reluctant fighter who made boxing history

Maurice Hope was born in Antigua to a big family. He was a sensitive boy who cried easily, but his older brother Lex was determined to 'toughen' him up and pushed him to fight with other boys his age. At 9 years old, Maurice moved with his family to the U.K. as part of the Windrush generation - Caribbean people who were invited to help rebuild the British economy. Though he settled in, he experienced racist violence in the streets and was spurred on to learn to box in East London's famous boxing club, The Repton.

In 1972 Maurice became the first black British Olympian boxer alongside Billy Knight. He went on to become a professional boxer and soon found himself a world champion. He was riding high until it suddenly all came crashing down in Las Vegas. But Maurice still had more fight in him - and it would take him to the most unexpected places, including an audience with the late

Queen of Britain.

Maurice has written a book about his life called Land of Hope and Glory: The Windrush Kid Who Conquered The World.

Presented by Mobeen Azhar
Producer by Sarah Kendal

(Photo: Maurice Hope in the boxing ring. Credit: Getty Images)

TUE 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5ym8)
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TUE 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sb5qp)
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TUE 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcr3d40)
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TUE 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d0k02)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 13:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tkl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

TUE 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sb9gt)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 14:06 Newshour (w172zb8w3kb84ys)
Greek court drops shipwreck charges

A Greek court has dropped charges against nine Egyptian men accused of responsibility for a shipwreck in the Mediterranean last year in which hundreds of migrants drowned.

Also in the programme: Israeli medics say Palestinian detainees are routinely shackled to hospital beds, treatment they say is dehumanising; and how the war in Ukraine is changing the habits of a rare eagle.

(Photo: Suspects greeting each other after case was dropped by Greek court in Kalamata. Credit: Shutterstock)

TUE 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sb6y)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 15:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tyv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

TUE 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d0shb)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct606z)
EU approves landmark AI rule

European Union's landmark rules on artificial intelligence will enter into force next month.

The AI Act imposes strict transparency obligations on high-risk AI systems while such requirements for general-purpose AI models will be lighter.

(Picture: Words reading "Artificial intelligence AI", miniature of robot and toy hand. Credit: REUTERS)

TUE 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sbjz2)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj0trvz61f)
'Sudden extreme turbulence' on flight

We get the latest from Bangkok where a Singapore Airlines flight had to be diverted after severe turbulence. One person has died and several were injured on the London to Singapore flight. We hear from our correspondent and passengers onboard the plane.

As New Zealand and Australia start to evacuate travellers stranded in New Caledonia after unrest shut down the island's international airport, we hear from people living there and from some of those who have left. Four civilians - including at least three indigenous Kanak residents - have been killed in riots along with two police officers.

Over the past few weeks the world of beauty pageants has been put firmly in the spotlight after both Miss USA and Miss Teen

USA abdicated their positions amid accusations of unprofessional behaviour, workplace bullying and harassment from management. We speak to three contestants about their experiences in beauty pageants.

(PICTURE CREDIT: The interior of Singapore Airline flight SQ321 pictured after an emergency landing at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi International Airport, Thailand, May 21, 2024. REUTERS/Stringer)

Presenter: James Reynolds

TUE 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sbuq6)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj0trvz9sk)
German group on trial for coup plot

We go to Germany where a trial hears the case against the alleged ringleaders of a far-right plot to overthrow the German government. The suspects are part of what's called the Reichsbürger movement that rejects the post-war German state. Our BBC Berlin correspondent is covering the high profile trial.

Also on the programme, we get the latest from Bangkok where a Singapore Airlines flight had to be diverted after severe turbulence. One person has died and several were injured on the London to Singapore flight. We hear from our correspondent, an aviation expert, and passengers onboard the plane.

And, over the past few weeks the world of beauty pageants has been put firmly in the spotlight after both Miss USA and Miss Teen USA abdicated their positions amid accusations of unprofessional behaviour, workplace bullying and harassment from management. We speak to three contestants about their experiences in beauty pageants.

We go to the US to the criminal trial of Donald Trump. The defence has rested its case in without calling the former president to give evidence. The BBC's reporter is at the courthouse.

Presenter: James Reynolds

(Photo: Heinrich XIII Prinz Reuss (C) arrives for his trial at the Higher Regional Court in Frankfurt, Germany, 21 May 2024. Nine defendants are being tried in state security proceedings on charges including membership of a terrorist organization. 21 May 2024 Credit: BORIS ROESSLER/POOL/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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TUE 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d18gv)
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TUE 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w7v)
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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 (w172zgf2n9sc0yl)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:06 Assignment (w3ct5msp)
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TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d1d6z)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wm4)

Tackling online abuse of athletes

Ahead of the Paris Olympics, Alasdair Keane hears how the organisation behind the event is enlisting an AI platform to tackle online abuse aimed at athletes competing in the event. Also in this episode Shiona McCallum meets the next generation of game designers and we find out about a project in Rwanda to improve the fit of prosthetic limbs.

Image: Paris 2024 Olympic Games logo is displayed near the Eiffel Tower (Photo by Chesnot/Getty Images)

TUE 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sc4pq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8w3kb905p)

Ron Dermer: Israel has no starvation policy

Israeli war cabinet member Ron Dermer rejects the ICC prosecutor's arrest warrants against Israel's prime minister and defence minister as 'outrageous'. He also denied that there were food shortages or famine conditions in Gaza and said the Israeli government does have a plan for post-war Gaza.

Also in the programme: One passenger dies and seven people are seriously injured due to extreme turbulence on a London to Singapore flight forced to make an emergency landing in Bangkok; and the EU decides to give the windfall profits of frozen Russian central bank assets to Ukraine.

(Photo: Ron Dermer, former Israeli Ambassador to the United States, speaks during the Republican Jewish Coalition Annual Leadership Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, on 6 November 2021. Credit: Bridget Bennett/Bloomberg via Getty Images)

TUE 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sc8fv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 22:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tvy)

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TUE 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d1mq7)

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TUE 22:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tkl)

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TUE 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d1rge)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct6097)

EU agrees to use Russian assets to help Ukraine

As EU countries adopt a plan to use profits from frozen Russian assets for Ukraine defences and rebuilding, Ed Butler, looks at how the scheme might work and whether the idea risks undermining the rule of law.

Hollywood actress Scarlett Johansson is taking legal advice after a new version of the AI bot, Chat GPT, was released with a voice she claims is eerily similar to her own - how can AI seek to develop while staying on the right right side of copyright laws?

Red Lobster, was once one of the world's largest seafood chains but as it files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, how did the once successful seafood franchise end up in such deep water? (Picture credit: master Sergeant/Getty Images.)

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2024

WED 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9schy3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 00:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qjc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

WED 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9scmp7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 01:06 Donald Trump receives big cash pledges despite conviction (w172zbfv3pwv3)

EU approves use of Russia's frozen assets to support Ukraine

The European Union has approved the use of profits from Russia's frozen central bank assets to help Ukraine buy weapons and fund reconstruction. Ukraine has welcomed the move but how the scheme might work and could it risk undermining the rule of law?

Hollywood actress star Scarlett Johansson has said she was left "angered" after the organisation OpenAI launched a chatbot with an "eerily similar" voice to her own. OpenAI have confirmed they would remove the voice, but have insisted that it was not meant to be an "imitation" of the star. How can AI seek to develop while staying on the right side of copyright law? Joining Ed Butler to discuss these and other big business stories of the day from around the world are Rachel Puppazoni, Business Reporter for ABC News in Perth, Australia and Technology journalist, Takara Small, based in Toronto. (Image credit: Anton Petrus/Getty Images.)

WED 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9scrfc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcr4tpt)

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

WED 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d23pr)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 02:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5wrm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9scw5h)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5p4k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Tuesday]

WED 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ym8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9scxzm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcr569y)

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WED 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d2c60)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 04:32 The Documentary (w3ct6qtp)

Things Fell Apart: Spicy Brando

A disenfranchised young man, maddened by the strict lockdown laws in Michigan, joins a club of like-minded men and suddenly finds himself under arrest for an unlikely and horrific crime.

To listen to the full-length story, search for Things Fell Apart wherever you get your BBC podcasts.

WED 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sd3nr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 05:06 Newsday (w172zbjzmq067bb)

Tens of thousands gather for President Raisi's funeral in Tehran

After decades of military rule and brutal repression, a new army of young insurgents are bringing the Myanmar dictatorship to crisis point.

Funeral proceedings for Iran's president and seven others who died in a helicopter crash on Sunday are underway in the capital Tehran. This comes at a time Iran's conservative leaders would want to send a clear and convincing signal of continuity and unity.

Also in the programme, Ugandan farmers in some areas say they are living in fear after hundreds of elephants from South Sudan invaded their farms and gardens, destroying food crops. For several years, these elephants have been crossing into their villages, particularly during mango season.

And in sport, Chelsea manager Mauricio Pochettino has left the club after one season at Stamford Bridge.

WED 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sd7dw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 06:06 Newsday (w172zbjzmq06c2g)

Crowds fill Tehran's streets to bid farewell to President Raisi

Big crowds have filled the streets of Tehran for the funeral ceremony of the late President Ebrahim Raisi.

We hear from the US Ambassador to the DRC, Lucy Tamlyn after the Democratic Republic of Congo army said it quashed an attempted coup against President Felix Tshisekedi in the capital Kinshasa.

Also in the programme, we hear from one of the passengers who was on the Singapore Airlines which hit turbulence mid-air.

Manizha is part of a growing hip-hop and breakdancing team in Afghanistan who dreamt of going to the Olympic games. She was forced to leave her country when the Taliban returned to power in August 2021 and was selected by the Olympic committee as part of the refugee team.

WED 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sd50)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 07:06 Newsday (w172zbjzmq06gtl)

Thousands through the streets of Iran's capital to mourn former President Raisi

Armies of young insurgents are changing the course of Myanmar's forgotten war.

A British man has died and seven are in a critical condition after the Singapore Airlines flight they were travelling in hit "sudden extreme turbulence".

The main official funeral ceremonies for the country's former president Ebrahim Raisi have commenced in Tehran.

Also in the programme, a stark warning has been issued about the fate of the world's mangroves. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) concludes in a new study that half of them are at risk of collapse by 2050. Dr. Lola Fatoyinbo, Research Scientist at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, tells us why.

WED 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sdgx4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t4l)

Jim Skea: Are humans bungling our chance to avert disaster?

Stephen Sackur speaks to Professor Jim Skea, chair of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. He is a key player collating the latest climate science and right now the situation looks grim; global emissions are still rising, so are temperatures and targets seem likely to be missed. Are humans bungling our chance to avert disaster?

WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d2v5j)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zmx)

Brazil's agricultural boom

From soybean production to coffee exports to sugar cane, grains and tropical fruit - agriculture is powering the Brazilian economy.

We travel to a farm outside the capital Brasilia, and look at how the country could play a major role in providing the world with food security in the years ahead.

And we consider a major threat to agriculture - climate change, which is forcing Brazilian farmers to adapt to survive.

We talk to the Brazilian head of the International Coffee Organisation - on what her home country can do to deal with extreme weather events.

And away from agriculture, we consider Brazil's heavy industry, and ask why it hasn't made more of its rich musical heritage.

Produced and presented by Gideon Long.

(Image: Cultivation of sugarcane in the interior of the State of São Paulo. Huge areas are cultivated and after harvesting will come sugar, alcohol, drink and ethanol. Credit: Getty Images)

WED 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ypj)

Adi Dassler's sports shoe obsession

How the Dassler brothers created two global sportswear firms.

In 1948, Adi and Rudi Dassler who lived in a small German town fell out. They went on to set up Adidas and Puma.

Adi Dassler played a crucial role in West Germany's victory in the 1954 World Cup with his game-changing footwear.

In 2022, Reena Stanton-Sharma spoke to Adi's daughter Sigi Dassler, who remembers her dad's obsession with sports shoes and talks about her fondness for rappers Run-DMC, who paid tribute to her dad's shoes in their 1986 song My Adidas.

WED 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sdlm8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcr5t1l)

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WED 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d2yxn)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 09:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5wrm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sdqdd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 10:06 The Documentary (w3ct6qtz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

WED 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sdv4j)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcr61jv)

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WED 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d36dx)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dqp)

India election: Modi's massive social media machine

India is in the middle of the biggest election the world has ever seen, and social media has become a vital political tool for candidates trying to reach around a billion voters across the country.

Katya Adler is joined by Devina Gupta and Shruti Menon in the BBC's Delhi bureau for a look inside the digital campaigns of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his main opponent, Rahul Gandhi. And they ask, how can Indian avoid the threat of online disinformation and deepfakes?

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This episode was made by Peter Goffin and Beth Timmins. The technical producers were Mike Regaard, Hannah Montgomery and Ricardo McCarthy. The assistant editor is Sergi Forcada Freixas and the senior news editor is Sam Bonham.

WED 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sdywn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5pbc)

Britain's infected blood scandal, my quest for the truth

In the 1970s and 80s thousands of people treated with blood products and given transfusions were unwittingly infected with blood-borne viruses such as HIV and hepatitis. A six-year-long public inquiry in Britain has been looking into what went

wrong. The inquiry has heard evidence from many people affected, including Jason Evans, the leader of campaign group 'Factor 8' which has been asking why haemophiliacs continued to be given contaminated products when the dangers were already known. Jason's father took blood product Factor 8 to treat his haemophilia. From this he contracted HIV and died when Jason was just four. Jason tells us about the effect on his and his mother's lives.

Presenter: Mobeen Azhar

Producer: Julian Siddle

(Photo: Jason Evans and his dad. Credit: Jason Evans)

WED 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5ypj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

WED 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sf2ms)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcr6913)

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WED 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d3fx5)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 13:32 The Documentary (w3ct6qtp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

WED 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sf6cx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 14:06 Newshour (w172zb8w3kbc1vw)

Norway, Spain and Ireland to formally recognise Palestine as a state

In the wake of three countries moving to formally recognise Palestine as a state and Israel recalling ambassadors to those countries, we hear from the Office of the Israeli Prime Minister. Also in the programme: Winner of this year's international Booker Prize German writer Jenny Erpenbeck joins us in the studio along with her translator Michael Hofmann; and we hear about a new feature that will allow computers to continuously take snapshots of our screens.

(Photo: Protests to mark the 76th anniversary of the Nakba in Ramallah. Credit: Reuters)

WED 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sfb4l)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t4l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

WED 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d3pfd)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct60ch)

UK inflation edges down, but are people feeling it?

UK inflation hit its lowest in 3 years, but was still hotter than analysts expected. In this special episode, we record live from a Manchester food hall to talk to businesses and their customers about the price changes they're seeing.

We also speak to experts about what this means for central bank rate cuts, and how the UK is faring compared to major global economies.

(Photo: Sterling money in a wallet. Credit: PA)

WED 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sffw5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj0trw22yj)

Ireland, Norway and Spain to recognise Palestinian state

Norway, Spain and Ireland have announced that they will formally recognise Palestine as a state next week. Though the majority of countries worldwide recognise Palestinian statehood, few European nations do. We explain the status of Palestine under international law and within the UN structure. We also get reaction from Palestinians and Israel and ask our diplomatic correspondent what it means to be recognised as a state.

A member of parliament in the UK has received a standing ovation as he returned to work eight months after losing all his limbs because of sepsis. We hear what he had to say when he addressed the parliament.

Thousands of people gathered today in the capital of Iran for the second day of the funeral ceremonies for late president Ebrahim Raisi and foreign minister and others killed in a helicopter crash on Sunday. Our colleague from BBC Persian has the latest.

Presenter: James Reynolds.

(Photo: Pro-Palestine activists set up protest camp at a university in Munich, Germany - 14 May 2024. Credit: ANNA SZILAGYI/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

WED 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sfkm9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj0trw26pn)

UK announces general election

UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has announced a 4 July general election in a statement outside Downing Street. We bring his statement live and speak to our political correspondent.

Fighting in Myanmar has left thousands of people dead and displaced more than two million from their homes. We bring the first report by our correspondent Quentin Sommerville from the frontline.

Norway, Spain and Ireland have announced that they will formally recognise Palestine as a state next week. We explain what this means and bring reaction from Palestinians and from Israel.

Presenter: James Reynolds.

(Photo: Prime Minister Rishi Sunak issues a statement outside 10 Downing Street, London, after calling a General Election for July 4. Credit: Stefan Rousseau/PA Wire)

WED 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sfpcl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5pbc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

WED 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5ypj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

WED 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sft3k)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcr70hw)

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WED 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d45cy)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5wb3)

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

WED 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sfxvp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 20:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wrm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d4942)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct5t8k)

Medical Innovations

This week, we're looking at examples of innovative thinking in medicine. A new, non-invasive device could help people with paralysis to regain movement. And as Namibia passes a critical milestone, we look back on one of the biggest developments in preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV.

Also on the programme, an update on the Korean doctors' strike, and a summit looks to tackle the often-overlooked problem of indoor air pollution.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond
Producer: Margaret Sessa-Hawkins
Editor: Holly Squire

WED 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sg11t)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8w3kbcx2s)
UK to hold surprise general election in July

In a surprise move, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has called a summer UK general election to take place on 4th July.

Also on the programme: lawyers for the government of the Democratic Republic of Congo say they have new evidence from whistleblowers that the US technology giant, Apple, is illegally obtaining minerals from gangs; and South Africa's former president, Jacob Zuma, has told the BBC he wants to change the country's constitution after he was barred from running for parliament in next week's elections.

(Photo: Rishi Sunak issues a statement outside 10 Downing Street, London, after calling a general election. Credit: Lucy North/PA Wire)

WED 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sg5by)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 22:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t41)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

WED 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d4jmb)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 22:32 The Documentary (w3ct6qtp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

WED 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sg932)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcr7hhd)
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WED 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d4ncg)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct60fr)
UK General Election called for July 4th

UK's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has defended his political and economic record in the wake of some relatively positive inflation numbers. So, is this the right moment for a General Election?

Find out how Brazil's farmers are adapting to climate change. While Ugandan farmers are adapting to elephants trespassing from South Sudan.

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THU 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sgdv6)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 00:06 The Documentary (w3ct6qzt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

THU 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sgjlb)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 01:06 Donald Trump receives big cash pledges despite conviction (w172zbfvx3ssr6)
Rishi Sunak announces July 4th Elections

The race begins for UK's political parties to woo its voters ahead of July 4th General Elections – but is now the right time?

Tech giant Nvidia continues to grow and grow, but can it keep going?

And Elvis's Graceland is not up for sale. Find out why...

[IMAGE CREDIT: REUTERS]

THU 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sgnbg)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcr7vqs)
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THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d50lv)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 02:32 The Documentary (w3ct6qv0)
Denmark's esports revolution

The world of esports is a wide and varied domain which has captured audiences around the world. OJ Borg explores how Denmark is leading the way in embracing the sport.

Speaking to star players, schools that have embraced it in their curriculum and the fans pushing it forward, OJ investigates Denmark's esports revolution.

An Audio Always production

Image: A child at a computer (Credit: Daniel Grundtvig)

THU 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sgs2l)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5pbc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Wednesday]

THU 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ypj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sgwtq)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcr8371)
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THU 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d5833)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xmr)
The burrito story

Ruth Alexander explores the origins and evolution of the humble grab-and-go food the burrito, which started life in northern Mexico, before crossing over into the US and becoming a hit around the world.

Versions of the spicy wrap can be enjoyed in restaurants, street food shacks and supermarket home meal kits all over the world.

We explore the burrito's contested origins, find out why some Mexican food purists dislike the popular menu item and ask what the future holds for it, and the cuisine more broadly.

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

(Picture: a burrito in a restaurant in Juarez, Mexico. Credit: Vianey Alderete Contreras/BBC)

Presented by Ruth Alexander.
Produced by Sam Clack.
Additional reporting by Vianey Alderete Contreras in Juarez, Mexico and El Paso, United States.

THU 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sh0kv)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 05:06 Newsday (w172zbjzmq0947f)
French president urges for law and order to be restored in New Caledonia

The French president Emmanuel Macron is in New Caledonia promising to restore peace to the French Pacific Territory after more than a week of rioting.

New satellite analysis shows growing damage around the Western Sudanese city of El Fasher with the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) burning down civilian dwellings. Nathaniel Raymond, Executive Director of Yale University's Humanitarian Research Lab, joins us.

British prime Minister Rishi Sunak vows to "fight for every vote" as he calls an early general election. The leader of the Labour opposition, Sir Keir Starmer says it is "time for change". We'll take you through what to expect

THU 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sh49z)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 06:06 Newsday (w172zbjzmq097zk)
South Africa's former president vows to change country's constitution

South Africa's former President Jacob Zuma tells BBC's Anne Soy he wants to change the country's constitution after he was prevented from running for parliament in next week's elections.

Kenyan President William Ruto will become the first African leader in more than 15 years to make an official state visit to the US.

Also in the programme, new research has found that microplastics can build up in the testicles of humans and dogs.

Britain is heading to the polls on 4 July in a surprise move by prime minister Rishi Sunak who called for a snap poll in six weeks' time.

THU 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sh823)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 07:06 Newsday (w172zbjzmq09cqp)
Ireland, Spain and Norway to recognise Palestinian state

Ireland, Spain and Norway say they will formally recognise a Palestinian state. We hear from the Norway's foreign minister, Espen Barth Eide on why they took the decision now.

Leaders and ministers from Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait head to Tehran to attend Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi's funeral. Mr Raisi died in a helicopter crash on Sunday along with seven members of his entourage.

Also in the programme, China has started two days of military exercises surrounding the island, which Beijing described as a form of 'punishment for separatist acts'.

In sport, Atalanta breaks Bayer Leverkusen unbeaten record in a 3 - 0 Europa final.

THU 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9shct7)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xh7)
Is Myanmar on the brink of collapse?

In February 2024, Myanmar reactivated an old law which had been on hold for 14 years, stating adult men aged up to 35, and women up to 27 years old, must serve at least two years in the country's armed forces. The plan is to add sixty thousand new recruits annually – and anyone caught avoiding conscription faces prison and a fine.

It's part of the military-led government's bid to fight back in a brutal civil war, which broke out in 2021 after its coup seized power from the democratically elected party. A violent crackdown on the peaceful public protests that followed triggered widespread armed resistance and has energised other groups who are determined to end military leadership.

Myanmar is no stranger to internal unrest, but this latest conflict is pushing it closer to the edge.

This week we're asking - Is Myanmar on the brink of collapse?

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Researcher: Matt Toulson
Editor: Tara McDermott

Image: A protester holds a placard with a three-finger salute in

front of a military tank parked aside the street in front of the Central Bank building in Yangon, Myanmar, on 15 February 2021 (Credit: Aung Kyaw Htet/SOPA Images/LightRocket via Getty Images)

THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d5r2m)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zbw)

Latin America's success stories

Across the region, there are examples of economic success stories: countries, companies and people that are getting things right, transforming their local economies and bringing prosperity to the region.

We go to Peru, where fruit producers are enjoying a blueberry boom.

We hear from Uruguay, which generates almost all its electricity from renewable energy, and we visit a factory Mexico that's benefiting from "nearshoring" and the country's proximity to the United States.

We talk to two female entrepreneurs – one from Chile and one from Colombia – on how the ecosystem for start-ups has evolved in their countries and the exciting possibilities the region has to offer.

Produced and presented by Gideon Long

(Image: Close-up on a worker loading baskets of blueberries on a truck at a plantation. Credit: Getty Images)

THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yk0)

Imelda Marcos's famous shoe collection

In 2001, more than 700 pairs of Imelda Marcos's shoes were put on display at the Marikina Shoe Museum in the Philippines.

The wife of the dictator President Ferdinand Marcos, became famous for buying shoes, while millions of Filipinos were living in poverty. It's thought she had in around 3,000 pairs.

Ella Rule has been through the archive to tell the story of Imelda and her shoes.

(Photo: Imelda Marcos' shoe collection. Credit: Christophe LOVINY/Gamma-Rapho via Getty Images)

THU 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9shhkc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcr8pyp)

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THU 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d5vtr)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 09:32 The Documentary (w3ct6qv0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

THU 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sh9h)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 10:06 The Explanation (w3ct6plj)

The Media Show: Reporting ringside at Usyk v Fury

On Saturday, Oleksandr Usyk beat Tyson Fury to become boxing's undisputed heavyweight champion. The high-profile match was held in the Kingdom Arena in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, which has been accused of 'sportswashing'. Alex Pattle from The Independent reveals what it was like reporting from the event, and Prof Simon Chadwick analyses the Saudi sports investment strategy.

The actor Scarlett Johansson has accused OpenAI of deliberately copying her voice for its latest chatbot 'Sky'. OpenAI said that it would remove the voice, but insisted that it was not meant to be an "imitation" of the star. Lawyer Susan Aslan assesses if the actor has a case, and tech journalist Takara Small gives us the latest updates on the latest AI releases.

Plus an update on the furor surrounding the Netflix series Baby Reindeer, as the British MP John Nicolson asks Netflix to substantiate what it told a Parliamentary committee about the woman alleged to have inspired the character Martha.

Guests: Alex Pattle, Combat Sports correspondent, The Independent; Simon Chadwick, Professor of Sport and

Geopolitical Economy, Skema Business school; Takara Small, technology journalist; Susan Aslan, Partner, ACK Media Law.

Presenters: Katie Razzall and Ros Atkins
Producer: Simon Richardson

THU 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d5zkw)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 10:32 Happy News (w3ct5spg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:32 on Saturday]

THU 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9shr1m)

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THU 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcr8fy)

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THU 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d6b0)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dsy)

War in Ukraine: Is Russia winning?

The war in Ukraine has turned from a relative stalemate to a major Russian offensive in the past few weeks. Several villages on Ukraine's north-eastern frontier near the city of Kharkiv have fallen under Moscow's control. Now overstretched Ukrainian troops are struggling to contain the most significant ground offensive since 2022.

On this episode Katya Adler is joined by the BBC's Ukraine correspondent James Waterhouse and the host of UkraineCast Vitaly Shevchenko to discuss whether Russia is starting to win the war with Ukraine.

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THU 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9shvrs)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nxs)

Blue gold: Searching for the world's rarest denim

From eBay to the abandoned silver mines of the American West: Viktor Fredback has built a denim collection spanning 100 years of American history, and worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. He's sacrificed time, money, and relationships in his pursuit of historic denim, and has even undertaken dangerous expeditions into long-abandoned 19th Century silver mines.

Presenter: Mobeen Azhar
Producer: Mary Goodhart

(Photo: Viktor Fredback with denim jeans. Credit: Paul Blomgren)

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THU 14:06 Newshour (w172zb8w3kbfyrs)

Seven killed as Russia pounds Kharkiv

Russia pounds Kharkiv with missiles killing seven people as President Volodymyr Zelensky chides Ukraine's western allies for not providing enough military support. Newshour hears from Kharkiv and from John Herbst a former US ambassador to Ukraine.

Also in the programme: the dispute over the billion-dollar galleon; and campaigning starts in the UK's election.

(Picture: A firefighter washes up his face as he works at a compound of a print works hit by Russian missile strikes, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Kharkiv, Ukraine May 23, 2024. Credit: Reuters)

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THU 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct602g)

The German economy looks like it's in trouble

Germany's post-Covid recovery has not gone as planned, according to a damning new report by the country's commerce chamber.

Elsewhere, Roger Hearing looks at news reports that the US is planning to sue Ticketmaster-owner Live Nation over anti-competitive practices. And we look inside the first state visit by an African leader to the US in over 15 years.

(Photo: A paratrooper parachutes with a German flag. Credit: Reuters)

THU 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sjbs8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj0trw4zvm)

Iran: Final day of Raisi's funeral rites

Thousands have marched in Iran to mourn Raisi on the final day of funeral rites. He was killed in a helicopter crash on Sunday along with Iran's foreign minister and six other passengers. We speak to our journalist with BBC Verify about the reaction and conversations taking place in the country about what happens next.

We talk about the impact of heatwave in Mexico where howler monkeys have been falling dead from the trees.

The UN is expected to vote today whether to create an annual international day to mark Srebrenica genocide. We explain what happened in Srebrenica and hear about the debate taking place at the UN.

With beauty pageants put in the spotlight after both Miss USA and Miss Teen USA abdicated their positions, we bring together a mother and her daughter who both took part in a beauty contest.

Presenter: James Reynolds.

(Photo: Mourners attend a burial ceremony of the late Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi in Mashhad, Iran, May 23, 2024. Credit: Mohsen Bakhshandeh/IRNA/WANA (West Asia News Agency) via REUTERS ATTENTION EDITORS)

THU 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sjjgd)

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THU 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj0trw53lr)

Frontline special report: Myanmar's civil war

Myanmar is in the grip of a civil war, largely forgotten by the outside world, which has left thousands of people dead and displaced more than two million from their homes. Our correspondent Quentin Sommerville spent some time with young revolutionaries in the jungle.

Haiti's health care system is "on the verge of collapse", warns the UN's children's agency, Unicef. We speak to Unicef's representative in Haiti.

President Macron says he will delay contentious voting reform plans for the French Pacific territory of New Caledonia that's led to several days of deadly unrest. We speak to our Asia Pacific editor Micky Bristow.

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(Photo: Rebel fighter Nam Ree aims a sniper rifle towards the enemy position. Credit: BBC)

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THU 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w5l)
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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 (w172zgf2n9sjtrs)
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THU 20:06 The Documentary (w3ct6qv0)
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THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d7615)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 20:32 Science In Action (w3ct5ver)
The roots of fentanyl addiction

Fentanyl is a powerful morphine substitute, but it is also incredibly addictive – millions struggle with weaning themselves off it. And of the 600,000 drug deaths worldwide each year, the World Health Organisation estimates 80% are due to opioids in general, with synthetic opioids like fentanyl being a growing part of the problem. New work with genetically manipulated mice suggests that fentanyl affects two parts of the brain, one associated with the high, but also another that regulates fear. This knowledge could aid in the development of treatments to reduce addiction to the opioid.

Early developers: Long before a developing implants into a mother's uterus, in fact as the fertilised egg divides for the first time into a pair of cells, which line becomes the future baby and which will become the 'life support' system of the placenta has been decided. Embryologist Magdalena Zernicka-Goetz explains why this early unfolding of the genetic programme is important, and why it's taken so long to discover it.

Getting through pregnancy is only the first step in a person's life. Surviving childhood, particularly for our old stone age ancestors, was the next challenge. And a new study looking at children's teeth found at ancient archaeological sites gives clues as to why our ancestors fared better than the neanderthals around them during the last ice age.

Supersense: twitching hairs on some caterpillars turn out to be early-warning sensors feeling the electric field of an approaching wasp, giving the potential prey precious moments to hide or escape death. Biophysicist Daniel Robert explains the challenge of seeing the electric world of insect hunters and hunted.

Presenter: Roland Pease
Producer: Jonathan Blackwell
Production co-ordinator: Jana Bennett-Holesworth

(Image: Fentanyl. Credit: Isaac Lee via Getty Images.)

THU 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sjyhx)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8w3kbgzsw)
Inside Myanmar's resistance field hospitals

Medical workers with the resistance in Myanmar have spoken of the terrible injuries suffered by those fighting the ruling junta's troops. A BBC team met doctors in Karenni state. Thousands of people have been killed since Myanmar's army seized power in a coup three years ago.

Also in the programme: A fifth senior army figure in Russia has been arrested; and inside Sudan's war-struck El Fasher.

(Picture: A soldier from Karenni state who was injured during a fight against the Burmese army. Credit: Thierry Falise/LightRocket via Getty Images)

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THU 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct604q)
US regulators sue Live Nation

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Also, Devina Gupta finds out how Russian president Vladimir Putin could use US property in the country to compensate for frozen Russian assets. And why one of Australia's biggest banks, the Commonwealth, is predicting the country will become cashless by 2026.

(Picture: Illustration shows Live Nation Entertainment and Ticketmaster logos. Picture credit: Reuters)

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FRI 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sk9r9)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:06 The Explanation (w3ct6plj)
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FRI 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d7p0p)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct5ybs)

How has the Russia-China relationship changed?

John Simpson, in discussion with the BBC's unparalleled range of experts across the world, examines how the relationship between Russia and China has changed, analyses the state of European politics in the wake of the attempted assassination of Slovakia's prime minister, and looks at whether the idea of a two-state solution between Israelis and Palestinians has any future after the Gaza War.

FRI 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9skfhf)
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FRI 01:06 Donald Trump receives big cash pledges despite conviction (w172zbfv3w9n9)
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(Picture: The logo for Live Nation Entertainment is displayed on a screen on the floor at the NYSE in New York. Picture credit: Reuters)

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FRI 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcrbrmw)
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FRI 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d7shy)
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FRI 02:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wm4)
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FRI 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sknzp)
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FRI 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nxs)
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FRI 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yk0)
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FRI 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9ksqt)
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FRI 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcrcc044)
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FRI 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d8506)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tf2)
Hervé's Way: The story of a one-legged pilgrim

Hervé lost a leg in a motorbike accident. On the eve of the operation, he made a deal with God: "If I walk again, I'll go to Santiago." He did walk again, but not on pilgrimage. Instead, he got caught up in his business affairs, had a burn out, tried to kill himself and spent several months in a psychiatric hospital before he decided to keep his side of the bargain. He set out, with crutches and a prosthetic leg, for Santiago de Compostela, a journey of 1,920 kilometres from his home in Brittany in north west France to the cathedral that contains the relics of Saint James at the tip of north west Spain. The experience utterly changed him. It was, he says, a resurrection. He is now embarking on a second pilgrimage which will cover almost twice the distance; from Rome to Santiago de Compostela. John Laursen walks with him for a couple of days to hear his story and talk about life, God, pilgrimage, about Luther's criticism – that they are a waste of time – and the sacrifice they can represent for his family of a wife and four children. John also talks to him about how, in a part of the world where religious observance has become the affair of a small minority, going on

pilgrimages in Europe has never been more popular with new routes opening all the time.

Producer / Presenter: John Laurensen

FRI 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9skxgy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 05:06 Newsday (w172zbjzmq0d14j)

United Nations special adviser on the prevention of genocide warns of signs of genocide in Darfur

As the Rapid Support Forces continue their assault on the Western Sudanese city of El Fasher, the UN's leading voice on the prevention of genocide, Alice Wairimu Nderitu tells Newsday she's deeply concerned.

Kenya's President William Ruto, on a state visit to the US, has defended his decision to send around a-hundred police officers to Haiti to tackle gang violence there. We'll hear from a leading Kenyan critic of the plan

FRI 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sl72)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 06:06 Newsday (w172zbjzmq0d4wn)

UN Special Adviser on Genocide says the world needs to wake up to stop imminent genocide in Sudan

A United Nations special advisor warns the situation in Sudan's Darfur bears marks of the risk of genocide.

We hear from those inside the surrounded city of El Fasher - where hospitals have been shelled and attackers have run through camps for those made homeless by the conflict, killing those they come across.

Following the suspension of food delivery and distribution in the southern Gaza city of Rafah earlier this week by the United Nations due to fighting - we speak to ICRC

FRI 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sl4z6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 07:06 Newsday (w172zbjzmq0d8ms)

UN warns a genocide might be happening in Sudan

The United Nation's Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, Alice Wairimu Nderitu, says she fears another Srebrenica or Rwanda happening - this time in Sudan. We also hear too from a resident of El Fasher - a Sudanese city under siege.

A massive landslide in a remote region in northern Papua New Guinea has killed up to 100 people, according to local emergency services.

Also in the programme, the Former Zambian president says says he is "practically under house arrest" and the police are out to detain him.

And, Carlos Acutis - a london born Italian teenager who died of cancer in 2006 - is set to become the first millennial saint. Courtney Mares, author of Blessed Carlo Acutis : A Saint in Sneakers, joins us.

FRI 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sl8qb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5sv0)

Espen Barth Eide: Why will Norway recognise a Palestinian state?

Sarah Montague speaks to Norway's Foreign Minister, Espen Barth Eide. His country, along with Ireland and Spain, says it will recognise a Palestinian state. Israel says that decision sends a message to the world that "terrorism pays". Will the move help or hinder the path to peace in the Middle East?

FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d8mzq)

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FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z1v)

Business Daily meets: Laura Chinchilla

Laura Chinchilla was the first woman to serve as president of Costa Rica and one of the first in Latin America.

We talk to her about what that journey to the top job in her

country was like, and the challenges facing Latin America - from corruption to crime, the drugs trade, migration, the brain drain, poor governance and low economic productivity.

And we consider some of the potential solutions to those problems - solutions that could help Latin America bring prosperity to its people.

(Picture: Laura Chinchilla Miranda, former President of Costa Rica, speaking at a conference. Credit: Getty Images)

Presented and produced by Gideon Long

FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ydh)

How Air Jordans were created

In 1984, Nike signed rookie basketball player Michael Jordan and created a shoe in his name – the Air Jordan.

The unprecedented deal would change sports marketing forever.

Former executive Sonny Vaccaro was the man who persuaded his bosses to put all their marketing budget on one untried player.

He became convinced of Michael's talent after seeing him make the winning shot in a college game.

He tells Vicky Farncombe about the challenges of persuading Michael – an Adidas fan – to sign, and how the Air Jordan's controversial black and red colour scheme upset the National Basketball Association (NBA).

(Photo: Air Jordans. Credit: Getty)

FRI 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sl4gg)

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FRI 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8krcrlvs)

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FRI 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d8rqv)

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FRI 09:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vcr)

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FRI 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9slj6l)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q1s)

A world going on underground

How would you feel if you spent more and more of your life underground? Could that be how more and more of us live in the future? Presenter Marnie Chesterton and panellists Candice Bailey in Johannesburg, South Africa and Tristan Ahtone in Helsinki, Finland dig into subterranean science. Did you know around a million people live underground in China's capital Beijing? Have you heard of the race to dig the deepest hole in the Earth? In this episode we explore how humans have been digging deep for over 3,000 years explorer Christian Clot tell us why living underground with no contact to the world above was a nicer experience that you might expect.

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FRI 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31d9073)

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FRI 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dw6)

South Africa elections: 'Democracy means nothing to me'

It is 30 years since the end of apartheid in South Africa and Nelson Mandela was elected as the country's first black president. Since then, Mandela's party - the African National Congress - has dominated politics, delivering every president.

People are going to the polls again at the end of this month. Nomsa Maseko, the BBC's South Africa correspondent tells us what the elections might mean for the rainbow nation as voters weigh frustration and loyalty to Mandela's ANC party.

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FRI 12:06 Outlook (w3ct698q)

Outlook Mixtape: Saved by Spam, 'soft' boxer, infected blood

In 2016, when Jenny Söderqvist and Helene Åberg's car exploded in the middle of the vast Kalahari desert, their supplies and only lifeline to the outside world went up in flames. No rescue would come. The two friends from Sweden would spend the next five harrowing days lost in the wilderness and stalked by lions, until their salvation appeared to them in the most unlikely of forms: a tin of Spam.

Maurice Hope was born in Antigua, and was a sensitive boy who cried easily. At 9 years old, Maurice moved with his family to the U.K. as part of the Windrush generation. After experiencing racist violence in the street he joined East London's famous boxing club, The Repton. In 1972 Maurice became the first black British Olympian boxer alongside Billy Knight. He went professional and soon found himself a world champion. When he met Queen Elizabeth II to receive a CBE he was determined to make an impression.

In the 1970s and 80s thousands of people treated with blood products and given transfusions were unwittingly infected with blood-borne viruses such as HIV and hepatitis. A six-year-long public inquiry in Britain has been looking into what went wrong. The inquiry has heard evidence from many people affected, including Jason Evans, the leader of campaign group 'Factor 8'. Jason's father took blood product Factor 8 to treat his haemophilia, from this he contracted HIV and died when Jason was just four. Jason tells us about the effect on his and his mother's lives.

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FRI 14:06 Newshour (w172zb8w3kbjvp2)

UN warns Darfur at risk of genocide

There's been a warning that Sudan's Darfur region is at growing risk of genocide. A United Nations expert, Alice Wairimu Nderitu, told the BBC that the Rapid Support Forces, who are at war with the army, were targeting communities based on their ethnicity.

Also in the programme: International Court of Justice rules on Israel's Gaza operation; and The Boss honoured in London.

(Picture: People fleeing the violence in West Darfur, cross the border into Adre, Chad, August 4, 2023. Credit: Reuters)

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FRI 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zsf)

Inside the Ukraine economy

We take a look at the Ukrainian economy as G7 leaders meet to discuss how to finance the recovery of the war-torn nation.

Elsewhere, Rahul Tandon explores the key issues at stake ahead of South Africa's election next week, and looks at the new deal that could lead to U.S college athletes finally getting paid.

(Photo: Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at a meeting with top military officials. Credit: Reuters)

FRI 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sm7pc)

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FRI 16:06 BBC OS (w172zjb0trw7rq)

UN court ruling on Rafah

The UN's highest court has ruled that Israel must immediately halt its military offensive in Rafah. The case was brought to the International Court of Justice by South Africa which accuses Israel of violating the genocide convention. We explain what ICJ is and what the ruling means.

One of our most experienced defence and diplomatic editors, Mark Urban is leaving the BBC. We get Mark's reflections on the major stories he has covered and on the people he has met during his many deployments over the past three decades.

After a landmark deal in the US that could lead to student athletes being paid, we speak to a US journalist and fans about why college sport is so big in America.

We speak to a reporter at the film festival in Cannes about "Palm Dog Award".

Presenter: James Reynolds.

(Photo: Judges arrive at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague, Netherlands May 24, 2024. Credit: Johanna Geron/Reuters)

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FRI 17:06 BBC OS (w172zjb0trw80hv)

US college athletes set to be paid

The body that governs university sport in the United States has reached a landmark deal that could lead to student athletes being paid. We speak to a sports journalist and a former college athlete.

The UN's highest court has ruled that Israel must immediately halt its military offensive in Rafah, because of the risk to Palestinian lives in Gaza. We speak to our correspondent in the Hague and to our correspondent in Jerusalem.

With questions being asked about beauty pageants after two contestants in the US stepped down, we speak to judges and organisers who are part of these contests.

The Trump campaign has deleted a video posted to the former president's Truth Social account, which referenced a "unified Reich". Our reporter in the US explains.

Presenter: James Reynolds.

(Photo: NCAA Womens Basketball: Final Four National

Championship-Iowa vs South Carolina. Credit: Kirby Lee-USA TODAY Sports)

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FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w12)

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FRI 20:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rbk)

Beauty pageants

In the United States, questions are being asked after two beauty queens, Miss USA and Miss Teen USA, stepped down in as many weeks. The sudden and controversial resignations have put the spotlight on a global, multi-million dollar business.

With focus on one part of the pageant industry, we get a broader overview of what it is like to take part with former winners from Germany, Finland and Nigeria.

"There's a lot of pressure in the modelling industry about looking a certain way and maintaining a certain weight and body size," says Miss Universe Nigeria, Michel Ihezue.

"I wanted to branch out and do something that I felt would have more impact on myself and people around me. So not just being pretty, but also having a voice."

Host James Reynolds also hears from two pageant judges and an organiser based in Dubai on how protections are put in place for those taking part.

Plus, former Miss Great Britain Amy Meisak and her mother Laurie discuss how she persuaded her mum to enter her first contest at the age of 55. For Amy, it has increased her opportunities, though at first not everyone understood.

"I had quite a lot of people at my work making fun of me," said Amy. "You know, 'What is all this kind of Barbie doll stuff?'; 'Is it a cry for attention?' There's such a negative stereotype. It's so much more than a glittery crown."

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(Photo: Former former Miss Great Britain Amy Meisak and her mother Laurie. Credit: Amy Meisak)

FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31db2y8)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rh2)

Will mountains shrink as sea levels rise?

The Blue Ridge Parkway is 469 miles of beautiful vistas, a mountainous road that winds from Virginia to North Carolina in the USA. The route is peppered with elevation signs, telling you how many metres above sea level you are. Which has CrowdScience listener Beth wondering: as we are told that sea level is rising, will all the elevation signs need repainting?

It's a task she's passed over to the CrowdScience team, who like a difficult challenge. The height of an enormous pile of rock like Ben Nevis, or Mount Everest feels unchangeable. But we measure them relative to the nearest patch of sea, which is

where our story becomes complicated. Unlike water in a bath, sea level is not equal around the world. The east coast of America has a different sea level to its west coast. And as host Marnie Chesterton discovers in Finland, in some parts of the world the land is being pushed up, so sea level is actually falling.

In fact, when nothing on earth - not the sea, the shore or the mountains - seems to be stable or constant, the question of what you measure from and to becomes incredibly tricky. But that hasn't stopped oceanography and geography scientists risking life and fingers to use an ever-evolving array of technologies to find answers. In this show we find out why they care so much, and why we should too.

Featuring:

Dr Paul Bell – National Oceanography Centre, Liverpool, UK
Dr Severine Fournier – NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory / California Institute of Technology
Dr Jani Särkkä – Finnish Meteorological Institute
Khimlal Gautam – Mountaineer and Chief Survey Officer, Government of Nepal
Dr Derek van Westrum – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, USA

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(Photo: Sea Level Elevation Sign in Death Valley, California. Credit: Mitch Diamond/Getty Images)

FRI 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9smvf0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8w3kbpwz)

The ICJ rules Israel must halt military operation in Rafah

The International Court of Justice has ruled that Israel must immediately halt its military operation in Rafah.

The United Nations' highest court has also ordered Israel to re-open the Rafah border crossing between Egypt and Rafah to let in aid.

We speak to a legal expert about the importance of these rulings and we get the reaction from Israel and Gaza.

Also in our programme: one of Britain's greatest miscarriages of justice is finally put right with the quashing of hundreds of convictions; and what does Artificial Intelligence hold for Hollywood's animal stars?

(Photo: International Court of Justice President Nawaf Salam stands during an ICJ ruling on the situation in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip. Credit: Shutterstock)

FRI 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9smz54)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 22:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5sv0)

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FRI 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31dbbfj)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 22:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tf2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

FRI 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sn2x8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zqb8kcrf99I)

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

FRI 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31dbg5n)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zvp)

Weight-loss drug producer invests \$5.3 billion in Indiana

Eli Lilly announced investing another \$5.3 billion in a manufacturing plant in Lebanon, Indiana. It will help company to expand the supply of its highly popular weight loss drug Zepbound, diabetes treatment Mounjaro and other medicines in its pipeline. How will it affect the local economy?

Devina Gupta finds out why electricity prices are gone up in

Texas and how the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), which governs university sports in the US, has reached a deal that could lead to college athletes getting paid.

(Picture: Diabetes study. Picture credit: PA)