

SATURDAY 25 MAY 2024**SAT 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sn6nd)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 00:06 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.

SAT 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9snbdj)

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SAT 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfvx3zlkd)

Uvalde Victims' Families sue Meta, video game maker and gun firm

Families of the victims of a school mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas two years ago, have announced lawsuits against Instagram's parent company Meta, the maker of the video game "Call of Duty" and a gun manufacturer.

Devina Gupta finds out why Eli Lilly is investing another \$5.3 billion in a manufacturing plant in Lebanon, Indiana, 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: Microsoft buys Activision, in New York City. Picture credit: Reuters)

SAT 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sng4n)

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SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbg8kcrfnjz)

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SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31dbtf1)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct5wgm)

Justin Langer: My Indian Premier League experience

After more than two months, the Indian Premier League comes to a climax this weekend. Alison Mitchell has been speaking to the Lucknow Super Giants Head Coach Justin Langer on what the IPL experience has taught him and whether he would be keen to coach the Indian national team. Alison, Clint Wheelodon and Charu Sharma all discuss the IPL and which team will be celebrating on Sunday.

The countdown to the T20 World Cup is fast approaching. Canada will be making their debut. Alison has also spoken to batter Aaron Johnson who grew up in Jamaica before moving to Canada to pursue his dream.

Photo: Lucknow Super Giants' coach Justin Langer gestures during the warm up before the start of the Indian Premier League T20 cricket match between Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Lucknow Super Giants in Bengaluru on April 2, 2024. (Credit: AFP via Getty Images)

SAT 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9snkws)

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SAT 03:06 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.

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: Erin Riley

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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 03:50 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)

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SAT 05:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct6nx4)

The little girl with trauma

Regina had a difficult childhood. Her parents both struggled with addiction, and she developed substance abuse problems of her own. She thought she'd never know how to be a mother. But now she's using her experiences to help other children heal – trying to be the person that she needed when she was a child.

She tells Namulanta about the joy she finds in parenting her two daughters, the many women who have mothered her, and the training programme she's developed in Zimbabwe to help communities support traumatised children.

Letter writer: Regina

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SAT 05:50 More or Less (w3ct5t3q)

Is intermittent fasting going to kill you?

News stories earlier in the year appeared to suggest that time restricted eating – where you consume all your meals in an 8 hour time window – was associated with a 91% increase in the risk of death from cardiovascular disease.

But is this true? Tim Harford looks into the claim with the help of Cardiologist Dr Donald Lloyd-Jones, chair of the Department of Preventive Medicine at Northwestern University in the US.

Presenter: Tim Harford

Producer: Debbie Richford

Series producer: Tom Colls

Production coordinator: Brenda Brown

Sound mix: Nigel Appleton

Editor: Richard Vadon

SAT 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sny4s)

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SAT 06:06 Weekend (w172zcwyh9dn610)

Kenyan police to arrive soon in Haiti

The Kenyan president, William Ruto, tells the BBC that Kenyan police officers will arrive in Haiti in about a month's time.

Also today: Israel remains defiant after the International Court of Justice in The Hague rules that it must stop its attacks on Rafah in southern Gaza; and a new treatment for people with paralysis.

Today's guests are Kate Clark, Co-Director and Senior Analyst at the Afghanistan Analysts Network, and John Kampfner, who's an award-winning author, broadcaster, and commentator.

Photo: The Haitian National Police carries out a security operation in Port-au-Prince

Credit: Photo by Mentor David Lorens/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock

SAT 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sp1w9)

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SAT 07:06 Weekend (w172zcwyh9dn9s4)

Should Afghanistan be banned from the Olympics?

There are new calls for the International Olympic Committee to ban Afghanistan from taking part in the Olympics because the Taliban do not allow women and girls to play sports.

Also today: why the British prime minister, Rishi Sunak, announced the date of a general election sooner rather than later; and horticultural therapy at the Chelsea Flower Show in London.

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Photo: Athletes from Afghanistan parade during the opening ceremony of the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 at the Olympic Sports Centre Stadium in Hangzhou, China.

Credit: Photo by ALEX PLAVEVSKI/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock.

SAT 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sp5mf)

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SAT 08:06 Weekend (w172zcwyh9dnfj8)

Israel rejects ICJ ruling on Rafah

Israel remains defiant after the International Court of Justice rules that Israel must immediately halt its military offensive in Rafah.

Also today: a far-right bloc in the European Parliament expels Germany's far-right "Alternative for Germany" party ahead of upcoming elections; and a final push for votes by the African National Congress in South Africa.

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Photo: Ambassador Vusumuzi Madonsela of South Africa looks on during a ruling by the International Court of Justice on the situation in Rafah.

Credit: Koen van Weel/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock.

SAT 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sp9ck)

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SAT 09:06 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 Miss Great Britain Amy Meisak and her mother Laurie. Credit: Amy Meisak)

SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31dcnm)

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SAT 09:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v0g)

The Thai school where kids make the rules

The school in Thailand run by the children. Plus, "Baby Jet" - the first woman to represent Ghana at the Olympics, how the pyramids were built - and do books make us clever?

SAT 09:50 Over to You (w3ct5tsp)

Why are news reports often repeated?

A listener recently told us how he found correspondents' news reports that are repeated across different news shows "irritating". We hear whether you agree with him. We invited BBC Newshour editor Tim De Faramond to respond to listeners and understand why this repetition happens.

Plus, a listener feels a recent History Hour was wrong in its use of terminology. The show's production team respond.

Presenter: Rajan Datar

Producer: Howard Shannon.

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SAT 10:06 Sportshour (w3ct5q9m)

How my Olympics preparation saved my life

Taiwan badminton player Chou Tien-chen was keen to make sure he was in the best shape possible ahead of qualifying for the 2024 Olympic Games. What should have been a straightforward full medical examination saw him diagnosed with early stage colon cancer. After taking a second doctor's opinion to undergo surgery, Chou is now back playing on the world stage. He'll explain why he kept the news from his fans

and even his friends for almost a year and why he hopes his story will inspire others to undergo early cancer screening.

Lacrosse won't be making an appearance in Paris but will be brought back into the Olympic Games for Los Angeles in 2028. As one of the fastest growing sports, it will celebrate a landmark moment in September with its first ever Women's Box Lacrosse World Championships. Eleni Megoran will represent Australia at the Championships and tells us about how big this is for the sport and for women. Eleni also shares how she's seen as a "cool" teacher and a trailblazer with her students in her job as a teacher.

We check back in former South African Nethaller Vanes-Mari du Toit about her record breaking swim in the Himalayas. She was part of the Mad Swimmers team, who swam in a new body of water found at 6405 metres above sea level on Everest. She explains how the hike and swim were and why we need to take note...

Cuban weightlifter Ramiro Mora Romero tells us about making the Olympic Refugee Team via the circus and an army barracks. Now the British record holder in the 89kg, 96kg and 102kg weight categories ahead of Paris, explains how he has fulfilled a long term promise of making an Olympic games to his parents, who died when he was young.

Image: Chou Tien-chen punches the air when competing at the 2024 Thailand Open. (Credit: BWF/Badmintonphoto)

SAT 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9spjvt)

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SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcrgr84)

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SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31dcx46)

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SAT 11:32 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.

SAT 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9spnly)

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SAT 12:06 The Forum (w3ct5n08)

The fight for women's education

Among all the talk about 'knowledge economy' it is easy to forget that universal schooling is a relatively new phenomenon. Mandated first in a few European countries in the 18th century, it did not reach many others until the 20th. And the idea that women have an equal right to be educated frequently encountered stiff opposition, often from the privileged who feared that knowledgeable females would upset the social status quo.

Just about everywhere, the right to women's education was hard won: for instance Bal Gangadhar Tilak, one of the influential leaders of Indian independence movement, campaigned vociferously for decades against sending girls to school, complaining that it would lead to increased competition for jobs and to women neglecting their 'domestic duties'. Mary Carpenter, the acclaimed Victorian education reformer, maintained that neatness and needlework, rather than a full academic curriculum, were 'essential to a woman'.

Fast forward to 2024 and even though the gap between male and female educational attainment has narrowed world-wide, there are still many places where women lag behind, even in something as basic as literacy. According to UNESCO, women today account for almost two-thirds of all adults unable to read.

So how did we get here? And how can we close this gap? Iszi Lawrence follows the story of women's education with Jane Martin, Professor of Social History of Education at Birmingham University; Parimala V. Rao, Professor of the History of Education at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi; Dr. Karen Teoh, Associate of the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies at Harvard and World Service listeners.

(Photo: Teenage girls and boys learning in classroom. Credit: Maskot/Getty Images)

SAT 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9spsc2)

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SAT 13:06 Newshour (w172zb8w3kbmmv1)

Kenya President: police to arrive in Haiti in 'three weeks'

Kenya's President says peacekeeping forces will help quell growing gang violence in Haiti and are expected to arrive in three weeks. In an exclusive interview with the BBC, William Ruto confirmed a planning team was already in Haiti and had met local police to secure arrangements before the Kenyan troops are deployed. We'll hear from a journalist on the ground in Haiti on what the peacekeepers can expect from local gangs.

Also in the programme: Warnings rise over the possibility of genocide in Sudan's Darfur region. And a flowering plant last seen in the 1960s is re-introduced in Wales.

(Picture: William Ruto speaking in Washington, D.C., May 24th 2024. Picture credit: REUTERS/Ken Cedeno)

SAT 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9spx36)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w172zbt75yf66n)

Live Sporting Action

Sportsworld Saturday will be live at Wembley Stadium for the 143rd FA Cup final between Manchester City and Manchester United. Joining Lee James to build up to the final will be former Premier League goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer, former Manchester United striker Dion Dublin and former Manchester City defender Nedum Onuoha.

There are also two huge matches in Europe on Saturday. The first is the Women's Champions League final between defending champions Barcelona and eight-time winners Lyon, while the second match is the men's German Cup final and the Sportsworld team will preview both of those games.

Plus, Sportsworld will have the latest from the penultimate day of cycling's Giro d'Italia, preview the Diamond League athletics in Eugene, Oregon and preview the start of the French Open tennis.

Image: Manchester City players celebrate victory after the Emirates FA Cup Final between Manchester City and Manchester United at Wembley Stadium on June 3, 2023 in London, England. (Photo by Craig Mercer/MB Media/Getty Images)

SAT 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sqd2q)

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SAT 18:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcrhlh1)

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SAT 18:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31ddrc3)

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SAT 18:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct6nx4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 today]

SAT 18:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wde)

Manchester United's record-breaking treble

Ten days at the end of Manchester United's 98/99 season would define the club as one of the greatest teams in the world. They won the English Premier League, followed by the FA Cup.

It had been 31 years since they last won the European Cup, with Bayern Munich determined to end their bid for the record-breaking treble.

Former United midfielder Jesper Blomqvist speaks to Uma Doraiswamy about the pressure of trying to get the treble when everybody expects you to win, and how being substituted led to United equalising when they needed it most.

(Photo: Jesper Blomqvist with the European Cup. Credit: Reuters)

SAT 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sqhtv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 19:06 The Documentary (w3ct6r08)

Shadow war: China and the West

With the growing assertiveness of China, and amid concerns

over spying, surveillance and political interference, are Beijing and the West on a collision course? The BBC's security correspondent, Gordon Corera, delves into the worlds of espionage, surveillance, technology, the theft of commercial secrets, free speech at universities and political interference to explore the points of friction. In this documentary, he speaks to spy chiefs, former prime ministers and dissidents as well as those on the frontline of this shadow war.

SAT 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sqmkz)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qjd)
American writer Percival Everett

Award-winning author Percival Everett's new book James, is a retelling of Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* - from the perspective of Jim, the slave. He talks to the Sam Sanders, entertainment journalist and radio and podcast host, who is filling in for presenter Nikki Bedi this week.

Sam is joined by cultural commentator Hanna Flint to discuss Australian actor Joel Edgerton playing two versions of the same character, as the hero and villain in the new TV series *Dark Matter*.

British film producer Alison Owen explains why she loves turning historical novels into film. South African soprano Masabane Cecilia Rangwanasha's enduring love of gospel legend, Mahalia Jackson. Conductor Antonio Pappano's experience of being thrown in at the deep end by his mentor, Daniel Barenboim.

Plus, a live tune from Spanish singer-songwriter Buika.

Presenter: Sam Sanders

(Photo: Percival Everett. Credit: Michael Avedon)

SAT 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sqrb3)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8w3kbnlt2)
Final election campaign rally in South Africa

South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa has promised to focus on job creation if the governing African National Congress is voted back into power next week. He was speaking during the ANC's final campaign rally at a football stadium in Johannesburg.

Also in the programme: An American journalist recalls her meeting with Cambodian dictator Pol Pot in the 1970s; and are dumbphones the answer to parents' woes about smartphones?

(Photo: ANC supporters attend the African National Congress Party final election rally held in Johannesburg, South Africa. Credit: Kim Ludbrook/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

SAT 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sqw27)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 22:06 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)

SAT 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31df7bm)
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SAT 22:32 This Is Africa (w3ct5y4w)
Lerie Sankofa, Abome Lelefant, Tyrane and Bagetti

Lerie Sankofa, Abome Lelefant and Tyrane all performed recently at FEMUA, Abidjan's festival of urban music, which is one of the biggest in Africa. All three are up and coming artists from Ivory Coast wanting global attention, but there the similarity ends.

Lerie Sankofa is a percussionist and singer who incorporates a wide range of different instruments, traditional and modern,

into her sound. She calls her music afro-lite.

Abome Lelefant is a rapper who has become very popular with Ivorian children. He says he is in the business of promoting excellence, and that his young fans aspire to work hard and make something of themselves, contrary to the image some may have of the very young.

Tyrane is from the north of Ivory coast, and her soul-Mandingo sound draws on the traditional music of her Koyaka culture but is also highly eclectic, referencing soul, RnB and gospel. She has travelled widely and sings in Koyaka, English, French, and Kiswahili.

Also in the programme and shining bright is Nigeria's Bagetti, the first woman to be signed by Da Prince's Jonzing World label, the power behind top Afrobeats stars including Rema.

Image: Lerie Sankofa, Abome Lelefant (Credit: @vocomstudio), Tyrane and Bagetti (Credit: thesilks)

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SAT 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31dfc2r)
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SAT 23:32 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)

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SUN 01:06 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
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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)

SUN 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31dfll0)
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SUN 01:32 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.

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SUN 02:32 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

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SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5shp)
Myanmar's Jungle Revolutionaries

Pascale Harter introduces stories from Myanmar, Ukraine, and Kazakhstan.

In Myanmar, tens of thousands of people have been killed since the military seized power in a coup in 2021, halting the country's tentative transition to democracy - a further 2.5m people have been displaced. Quentin Sommerville has spent a month in the east of the country, living alongside resistance groups fighting the junta the jungles of Karenni state on the border with Thailand.

In a visit to Kyiv this week, Germany's foreign minister urged Western governments to supply more air defence weapons to protect Ukrainians from what she described as 'the rain of Russian missiles.' Jonathan Beale met with a Ukrainian military unit known as the Peaky Blinders, which is defending territory near Kharkiv with armed drones.

The world's largest inland body of water, the Caspian Sea, is shrinking at an unprecedented rate. Antonia Bolingbroke-Kent travelled to Mangystau, in western Kazakhstan, to find out why this is happening, and how it's affecting the people and the wildlife along its coast.

Producer: Polly Hope
Editor: Richard Fenton-Smith
Production Coordinator: Sophie Hill

SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31dfytd)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:32 Trending (w3ct5y95)
Long Covid: Think yourself well?

Long Covid can ruin lives, and scientists are striving to understand the condition and beginning to get some early clues about possible treatments. While there are still more questions than answers, though, many have turned online for help. But could what they find there sometimes do more harm than good? Rachel Schraer goes undercover to investigate the Lightning Process, a controversial treatment programme being promoted online for Long Covid.
Reporter: Rachel Schraer
Producer: Paul Grant
Editor: Flora Carmichael

SUN 04:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wdc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

SUN 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9srq94)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcrjxpg)
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SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31dg2kj)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct6qv0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 22:06 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9srq94)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 06:06 Weekend (w172zcwyh9dr2y3)
Zelensky appeals again for more weapons

The Ukrainian president, Volodymyr Zelensky, again urged Ukraine's allies to supply more air defences after Saturday's deadly attack in Kharkiv.

Also today: more foreign nationals are being evacuated from the Pacific territory of New Caledonia following nearly two weeks of unrest; and a report from the Cannes Film Festival, where the grandson of the great Swedish director Ingmar Bergman has made his debut.

Today's guests are Verashni Pillay, a South African journalist and founder of the Explain news portal, and Marco di Nunzio, Associate Professor in Urban Anthropology at the University of Birmingham in the UK.

Photo: Ukraine's President, Volodymyr Zelensky, attending a meeting with US Secretary of State Blinken in Kyiv, Ukraine, 14 May 2024.

Credit: Ukrainian Presidential Press Service Handout /EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock.

SUN 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9srq94)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 07:06 Weekend (w172zcwyh9dr6p7)
Russia bombs shopping centre in Kharkiv

Ukrainian officials say at least eleven people are now known to have been killed in a Russian attack on a busy DIY store in Kharkiv.

Also today: why Ireland says it will recognise Palestinian statehood; and Singapore Airlines tightens safety measures during turbulence following a fatal flight.

Today's guests are Verashni Pillay, a South African journalist and founder of the Explain news portal, and Marco di Nunzio, Associate Professor in Urban Anthropology at the University of Birmingham in the UK.

Photo: firefighters work at a site of a household item shopping mall hit by a Russian air strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Kharkiv, Ukraine May 25, 2024.

Credit: Reuters

SUN 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9ss2jj)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 08:06 Weekend (w172zcwyh9drbfc)
Eleven killed in Russian bombing in Kharkiv

LONG Ukrainian officials say at least eleven people are now known to have been killed in a Russian attack on a busy DIY store in Kharkiv.

Also today: why the African National Congress in South Africa is trying to convince young voters to vote in the upcoming elections; and scientists discover starfish can clone themselves.

Today's guests are Verashni Pillay, a South African journalist and founder of the Explain news portal, and Marco di Nunzio, Associate Professor in Urban Anthropology at the University of Birmingham in the UK.

Photo: the general scene following the shelling of the hypermarket in Kharkiv, Ukraine, 25 May 2024 amid the Russian invasion.

Credit: Sergey Kozlov /EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock.

SUN 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9ss68n)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5shp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today]

SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31dgkk1)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:32 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.

SUN 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9ssb0s)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tyv)

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)

SUN 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31dgp95)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69hh)
My last suitcase: life in exile

What's the price journalists pay for telling the truth? For many it's exile. We'll hear from two colleagues, TV presenter Shazia Haya from BBC Pashto and Nina Nazarova from BBC Russian, both living and working in exile.

Produced by Alice Gioia and Caroline Ferguson.

(Photo: Faranak Amidi. Credit: Tricia Yourkevich)

SUN 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9ssfrx)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8kcrkn57)
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SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31dgt19)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:32 Trending (w3ct5y95)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct5tq3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

SUN 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sskj1)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:06 The Documentary (w3ct6r08)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:06 on Saturday]

SUN 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9ssp85)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 13:06 Newshour (w172zb8w3kbqjr4)
Hundreds feared dead in PNG landslide

Hundreds feared dead after landslide swept villages in Papua New Guinea. Also in the programme: Aid delivery resumes into Gaza; extreme heat in Pakistan; and we ask whether this could be Rafael Nadal's last clay tournament.

(Photo: Local men digging in Enga province in aftermath of the landslide in Papua New Guinea. Credit: Reuters/Emmanuel Eralia)

SUN 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sst09)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wrn)

Your questions answered: Climate change for kids, solar power, music for plants

Graihagh Jackson is joined by her regular panel to answer climate-related questions from listeners. BBC climate editor Justin Rowlatt, Prof Tamsin Edwards of King's College London, and Dr Akshat Rathi, senior climate reporter for Bloomberg News, discuss telling children about climate change, solar panels, nuclear fusion and more.

Plus, Graihagh finds out if playing music really helps plants to grow.

If you have got a climate question, email us at thelimatequestion@bbc.com

Production team: Osman Iqbal, Octavia Woodward, Neil Churchill, Tom Brignell
Editor: Simon Watts

SUN 14:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31dh58p)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:32 Happy News (w3ct5sph)

The Happy Pod: The opera singing rescue dog

We meet Georgia, the six-year-old singing greyhound, who was rescued from a life of racing by a family in Perth, Australia. She sings whilst her human 'big sister' plays the piano, and can even take on opera. She was adopted by the Albrow family three years ago, after she sustained an injury.

Decades after training, Ed Dwight becomes the oldest person to go to space at 90 years old. Meanwhile the spaceships of the future, imagined by children from around the world, have been flying over New York.

Also, we meet the man who spent 12 years fighting to save a forest from mining - and won. And, after seagull boy and lion girl - goat woman.

Presenter: Vanessa Heaney
Music composed by Iona Hampson

SUN 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9ssxf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 15:06 Sportsworld (w172zgmt75j6vw)

Live Sporting Action

It's the start of the French Open tennis, and Sunday Sportsworld will bring you the latest from the opening day at Roland Garros. There'll also be a special one-hour programme looking at the life and career so far of one of the men hoping to triumph in Paris – Spain's Carlos Alcaraz.

Delyth Lloyd will also have reaction to the Champions League finals in Asia, Africa and for the European Women. And there'll be the latest from Formula 1's Monaco Grand Prix, cycling's Giro d'Italia and the NBA playoffs.

Image: A general view of Novak Djokovic of Serbia in action during his match against Casper Ruud of Norway in the Men's Singles Final on Court Philippe Chatrier during the 2023 French Open Tennis Tournament at Roland Garros on June 11, 2023, in Paris, France. (Photo by Tim Clayton/Corbis via Getty Images)

SUN 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9stdqy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8krcrlm48)

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SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31dhs0b)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:32 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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SUN 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9stjh2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q1s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 on Saturday]

SUN 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9stjn6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8w3kbrhq5)

UN fears 670 people buried in Papua landslide

About 670 people are buried under a landslide and are feared dead in Papua New Guinea. The United Nations based its estimate on the number of houses believed to have been swamped by up to eight metres of rock, earth and trees. We speak to a reporter in the country.

Also in the programme: Another mass kidnapping in Nigeria. Amnesty International's country director tells us the authorities should be doing more to protect people; and the King of Clay returns to the French open - but could it be game over for Rafael Nadal by year's end?

(Photo: People carry bags in the aftermath of a landslide in Enga Province, Papua New Guinea, May 24, 2024, in this still image obtained from a video. Credit: Andrew Ruing/Handout via Reuters)

SUN 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9strzb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wrn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 today]

SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31dj47q)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v0g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

SUN 22:50 Over to You (w3ct5tsp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

SUN 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9stwgq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8krcrm33s)

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SUN 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31dj7zv)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69hh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:32 today]

MONDAY 27 MAY 2024**MON 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf2n9sv0gl)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 00:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5shp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfx31djczq)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 00:32 Trending (w3ct5y95)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 on Sunday]

MON 00:50 More or Less (w3ct5tq3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

MON 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf30l2yzzw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 01:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn1r5w6)

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MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pnbr8)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 01:32 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 – Gjenge 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 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf30l2z370)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn1r9mb)

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MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pnghd)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 02:32 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

Presented and produced by Marnie Chesterton
 Editor – Cathy Edwards
 Production Co-ordinator – Liz Tuohy
 Studio Manager – Steve Greenwood

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

MON 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf3012z6z4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 03:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tvy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pn17j)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 03:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v0g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

MON 03:50 Over to You (w3ct5tsp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

MON 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf3012zbq8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn1rk3l)

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MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pnpzn)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct5wzg)

Women on allotments: soil in the city

In recent years women have overtaken men as the majority on allotments and community gardens. These spaces for growing fruit and vegetables to eat at home have been peaceful places that provide families with healthy food. Datshiane Navanayagam talks to two women from Kenya and Ukraine about the appeal of these plots.

JC Niala is a writer, academic and creative from Kenya who has written about the history of allotments. Alongside Greenpeace, she has co-created 'The Waiting List', an allotment-sized artwork highlighting the significant demand and lengthy waiting lists for allotments.

Olia Hercules is a Ukrainian cook and author of the award-winning Mamushka cook book. Raised in rural Ukraine she later moved to London where she missed the fresh tastes of homegrown food. This led her to start the lengthy process of securing an allotment, which she says helps make a place feel like 'home', particularly during times of war and displacement.

They've written essays for a book celebrating allotment life called This Allotment: Stories of Growing, Eating and Nurturing.

Produced by Jane Thurlow

(Image: (L) JC Niala, courtesy of JC Niala. (R) Olia Hercules, credit Joe Woodhouse.)

MON 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf3012zggd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 05:06 Newsday (w172zbjzz9sl3z)

Israeli strike hits Rafah area

Palestinian officials in Gaza say dozens of people have been killed in an Israeli strike on a refugee camp near the city of Rafah. The Israeli army said it had targeted Hamas militants. We'll talk to a doctor whose teams are treating some of the

injured.

Residents in the besieged Sudanese city of El Fasher say a paramilitary group has intensified attacks, causing more civilian casualties.

The leaders of South Korea, China and Japan are meeting for the first time in five years. We'll hear what contentious issues are on the agenda.

And we'll look at the cost of campaigning in the long US presidential election and ask why Donald Trump has raised much less money than Joe Biden.

MON 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf3012zlj6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 06:06 Newsday (w172zbjzz9spw3)

Reports say dozens killed in Israeli airstrikes on Rafah

Palestinian officials in Gaza say an Israeli air strike has killed dozens of people in an area for displaced civilians... Israel says it targeted a compound near Rafah used by senior members of Hamas. We will be hearing from a doctor whose teams work in southern Gaza

Also this morning - can the world be better prepared to cope with future pandemics? We will hear from a top World Health Organisation official as countries meet in Geneva to find solutions.

Big spenders... it's thought the upcoming American election later this year will see billions of dollars spent. Where is the money coming from and why has this gone up so high?

Zimbabwe's telecom regulator approves the licensing of Elon Musk's Starlink.

MON 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf3012zpyy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 07:06 Newsday (w172zbjzz9stm7)

Over 2000 killed in Papua New Guinea landslide

At least two thousand people are estimated to be buried under a massive landslide in Papua New Guinea. We'll go there live.

Palestinian officials in Gaza say dozens of people have been killed in an Israeli strike on a refugee camp near the city of Rafah.

And - the FBI investigates hundreds of treasures believed to have been stolen from the British museum collection.

MON 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf3012ztps)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5szk)

Stephen J Shaw: Are falling birth rates a crisis for humanity?

Stephen Sackur speaks to the data scientist Stephen J Shaw, who argues that humanity faces a looming demographic crisis, with falling birth rates having dire economic and social consequences. But in an age of economic turbulence and ecological concern, do we really want to be promoting the idea that humans need to have more babies?

MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pp5z5)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z6d)

US Election: The cost of a campaign

Campaigning and advertising for a US election can cost serious money.

This year, in the longest campaign today, it's expected to reach well over \$10bn.

The political race may be tight- the fundraising campaign is not.

We look at what the Biden and Trump campaigns are raising, how they're raising it, and what they're spending on.

(Image: Joe Biden and Donald Trump superimposed over a photo of the White House in Washington DC. Credit: Reuters/BBC)

Presented and produced by Rob Young

MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ygs)

Carlos Lamarca: From army captain to Brazil's 'most wanted'

In 1964, João Goulart, the president of Brazil, was overthrown in a military coup.

In the repression which followed, hundreds of people were disappeared or killed, and many more detained and tortured.

Carlos Lamarca was a captain who deserted the army and joined in the armed struggle against the military regime. He was shot dead in 1971.

His friend and fellow fighter, João Salgado Lopes, tells Vicky Farncombe about their time together hiding in the Caatinga, the Brazilian outback.

(Photo: Wanted poster of Carlos Lamarca. Credit: Memories of the Dictatorship)

MON 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf3012zyfx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn1s4v7)

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MON 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pp9q9)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 09:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rh2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

MON 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf3013026l)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n1p)

The first Air Jordan and Imelda Marcos's 3,000 pairs of shoes

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

This week's programmes are all about the history of footwear.

First we take a trip back to the 1960's when Brazilians were introduced to a new type of footwear, which went on to become one of the country's biggest exports.

Plus the story of how a then rookie basketball player called Michael Jordan signed a deal with Nike that revolutionised sports marketing.

We also hear about the thousands of shoes owned by the former first lady of the Philippines, Imelda Marcos.

Then we learn how one family feud led to the creation of two massive sportswear companies, Adidas and Puma.

Finally, we hear how a Czech company revolutionised shoe production and brought affordable footwear to the world.

Contributors:

Sergio Sanchez - author and former employee of Havainas
 Sonny Vaccaro - Former Nike executive
 Dr Alex Sherlock - Lecturer in the school of Fashion and Textiles at RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia and founder of the Footwear Research Network.
 Sigi Dassler - Daughter of Adi Dassler the founder of Adidas
 Mick Pinion - Former Bata engineer

(Photo: Air Jordan Original. Credit: GettyImages)

MON 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf301305y5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn1sdbh)

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MON 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9ppk6k)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dl6)

Stolen treasures: Scandal at the British Museum

Founded in 1753, the British Museum was designed to securely showcase some of the world's most valuable objects, a

guardianship role now enshrined in UK law. So, it was nothing short of a scandal when last year it emerged that up to 1500 of its artefacts had disappeared – some allegedly stolen by a museum insider.

The BBC's Culture Editor Katie Razzall has spoken to some of those studying what happened. She joins Katya to consider whether the iconic institution remains fit for purpose, and if it should have the right to keep a hold of many of its controversially acquired items in the first place.

For more on this topic, you can search for Katie's new nine-part series 'Thief at the British Museum' wherever you get your BBC podcasts.

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MON 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf301309p9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nq1)

The Hiroshima survivor who is still shouting for peace: Part 1

Setsuko Thurlow was a 13-year-old schoolgirl when an atomic bomb was dropped on her home city of Hiroshima, Japan. Most of the places she knew were destroyed in an instant. Narrowly escaping death herself, Setsuko became a witness to the brutal aftermath of atomic warfare, and the things she saw that day would compel her to spend her life fighting for nuclear disarmament.

Presenter: Jo Fidgeon

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(Photo: Setsuko Thurlow. Credit: Michael Barker)

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MON 14:06 Newshour (w172zb8wgtmydnj)

Condemnation of civilian deaths in Rafah air strike

There's been condemnation by European and Arab countries of Israel's continuing bombardment of Gaza. Last night, Israel launched an air strike in Rafah that killed at least 45 people, according to the Hamas-run health ministry. The Israeli military says it's reviewing the incident. But it said the air strike targeted a Hamas compound, killing two senior members of the group.

Also in the programme: Emergency teams in Papua New Guinea say recovery efforts in the wake of a devastating landslide are being complicated by further ground movement; and the story of the rare painting by the Italian artist Caravaggio that nearly sold for a fraction of its value.

(Picture: Palestinians try to put out a fire at the site of an Israeli strike near an area designated for displaced people, in Rafah on May 27, 2024. Credit: Mohammed Salem/REUTERS)

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MON 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pq162)

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MON 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zxx)

Dealing with Africa's debt

Africa's wrestling with a \$1.2tn debt, while global interest rates are at a 40-year high. This week's African Development Bank summit is focusing on this debt crisis. What solutions are on the horizon, and how are businesses coping?

Elsewhere, Sam Fenwick is looking at the global cost of shipping containers. They are on the rise again this month causing European retailers to order now to make sure stuff arrives in time for Christmas.

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

(Photo: A man holds a bundle of Ghanaian Cedi banknotes. Credit: Cristina Aldehuela / Bloomberg)

MON 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf30130snt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj1615nfr5)

Israeli strikes on Rafah

Israel faces growing condemnation over its continuing attacks on Rafah after dozens of Palestinians were killed in a camp for displaced people. Also, the Israeli military says it's investigating an exchange of fire between its troops and Egyptian soldiers. We speak to our correspondent about today's developments. We also hear from residents in Rafah and what the Israeli government has said about the operation there.

We get an update on the situation in Papua New Guinea where the government says a landslide could have buried more than 2,000 people. We have the latest from a reporter monitoring the situation.

Rafael Nadal has started what may be his final French Open journey with a match against Alexander Zverev. We hear from our reporter following the match.

We speak to three American women about their experiences of marrying under the age of 18, following the moves in some US states to change the legal age of marriage to 18.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: A mourner reacts next to the bodies of Palestinians killed in an Israeli strike on an area designated for displaced people, during a funeral in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip, May 27, 2024. Credit: Mohammed Salem/Reuters)

MON 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf30130xdy)

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MON 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj1615nkh9)

French Open: Nadal knocked out

Rafael Nadal was beaten in straight sets by Alexander Zverev in the first round of French Open. We speak to our reporter in France about what Nadal said about his future when he spoke to the crowd after the match.

South Africa is heading for a general election, with some polls suggesting the governing African National Congress (ANC) could get less than 50% of the vote for the first time in 30 years. Young people and undecided voters are seen to be key. We hear from voters and speak to our reporter covering the elections in Johannesburg.

We speak to three American women about their experiences of marrying under the age of 18, following the moves in some US states to change the legal age of marriage to 18.

We get the latest on Israel's attack on Rafah in Gaza.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Final ANC Party rally in Soweto prior to upcoming South Africa 2024 general election, Johannesburg - 25 May 2024 Credit: KIM LUDBROOK/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w3c)

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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 (w172zgf301318nb)

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MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5shp)

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MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pqmxq)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct5rmm)

Unstoppable: Florence Bell

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 woman who mastered viewing the world in microscopic detail – ultimately helping us discover the structure of DNA.

Florence Bell's scientific career began in the 1930s whilst studying at Cambridge University. The University didn't grant degrees to women at the time, but this didn't dissuade Florence. She was so talented at an imaging technique called X-ray crystallography that she started a PhD in the field – and it was during this time that she would make a pivotal discovery about the molecule of life.

Florence is an unsung hero of the DNA story. Her work laid the foundation for a vital field of research, yet her contribution was buried for years. Dr Julia and Dr Ella tell Florence's tale, with input from Dr Kersten Hall, science historian and visiting fellow at the University of Leeds.

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: Florence Bell. Credit: Courtesy of her son Chris Sawyer. No reuse)

MON 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf30131ddg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8wgtmz7wf)

Rafah: Netanyahu says something went 'tragically wrong'

Israel's prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has spoken of the killing of dozens of Palestinians in a fire in Rafah after an Israeli air strike as a tragedy. We hear from a journalist in Rafah and get reaction from Amir Avivi, a retired IDF brigadier general.

Also in the programme: Norwegian author Asne Seierstad; and China cracks down on influencers.

(Picture: Palestinians search smouldering debris in the aftermath of a fatal Israeli air strike at a camp in Gaza. Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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MON 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn1tv91)

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MON 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zfg9pr053)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct6007)

South Africa's economy braces for elections

South Africa's economy is under the spotlight, ahead of the elections there this week. The vote could see the ruling party ANC win less than 50% for the first time in its history.

Elsewhere, Rahul Tandon looks at the AI battle heating up, with Elon Musk's new company raising \$6 billion. And he goes inside the disruption facing business in Iceland, amid rising volcanic activity.

(Photo: Supporters of the African National Congress (ANC) cheer during a rally in 2014. Credit: Reuters)

TUESDAY 28 MAY 2024

TUE 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf30131rmv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n1p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf30131wcz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbf75fd4jv)

Can Europe catch up with the US and China?

French President Emmanuel Macron is on the final day of his state visit to Germany, where he will be discussing how Europe can catch up with the US and China.

Also Rahul Tandon is joined by guests to discuss the upcoming elections in South Africa and Mexico, and the battle over a multi-billion dollar shipwreck in Colombia.

(Photo: France and Germany's leaders wave together. Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

TUE 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf30132043)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn1v6jf)

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TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zfg9predh)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:32 Assignment (w3ct5msq)

Myanmar: Rise of the resistance

Myanmar is in the grip of a country-wide insurgency as armed resistance groups, including many young people from the cities,

attempt to overthrow a military regime which seized power in a coup three years ago. As much as two thirds of Myanmar, mostly the countryside, may now be under the control of the resistance. Access is extremely difficult, hundreds of journalists have been jailed, but our correspondent Quentin Sommerville has managed to travel to Karenni and Shan states – in the east of the Myanmar - with young revolutionaries. Some have taken up arms, but others - doctors and teachers - are supporting the insurgency with skills of their own.

Presenter: Quentin Sommerville
 Producer: Lindle Markwell
 Editor: Penny Murphy
 Sound engineer: Andy Fell
 Production Coordinator: Gemma Ashman

image: KNDF Graduation in Myanmar. Credit: BBC

TUE 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf301323w7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nq1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Monday]

TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ygs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf301327mc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn1vg0p)

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TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zfg9prlwr)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tkm)

Mad Women: Portraying mental health in theatre

As a unique creative experiment, Chilean director and playwright Constanza Hola Chamy is directing in parallel both a professional cast and a community cast of her new play Mad Women. Highlighting bipolar disorder, it's inspired by the lives and deaths of three outstanding Latin American artists: the Mexican painter Frida Kahlo, Chilean singer-songwriter and visual artist Violeta Parra and Columbian painter Judith Marquez, and their struggles with mental health. The professional actors are from the same country as their characters, while the community cast have volunteered to participate in the project, having experienced mental health challenges themselves. They're women from underrepresented sections of the community in the East End of London, which is where some of the performances will take place.

'Mad Women' is fighting the stereotypes and stigma of what it has historically meant to be a woman with mental health conditions, in different countries, through sometimes brutal conversations about sexuality, motherhood, gender oppression and the role of women in the arts, as artists and muses. Felicity Finch follows Constanza as she and her international creative team collaborate and face the challenges of working with the two casts: juggling rehearsals, coping with a very tight deadline, while making sure they are sensitive to the needs of the four women in the understandably vulnerable community cast.

Constanza is also making plans to take her play and this unique way of working to different communities of women internationally, including her native Chile.

If you need support following anything you've heard in this episode, there's information at bbc.com/actionline

Presenter and Producer: Felicity Finch
 Exec producer: Andrea Kidd

(Photo: Professional Cast of Mad Women. Credit: Héctor Manchego)

TUE 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf30132cch)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 05:06 Newsday (w172zbjzz9wh12)

Israel carries out further military strikes on Rafah

Strong condemnation after an Israeli attack in Rafah as Algeria calls for an emergency United Nations security council meeting. We hear from a former American ambassador.

The hopes of finding more survivors in Papua New Guinea

after Friday's landslide are fading - the authorities say as many as 2,000 people may have been buried alive. We'll hear from an aid organisation there.

The Georgian parliament dominated by the governing Georgian Dream party will override the President's veto on the controversial foreign agents law.

A BBC investigation reveals that children as young as five are working in the fields in Egypt - picking jasmine.

More than 27 million South Africans head to the polls tomorrow - we'll speak to a young voter.

And, why Kenya is closing bars close to schools.

TUE 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf30132h3m)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 06:06 Newsday (w172zbjzz9wls6)

Ireland, Norway and Spain to formally recognise the state of Palestine

The United Nations Security Council will hold an emergency meeting on Tuesday to discuss the deadly Israeli air strike on Rafah, which killed dozens of Palestinians. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called the strike a "tragic mishap". We'll hear from the Palestinian ambassador to Denmark.

The hopes of finding more survivors in Papua New Guinea after Friday's landslide are fading - the authorities say as many as 2,000 people may have been buried alive. We'll hear from an aid organisation there.

We'll bring you a report from Kharkiv in Ukraine still under Russian attacks.

South Africans are voting in a general election this week. We'll hear from the Independent Electoral Commission.

A BBC investigation finds luxury perfumes linked to child labour in Egypt.

TUE 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf30132lvr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 07:06 Newsday (w172zbjzz9wqjb)

Three European countries set to recognise Palestinian state

Ireland, Norway and Spain will today formally recognise the state of Palestine. We'll hear from the former Israeli ambassador to Ireland.

Papua New Guinea authorities fear thousands may be buried alive by Friday's landslide - we will speak to an aid organisation in the country.

South Africans go to the polls on Wednesday but 30 years on since the end of apartheid, many are still battling economic difficulties.

And former England footballer David Beckham named as the new brand ambassador for a Chinese e-commerce site.

TUE 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf30132qlw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tvz)

Solving Mexico City's water crisis

Mexico's capital often floods during the rainy season, but paradoxically, it's also running out of water. A large and growing population, along with crumbling infrastructure and the effects of climate change - are increasingly putting a strain on the city. We meet the army of scientists, activists and urban planners trying to solve this problem - and rethink Mexico City's relationship with water - including the scientist using plants to clean sewage water and the architect who has designed a park that absorbs excess rainwater.

Presenter: Myra Anubi
 Reporter/producer: Craig Langran
 Series Producer: Jon Bithrey
 Editor: Tom Bigwood
 Sound mix: Hal Haines

(Image: Alejandro Alva in Cuauhtepc wetland, Mexico City, BBC)

TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9ps2w8)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zhf)

Do women-only co-working spaces have a future?

Female-only co-working spaces started to grow during the #metoo movement. But some have struggled.

We speak to entrepreneurs who are running these spaces - and the women working in them.

Are they a viable alternative to going to the office?

(Picture: Oi Leng Lui, who founded the co-working space, The Hearth, in north London.)

Presented and produced by Dougal Shaw

TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ym9)

The first ever quintuplets

Ninety years ago, the first surviving quintuplets were born in a small village in northern Canada.

The Dionnes grew up in a specially-adapted nursery where millions of people could visit them.

But, years later they struggled to adapt to life back with their parents which led to a fight for compensation.

This programme was produced and presented by Simon Watts in 2012 using BBC archive.

(Photo: The quintuplets on their fourth birthday. Credit: Bettmann via Getty Images)

TUE 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf30l3vc0)

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TUE 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn1w1rb)

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TUE 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9ps6md)

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TUE 09:32 Assignment (w3ct5msg)

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TUE 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf30l3z34)

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TUE 10:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qjd)

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TUE 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf30l3z2v8)

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TUE 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn1w97l)

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TUE 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9psg3n)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6f9s)

Perfume's dark secret: Child labour behind some of your fragrances

A BBC investigation has uncovered the use of child labour in the supply chains of some of the world's most luxurious fragrances. The BBC's evidence reveals that, during the 2023 jasmine picking season, children in Egypt - some as young as five years old - were working in dangerous conditions throughout the night, often earning as little as a dollar a day. All the luxury perfume brands claim to have zero tolerance on child labour.

Katya speaks to Ahmed ElShamy and Natasha Cox, from the BBC Eye Investigations team. You can watch BBC Eye's Perfume's Dark Secret on the World Service Youtube page.

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TUE 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5p4l)

The Hiroshima survivor who is still shouting for peace: Part 2

In the aftermath of the nuclear bombing of her home city, Hiroshima in August 1945, Setsuko Thurlow had to rebuild her world. Japan had been defeated by the allies, the militaristic culture of her childhood was displaced, and Setsuko was left looking for meaning. She decided to devote her life to stopping the nuclear destruction she had witnessed from ever happening again, and she's been shouting for peace ever since. In 2017 she accepted the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of ICAN - the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

Professor Claudia de Rham had an unstable childhood. Her family moved all around the world, it was unclear where home was, or even what her first language was. She looked for stability in the rules of physics, and in the process, she became obsessed by gravity. She's now an award-winning theoretical physicist, and her book is called *The Beauty of Falling: A Life in Pursuit of Gravity*.

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TUE 14:06 Newshour (w172zb8wgtl19km)

Kharkiv city under siege

Increased Russian shelling in the north-east city of Kharkiv has left residents feeling exposed calling into question how far Western allies of Ukraine can support the country by lifting restrictions on armaments.

Also in the programme: a BBC World Service investigation has revealed that children as young as five are working in the fields in Egypt - picking jasmine for a global perfume industry that's worth billions; and we speak to an Irish Minister about why it's important for Spain, Ireland and Norway to recognise Palestinian statehood.

Image: Sergiy Polituchyi, Ukrainian publisher and businessman, stands between shelves with burned books in his printing house, which was badly damaged by a recent Russian missile strike. Credit: REUTERS/Valentyn Ogirenko

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TUE 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct6070)

Child labour in cosmetic industry's supply chain

In Sri Lanka, tea pickers have received a pay rise mandated by the Government, and, a BBC investigation reveals child labour in beauty industry supply chain.

Also, Sam Fenwick discovers whether new EU border controls will improve security, or lead to travel chaos?

Plus, a discussion on the challenges of running a small business in South Africa - is it worth the investment?

TUE 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf30l33pkx)

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TUE 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj16l5rbn8)

Israeli tanks in the heart of Rafah

Journalists and witnesses in Rafah, in southern Gaza, say Israeli tanks have seized control of a key roundabout in the heart of the city. Health officials in Gaza say Israeli strikes on a tent camp for displaced Palestinians to the west of Rafah have killed at least 21 people. We get more from our Middle East expert.

Spain, Norway and Ireland have formally recognised Palestine as a state. We get reaction from Palestinians.

Parliament in Georgia has overridden a presidential veto and adopted a controversial law that'll compel civic and media organisations to declare foreign funding. We hear from protesters.

Ahead of Wednesday's election in South Africa, we hear a conversation with young people in Kliptown, the district in Soweto, where the African National Congress drew up the Freedom Charter in 1955. We speak to our correspondent in Durban about what's expected from the vote.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Palestinians flee Rafah amid renewed Israeli strikes - 28 May 2024. Credit: HAITHAM IMAD/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

TUE 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf30l33tb1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj16l5rgdd)

Closing arguments in Trump trial

The trial of former president Donald Trump has begun its closing arguments. Trump is accused of trying to cover up a \$130,000 hush-money payment to porn star Stormy Daniels, who claims they had sex - he denies all charges. Our correspondent Nada Tawfik is outside court with the latest.

Kharkiv, Ukraine's second city, in the high north-east close to Russia, is to all intents and purposes defenceless against Russian air attacks. Our International Editor Jeremy Bowen, who has been there reporting from the city, gives us a full debrief on the situation.

Spain, Norway and Ireland have formally recognised Palestine as a state. We get reaction from Palestinians.

Our Religion Editor Aleem Maqbool takes us through the allegations that the Pope used an offensive homophobic slur in a private meeting with Italian bishops.

We get reaction from Georgia and speak to our correspondent in Tbilisi after the ruling party overturned the presidential veto of the so-called "foreign agents law."

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Former US President Donald Trump talks to reporters outside of his criminal trial at the New York State Supreme Court in New York, New York, USA, 28 May 2024. Credit: STEVEN HIRSCH/POOL/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9ptjtt)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wm5)

Being watched

There are words of warning about facial recognition, biometrics and artificial intelligence - technologies increasingly being adopted by law enforcement worldwide. Also on Tech Life this week, we learn about an African company offering a local alternative to the big electric vehicle manufacturers. Basketball gets into tech. And why we need tech to identify and map where our rubbish goes.

Presenter: Shiona McCallum

Producer: Tom Quinn

(Photo: An illustration of facial recognition on the face of a woman. Credit: Francesco Carta fotografo/Getty Images)

TUE 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf3013499k)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8wgt24sj)

Gaza: many casualties at a camp for displaced Palestinians

Officials from Gaza's Hamas-run health ministry say Israeli strikes on a tent camp for displaced Palestinians to the west of Rafah have reportedly killed at least twenty-one people. The tents that were reportedly hit were in Al-Mawasi. Israel has denied targeting the area. Newshour hears from James Smith, a British doctor working with the NGO Cadus, currently based in Al Mawasi.

Also in the programme: closing arguments in the Trump trial; and why peanut butter can help counter peanut allergies.

(Picture: A girl looks on, while Palestinians travel on foot along with their belongings, as they flee Rafah due to an Israeli military operation, in Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip. Credit: Reuters)

TUE 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf30134f1p)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 22:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tvz)

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TUE 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9ptsb2)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 22:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tkm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

TUE 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf30134jst)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn1xr64)

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TUE 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9ptx26)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct6098)

Argentina's Milei heads to Silicon Valley to court big tech

We ask the founder of Argentina's biggest start-up about what his country's president, Javier Milei, hopes to achieve from private talks this week with the CEOs of Google, OpenAI, Meta and Apple.

Elsewhere, Rahul Tandon looks into what the latest disruption in the Red Sea means, and he looks ahead to the South African elections.

(Photo: Argentina's President Javier Milei gestures to supporters in Cordoba, Argentina. Credit: Reuters)

WEDNESDAY 29 MAY 2024

WED 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf30134njy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 00:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qjd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

WED 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf30134s92)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbf75fh1fy)

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Elsewhere, Rahul Tandon looks into the latest data from the US economy, as businesses weigh up who to vote for in the elections later in the year.

(Photo: Argentina's President Javier Milei gestures to supporters in Cordoba, Argentina. Credit: Reuters)

WED 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf30134x16)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn1y3fj)

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WED 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pv89l)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 02:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5wrn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf301350sb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5p4l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Tuesday]

WED 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ym9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf301354jg)

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WED 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn1ybsx)

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WED 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pvhsv)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 04:32 The Documentary (w3ct6qtq)

Things Fell Apart: Things weren't back to normal

Jon Ronson discovers how an argument between a mother and her teenage daughter during lockdown led governor Ron DeSantis to enact new and far-reaching laws in Florida.

To listen to the full-length story, search for Things Fell Apart

wherever you get your BBC podcasts.

WED 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf3013588l)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 05:06 Newsday (w172zbjzzz9zcy5)

South Africans go to the polls

Today we are focusing on South Africans heading to the polls thirty years after the history making vote in 1994 - which signalled the country's move to democracy and the end of the racist apartheid regime. We will be hearing what issues people are concerned about and what they are looking for in their next president.

And the transitional council in Haiti selects a new Prime Minister. Gary Conille, is UNICEF's regional director for Latin America and the Caribbean.

WED 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf30135d0q)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 06:06 Newsday (w172zbjzzz9zhp9)

South Africa goes to polls

Today we report from Soweto, in Johannesburg, as South Africans are voting in the most pivotal election since the racist system of apartheid ended in 1994. Will the governing African National Congress keep its majority?

The US says it does not believe Israel has launched a full scale invasion of Rafah.

And we report from the war in Ukraine where almost 2,000 children have been injured or killed - and the psychological damage is huge

WED 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf30135hrv)

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WED 07:06 Newsday (w172zbjzzz9zmfj)

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And we report from Mexico where ahead of elections we look at why thousands of Mexicans illegally cross the border into America, often in extremely treacherous conditions.

WED 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf30135mhz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t42)

Emel Mathlouthi: Can music change the world?

Sarah Montague speaks to the Tunisian singer-songwriter Emel Mathlouthi whose song Kelmti Horra was an anthem of the Arab Spring. Her work combines traditions of the Arabic world with western influences. Can music be experimental, socially engaged and entertaining?

WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pvzsc)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zmy)

Why is olive oil so expensive?

Most of us have noticed the prices of our weekly food shopping going up over the last few years, but some items have risen by astronomical amounts.

Extra virgin olive oil - a premium, unprocessed oil from the olive, has seen many customers' prices rise by 50% in the past year alone.

We explain why, as we hear from oil sommeliers and the people who buy and sell the product.

(Image: Olive oil being poured into a bowl. Credit: Getty Images)

Presented and produced by Rick Kelsey

WED 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ypk)

The first Aboriginal MP

A warning for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander listeners - this programme contains the names and voices of people who have died.

In 1971, Neville Bonner became the first Aboriginal person to become a member of the Australian Parliament.

In 1979, he was named Australian of the Year in recognition of his work fighting for the rights of indigenous Australians - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

His great niece Joanna Lindgren shares her memories of 'Uncle Neville' with Vicky Farncombe.

"He was gentle, he was a terrific listener. It didn't matter that you were 13 years old, you never felt that he was not interested in what you had to say," she says.

(Photo: Old Parliament House, in Canberra. Credit: Getty Images)

WED 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf30l35r83)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn1yynf)

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WED 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pw3jh)

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WED 09:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5wrn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf30l35w07)

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WED 10:06 The Forum (w3ct5n08)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

WED 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf30l35zrc)

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WED 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn1z64p)

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WED 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pwc0r)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dqq)

US election: The RFK Jr wildcard

Will Kennedy draw votes from Biden or Trump? It is one of the key questions in US politics. For answers, our reporters Lucy Proctor and Mike Wendling went to several Robert F Kennedy Jr's events to hear from his supporters directly.

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This episode was made by Neal Razzell and Rachel Hagan. The technical producer was Dafydd Evans. The assistant editor is Sergi Forcada Freixas and the senior news editor is Sam Bonham.

WED 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf30l36hh)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5pcc)

Ditching military gear for glitter: Paraguay's Queen of drag

Omar Mareco grew up in Paraguay under a Dad who embraced macho culture and a Mum who just wanted him to be himself and be happy. He was sent to the military aged seventeen to toughen up. So Omar became the most macho guy he could be,

the best military student, leading parades and carrying the national flag but inside he was miserable. He tells reporter Grace Livingstone that it was only when he found himself on stage as glittery drag artist, Envidia, that he truly found his voice. He's since become an icon for gay rights in Paraguay, a country where homosexuality was illegal until 1990.

It was Purnima Devi Barman's grandmother who first connected her to nature. She was homesick and lonely and found solace among the trees and birds. But it was one bird in particular, an ugly one with a bald, pink head and a dangling pouch on its chest that she really fell in love with: the greater adjutant stork. It's known locally as the hargila or bone swallower, it's a scavenger and seen as a bad omen. When the birds were nearing extinction in the early 2000s Purnima set to work creating the 'Hargila Army', an all-women conservation movement that transformed the bird's fate. She's just won the Gold Whitley Fund for Nature award.

Presenter: Ramita Navai
Producer: Eric Mugaju

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(Photo: Omar Mareco as Envidia. Credit: Grace Livingstone)

WED 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5ypk)

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WED 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf30l3677m)

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WED 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn1zfy)

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WED 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pw1j0)

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WED 13:32 The Documentary (w3ct6qtq)

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WED 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf30l36bzz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 14:06 Newshour (w172zb8wgtm46gq)

South Africa goes to the polls in hard-fought election

South Africans go to the polls today in what is predicted to be the most competitive election since the end of apartheid. Also in the programme, Delhi hits record-level temperatures and South Korea's clean-up effort after North Korea sends hundreds of balloons of rubbish that land across the country.

(Photo: People wait in line to cast their votes in Johannesburg, South Africa. Credit: Chris McGrath/Getty Images)

WED 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf30l36gqw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t42)

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WED 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pwv08)

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WED 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct60cj)

Record breaking heat in northern India

Record breaking heat in northern India as the temperatures hit 52 degrees

It's election day in South Africa and it's a crucial vote because the ANC could lose its majority for the first time since 1994. So, could this call have a lot to do with the country's economy?

Find out why Union workers at Samsung Electronics say they're going to hold the first ever strike since the company was founded over five decades ago.

And finally, one billionaire is making waves as he plans to travel down to the Titanic wreck in a submersible. Yes, we've got questions too...

[IMAGE CREDIT: Reuters]

WED 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf30l36lh0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj1615v7kc)

Severe heatwave in India

Areas of Delhi may have recorded the highest ever temperature for India's capital: 52.3. India's meteorological department issued a red alert about a severe heatwave in northern and western areas. We hear from people in Delhi about how they are coping with the heat.

As Israeli strikes on Rafah in southern Gaza continue, we hear from residents in the city and also talk about the viral social media image "All Eyes On Rafah" that millions of people are sharing.

We speak to a journalist in Papua New Guinea who has reached the remote area where the deadly landslide struck last week.

OS's James Reynolds is in Mexico to gauge the mood ahead of Sunday's presidential election. One big issue is immigration, and James joins from the US-Mexico border area where he has been speaking to people about the dangerous conditions many face as they try to cross the border into America.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: A man uses a towel to protect his head from the heat on a hot summer day in New Delhi, India, May 28, 2024. Credit: Priyanshu Singh/Reuters)

WED 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf30l36g74)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj1615vc9h)

South Africans vote in pivotal election

South Africans are voting in pivotal general elections in which the ANC could lose its majority for the first time since 1994. We speak to our reporters in Durban and Johannesburg and hear from voters.

The judge in the criminal trial of Donald Trump has instructed jurors to begin their deliberations in the historic hush money case. We hear more from our correspondent who's been covering the trial.

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Colombia's Congress has passed a bill banning bullfighting from 2027. Our regional editor explains.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: South Africa holds general election, Eshowe - 29 May 2024. Credit: SANDILE NDLOVU/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

WED 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf30l36tz8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5pcc)

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WED 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5ypk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

WED 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf30l36yqd)

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WED 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn2053q)

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WED 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9px9zs)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5wb4)

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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 (w172zgf301372gj)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 20:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wrn)
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WED 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pxfqx)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct5t8l)
How long will we live in future?

Life expectancy is expected to increase by almost five years around the world by 2050, according to new research. The Global Burden of Disease Study says countries with lower life expectancy are expected to see the biggest increases.

Claudia Hammond is joined by BBC Africa health correspondent Dorcas Wangira to hear how public health measures are behind the predicted increases.

We also hear about how negotiations at this week's World Health Assembly to secure a global deal for countries to prepare for pandemics have fallen through.

Claudia and Dorcas discuss new research in Kenya into the time of day mosquitoes are biting children in school, and what it tells us about whether the insects are getting smarter.

We also hear about the project twinning hospitals in Mexico and the US to try to improve the survival chances of children with leukaemia.

And new research from Australia suggests having a baby takes much more metabolic energy than previously thought.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond
Producer: Dan Welsh
Editor: Holly Squire

WED 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf3013766n)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8wgtm51pm)
South Africans vote in key elections

South Africans have been voting in the most pivotal election since the end of apartheid, which could see the African National Congress lose its majority for the first time. Newshour gets the latest and speaks to voters.

Also in the programme: the impact on civilians as Israel pushes ahead with its military operation in Gaza; and the table tennis player who's qualified for the Paralympics tell us how he competes with no hands.

Photo: People queue to cast their votes in the South African elections in Durban, South Africa Credit: REUTERS/Alaister Russell

WED 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf301379ys)
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WED 22:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t42)
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WED 22:32 The Documentary (w3ct6qtq)
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WED 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn20n37)
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WED 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pxsz9)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct60fs)
India endures severe heatwave

Provisional reports say that Temperatures have reached fifty-two degrees centigrade in the Indian capital, Delhi, as an intense

heatwave sweeps across the north and west of the country. Rahul Tandon looks at how it's affecting the lives of people there - and the economy.

The price of heavily subsidised bread in Egypt is to quadruple for people from June. The BBC's Sally Nibil explains just how significant the news is and why the subsidy is such an important source of government support for the less well off.

Unionised workers of Samsung Electronics in Seoul are to strike next week in what will be the first-ever strike in the tech giant's five decades of history - we look at the reason why. (Picture credit: Money Sharma/Getty Images.)

THURSDAY 30 MAY 2024

THU 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf30137kg1)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 00:06 The Forum (w3ct5n08)
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THU 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf30137p65)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfg75fkyc1)
India endures severe heatwave

As an intense heat wave sweeps across the north and west of India, Rahul Tandon looks at the impact of this on the world's fastest growing economy.

The price of heavily subsidised bread in Egypt is to quadruple from June. The BBC's Sally Nibil explains just how significant the news is and why the subsidy is such an important source of government support for the less well off.

And as the former co-working giant WeWork looks to be on the verge of agreeing a deal that could see it emerge from bankruptcy, we look at how reduced demand for physical office space around the world has affected the sector.

Talking about these - as well as other big business stories from around the world, Rahul Tandon is joined by Rebecca Choong Wilkins, Bloomberg Senior Asia Correspondent in Hong Kong and Sushma Ramachandran, Independent journalist and columnist with the Tribune newspaper, in Delhi, India. (Picture credit: Hindustan Times/Getty Images)

THU 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf30137sy9)
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THU 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn210bm)
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THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9py56p)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 02:32 The Documentary (w3ct6r8y)
Perfume's dark secret

The global perfume industry is worth billions. Some luxury brands sell for hundreds of dollars a bottle. But BBC Eye Investigations has discovered that when the sun goes down in Egypt, there is a hidden human cost to this industry.

In the summer of 2023, the BBC visited four different locations in Egypt's main jasmine-growing area in the Gharbia region, and found children - some as young as five - working at night to pick the jasmine that was supplied to some of the world's leading perfume brands through factories in Egypt. The UN's special rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery tells the BBC what it has uncovered "may constitute the worst form of child labour".

We hear the story of one family who say they have no choice but to take their children into the jasmine fields to work, in order to earn enough money to live.

Reporter: Natasha Cox
Producers: Ahmed El Shamy and Louise Hidalgo
Editors: Rebecca Henschke and Rosie Garthwaite
Sound engineer: Neil Churchill and James Beard

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THU 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn217tw)
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THU 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pydpy)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xms)
Eating in the heat

Devina Gupta takes a food tour of her home city of Delhi to see how people are adapting to rising summer temperatures.

In May this year the city saw a record temperature of almost 50C, and knowing what to eat in such heat can be a challenge.

The changing climate is sparking innovative recipes in restaurant kitchens and bringing traditional practices back to people's kitchens.

Devina tries old favourites at street markets, a modern twist on a classic drink at a high end restaurant and is (almost) convinced that a vegetable she has hated since childhood might work wonders in the heat.

She hears from public health expert Dr Samar Husayn about why the cold, sweet treats you might reach for on a hot day aren't always the best.

And she sees the difference between how those who have air-conditioned homes and those who don't are coping.

Presenter: Devina Gupta
Producer: Hannah Bewley

(Image: A bowl of gourd dip with restaurant workers in the heat in the background. Credit: BBC)

THU 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf3013855p)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 05:06 Newsday (w172zbjzzb28v8)
South African elections

We at national vote count in a conference centre north of Johannesburg - as the country is eagerly awaiting the result of yesterday's elections. Throughout the program we will be bringing you all the twists and turns.

Some of Hong Kong's best-known pro-democracy campaigners known as the 'Hong Kong 47' have just been found guilty of subversion by a court in Hong Kong.

Cooking gas cylinders for carbon credits? That's the deal Kenya has signed with Saudi Arabia.

THU 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf301388xt)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 06:06 Newsday (w172zbjzzb2dld)
Votes are being counted in South African election

The Electoral Commission says turnout in Wednesday's general election was high, and a late surge meant many polling stations stayed open deep into the night to allow everyone in line to cast their ballot. The millions of votes are being tallied now.

We'll head to Italy, where our correspondent reports about why the country has not totally broken from its neo-fascist political past

And why the Nigerian authorities are offering free rides for commuters on a light railway network in the capital Abuja

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South African election

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We head to India where parts of the country are sweltering under a severe heatwave - including a record temperature in the capital.

A court in Hong Kong has found 14 leading pro-democracy activists guilty of conspiracy to commit subversion.

And the details of half a billion Ticketmaster customers might have been hacked.

THU 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf30138jf2)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xb8)
What can the world's biggest iceberg tell us?

The current record holder for the world's biggest iceberg is the A23a. Back in 1986 this colossus broke away from an Antarctic ice sheet. This process of breaking off or 'calving' as it is known is a natural part of the life cycle of an ice sheet. But A23a then became lodged in the Weddell Sea for more than thirty years, until four years ago a gradual melting allowed the berg to refloat.

Since then it's been steadily on the move, heading in the same direction as Antarctic icebergs before it, towards the warm waters of the Southern Ocean, where it will eventually shrink from melting.

As it travels, the iceberg has been playing an important role on the ecological environment around it, both in positive and negative ways.

So, on this week on The Inquiry, we're asking 'What can the world's biggest iceberg tell us?'

Contributors:

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Researcher: Katie Morgan
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Production Co-ordinator: Ellie Dover

Image Credit: A23a in Antarctica, Jan 2024. Rob Suisted/Reuters/via BBC Images

THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pywpg)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zbx)
The Baltimore bridge collapse – what happens next?

It's been two months since the collapse of the key bridge in Baltimore, and the deadline to unblock the port's shipping channel is imminent. The US government has given a loose promise to make it happen by the end of May - but there are doubts that deadline will be met, causing more disruption to the local and global economy. How will businesses on sea and land find a way through more uncertainty?

Izzy Greenfield speaks to small businesses who are feeling the impact; from fewer customers to disruption to supply chains.

Baltimore used to rank first among US ports for autos and light trucks, handling a record 850,000 vehicles last year. Importantly, the port is where vehicles are processed and labelled to be sold domestically. We hear how the industry is seeing an immediate impact. And we learn about the struggles that transportation workers continue to face.

(Image: Baltimore bridge after it collapsed in March 2024. Credit: Getty Images)

Presented and produced by Izzy Greenfield

THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yk1)
The Flint water crisis

Flint was once one of the richest cities in the United States. But

in the 1980s, it was badly affected by the downturn in car manufacturing and by 2014 it was nearly bankrupt. To save money, the city switched its water supply away from Lake Huron to its own Flint River, but state officials failed to treat the river water properly. As a result lead, a powerful neurotoxin, was released into the drinking water.

Despite mounting evidence, officials denied anything was wrong and it took them a year and a half to switch water supply back to Lake Huron. But many residents of Flint – a majority African-American city with high rates of poverty – have been left fearful about the long term impacts on their children.

Rob Walker speaks to lifelong Flint resident Jeneyah McDonald who had two young children at the time. He also hears from Dr Mona Hanna-Attisha – a paediatrician and professor of public health – who helped bring the scandal to national attention after showing that lead had found its way into the bloodstreams of the city's children.

(Photo: Bottled water donations to help with the Flint Michigan water crisis in 2016. Credit: Dennis Pajot via Getty Images)

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THU 10:06 The Explanation (w3ct6plk)
The Media Show: Is this the TikTok election?

This week we look at Big Tech and its role in a crucial election year around the world. Baroness Martha Lane Fox, who sat on the board of X (formerly Twitter), assesses the platform's changing attitude towards political content.

Also in the programme, as the general election campaign heats up in the UK, will TikTok help the candidates reach younger voters?

Presenter: Katie Razzall

Guests: Shona Ghosh, Senior Editor, Bloomberg; Martha Lane Fox, former board member, Twitter/X; Sean Topham, Co-Founder, Topham Guerin; Timandra Harkness, author of Technology is Not the Problem; Sam Jeffers, Executive Director, Who Targets Me

THU 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pz45q)
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THU 10:32 Happy News (w3ct5sph)
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THU 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf30138wng)
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THU 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn2231s)
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THU 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pz7xv)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dsd)
Palestinian state recognition: Does it change anything?

Spain, Ireland and Norway have formally recognised a Palestinian state, as have about 140 other countries. But Israel's most influential allies, including the US, have said they will not do so until there is a mutually agreed peace deal. Katya Adler asks the BBC's Diplomatic Correspondent James Landale what this acknowledgment of statehood could mean for Palestinians, and what diplomatic tools governments are using to influence Israeli policy in Gaza.

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This episode was made by Peter Goffin and Beth Timmins. The technical producer Mike Regaard. The assistant editor is Sergi Forcada Freixas and the senior news editor is Sam Bonham.

THU 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf301390dl)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nxt)
The man behind Disney's legendary songs

The American songwriter and composer Richard M. Sherman worked on some of the most enduring and memorable songs in musical film history. In partnership with his brother Robert, he created scores for hits such as The Jungle Book, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, and won two Oscars for his work on Mary Poppins. The Sherman Brothers worked closely with Walt Disney himself and wrote what would become his favourite song, Feed the Birds.

Richard died last week at the age of 95, after decades of bringing joy to so many through his music. Maryam Maruf went to meet him in 2016 at his home – in front of his piano – in Los Angeles. He reflected on a lifetime of extraordinary memories and his half-century collaboration with his brother Robert creating some of Disney's most magical songs.

Presenter: Emily Webb
Reporter: Maryam Maruf

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(Photo: Richard M. Sherman (L), Julie Andrews and Robert B. Sherman celebrating their Oscar success at the 1965 Academy Awards. Credit: ©A.M.P.A.S.® photo courtesy of Richard M. Sherman)

THU 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5yk1)
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THU 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf3013944q)
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THU 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pz3f3)
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THU 13:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xms)
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THU 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf301397wv)
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THU 14:06 Newshour (w172zb8wgtm73ct)
Hong Kong convicts 14 activists of subversion

Hong Kong has found 14 pro-democracy activists guilty of subversion in the largest use yet of a China-imposed National Security Law. They were among the 47 activists charged with trying to "overthrow" the government by organising an unofficial primary in 2020 to pick candidates who can run for office.

Also in the programme: Will a US pharmaceutical company allow a low-cost version of its powerful new HIV drug for use in the developing world? And the lost Beatles guitar that has sold for millions.

(Photo: Kalvin Ho Kai-ming arrives at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts building ahead of the verdict into charges of subverting the National Security Law. Credit: Tyrone Siu/Reuters)

THU 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf30139cmz)

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THU 15:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xb8)

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THU 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9pzqxc)

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THU 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct602h)

Australia looking into alleged Ticketmaster hack

There's confusion today surrounding a claim by a notorious hacking group that they have accessed personal details of more than half-a-billion people who use the US website Ticketmaster – but is it true?

Two months after the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge cut off the port of Baltimore, transportation businesses are counting the days until it can reopen.

Plus David Harper finds out how Thailand is trying to encourage Digital Nomads to travel there to work.

Finally, we explore whether having a famous resident can be a blessing or a curse for your town?

[IMAGE CREDIT: PA]

THU 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf30139hd3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj1615y4gg)

Mexico election violence

Mexico's election campaign has drawn to a bloody end, with the murder of a mayoral candidate in the west of the country. OS's James Reynolds is in Tijuana and has been speaking to local people about migration and cartel violence.

We speak to music journalists and hear from fans about the campaign to urge Taylor Swift to break her silence on Gaza.

As northern and central parts of India suffer from extreme temperatures, we ask a founder of a tour guide business about the impact on the business.

We have the latest on the alleged hacking of personal details of more than half a billion Ticketmaster customers.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Mexican Army and National Guard members take part in the "Operation Juarez" aimed at reducing violence in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico February 17, 2024. Credit: Jose Luis Gonzalez/Reuters)

THU 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf30139m47)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj1615y86l)

Italy's far-right

Italy's ruling party, "Brothers of Italy" has roots in postwar fascism but has moderated in office. But, as our Rome correspondent explains, Italy allows ghosts from its past to haunt the present.

We speak to music journalists and hear from fans about the campaign to urge Taylor Swift to break her silence on Gaza.

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Early results from South Africa's election suggest the ANC is on course to lose its parliamentary majority for the first time. We speak to our reporter in Johannesburg.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Italy's Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni looks on as she attends a ceremony to mark the 163rd anniversary of the Italian Army, in Rome, Italy, May 3, 2024. Credit: Remo Casilli/Reuters)

THU 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf30139qwc)

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THU 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5nxt)

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THU 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5yk1)

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THU 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf30139vmh)

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THU 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn2320t)

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THU 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9q06ww)

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THU 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w5m)

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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 (w172zgf30139zcm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 20:06 The Documentary (w3ct6r8y)

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THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9q0bn0)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 20:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vcs)

Trusting AI with science

AI is already being used in every branch of science, and will become more and more a feature of future breakthroughs. But with its power to find subtle patterns in massive data sets comes a concern about how we will know when to trust its outcomes, and how to rely on its predictions. Science in Action talks to Alison Noble who just completed a Royal Society report on trust in scientific AI.

With highly pathogenic bird flu infecting around 70 dairy herds across 10 states in the USA, including a herd of alpacas, we get an update from health journalist Helen Branswell of StatNews on the latest science and efforts to get on top of the infection.

Also, from the pioneers of the mRNA vaccines that helped turn around the COVID pandemic, an experimental version that could be rolled out rapidly if the bird flu does cross worryingly into people. University of Pennsylvania's Scott Hensley described how it works, and how promising it looks.

Science in Action also hears how Europe's new EarthCARE satellite, equipped to peer deep inside clouds, will tackle one of the biggest unknowns in the science of global warming.

Presenter: Roland Pease
Producer: Jonathan Blackwell

THU 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf3013b33r)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8wgn7ylq)

US reportedly gives green light to use of its weapons against Russian targets

President Biden has reportedly given the go-ahead to Ukraine to use its weaponry on targets within Russia as NATO foreign ministers meet in the Czech Republic to discuss the issue. We ask a NATO foreign minister what's changed.

Also in the programme, we hear from Mexico ahead of this weekend's elections; and world-record breaker Sophie Holmes shares her remarkable story of running 36 marathons in as many days.

Photo: A Ukrainian soldier fires a D-30 howitzer towards Russian troops in Kharkiv region, Ukraine Credit: REUTERS/Vyacheslav Madiyevsky

THU 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf3013b6vw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 22:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xb8)

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THU 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9q0148)

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THU 22:32 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn23gxh)

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THU 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf3013bbm0)

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THU 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn23k0b)

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THU 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9q0pwd)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct604r)

Donald Trump found guilty on all counts in criminal trial

Donald Trump becomes the first former or sitting US president to be convicted of a crime. Presenter Devina Gupta examines what this will mean for his bid to become President again.

Plus, extreme heat is causing chaos in South Asia. What does this mean for businesses and workers in Pakistan and India?

(Picture: Donald Trump Credit: Eduardo Muñoz/Reuters)

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FRI 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf3013bgc4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:06 The Explanation (w3ct6plk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9q0tmj)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct5ybt)

Will the UK's election change its place in the world?

John Simpson, in discussion with the BBC's unparalleled range of experts across the world, considers how a snap general election might change the UK's position in the world, analyses whether Iran's governing elite can win back popular support after the death of President Raisi, and examines the new shape of the Middle East.

FRI 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf3013b138)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfg75fnv84)

Donald Trump found guilty in criminal trial

A jury has found former US President Trump guilty in a 'hush money' case. He's the first ex-president to be convicted of a crime. The trial centred around falsified records of a payment to a porn star. Presenter Devina Gupta hears the latest from outside Trump Tower in New York, political analysis in Washington DC, the view from Toronto in neighbouring Canada, and around the world. And we examine the potential impact of the verdict on Mr Trump's chances of becoming president again.

(Picture: Donald Trump Credit: Justin Lane EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

FRI 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf3013bpdv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn23x7q)

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FRI 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf3013bt1j)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nxt)

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FRI 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yk1)

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FRI 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf3013bybn)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn244qz)
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FRI 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9q19m1)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tf3)
Hijabs and skinny jeans: Nora's Dutch dilemma

Anna Holligan spends time with Dutch Muslim Nora Akachar, whose world was turned upside down with the traditional progressive country voted for right-wing politician Geert Wilders. Nora is left questioning her identity and what it means for her to be Muslim in the Netherlands today.

FRI 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf3013c22s)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 05:06 Newsday (w172zbjzzb55rc)
Donald Trump found guilty

History is made in the United States where Donald Trump becomes the first former or serving president to be convicted of a crime. He's been found guilty of thirty four charges of falsifying business records.

With more than half the votes counted in the South African general election, the governing ANC is well short of a majority. Is the country gearing up for a huge change?

Mexicans will be heading to the polls on Sunday with violence a key issue. We hear from a family searching for their disappeared loved ones

FRI 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf3013c5tx)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 06:06 Newsday (w172zbjzzb59hh)
Donald Trump guilty on all counts

Donald Trump has become the first ever former or serving US president to be convicted of a crime. He's been found guilty of thirty four charges of falsifying business records. What does this all mean for the presumptive nominee for the Republic party in the upcoming election?

Is South Africa gearing up for a huge political change? With more than half the votes counted, the governing African National Congress - the ANC - is well short of a majority.

FRI 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf3013c911)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 07:06 Newsday (w172zbjzzb577m)
Donald Trump found guilty

Donald Trump is convicted on all 34 counts of falsifying business records in his historic criminal trial in New York. What does this mean for the forthcoming Presidential race.

We go to South Africa where the ruling ANC is on track to lose the majority it's held for 30 years. We'll look at where that vote has gone and what this means for a future government.

And could it be a life changing milestone for Canadian indigenous indian community known as First Nations to have their language being recognised?

FRI 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf3013cfb5)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5sv1)
Mohammad Shtayyeh: Will the Palestinian Authority work with Hamas?

Mishal Husain speaks to the former Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority Mohammed Shtayyeh. How does he see the Palestinian people's future? Can he, and should he, work with Hamas?

FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgfxg9q1s1k)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z1w)
Business Daily meets: Paul Carrick Brunson

We found out why the dating guru swapped a career in investment banking to become a matchmaker.

Now famous for his role in the hit TV show 'Married at First Sight', Paul Carrick Brunson explains how his current career path wasn't always written in the stars. But a combination of business acumen, the backing of his partner and a touch of luck led to a lucrative trade in matchmaking.

He explains his core business principles and gives his top tips for discussing money in a relationship.

(Image: Paul Carrick Brunson. Credit: Chris Bethell)

Presenter: Devina Gupta
Producer: Sam Clark

FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yjd)
'1984': The commercial that changed advertising

Forty years ago, a Hollywood director, some tech revolutionaries and a group of London skinheads created a commercial that would rock the advertising world.

Based on George Orwell's dystopic novel '1984', and launched in the same year, the ad was like nothing that had been seen before.

But its road to being shown was rocky, and the beleaguered advert almost never made it air.

Mike Murray was Apple marketing manager at the time, he speaks to Molly Pipe.

(Photo: Steve Jobs in a room of computers in 1984. Credit: Michael L. Abramson/Getty Images)

FRI 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf3013ck29)
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FRI 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbq8xn24rgm)
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FRI 09:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vcs)
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FRI 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf3013cntf)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q1t)
Eternal flames

As the Olympic torch makes its way through France, we investigate the fires that continually smoulder and those which are stomped out.

You might expect snow to make a solid fire extinguisher, but in Canada, it is somehow keeping embers alight. These 'Zombie fires' keep burning through the winter, releasing huge amounts of carbon into the air and enhancing the tinderbox for summer wildfires.

While wildfires leave trails of destruction, for some plants and animals, they act as a catalyst for life – helping them to spread their seeds or flower. And the extent of these blazes can also be marshalled by nature – with elephants and beavers building natural fire breaks into landscapes to prevent uncontrollable flames.

We hear about when the first fires happened on Earth and how we can study ancient fires which have long since gone out. Plus, we unpick the key to monogamy (in mice), why cicadas love prime numbers as well as your thoughts on snakes...

Presenter: Caroline Steel with Philistiah Mwatee and Chhavi Sachdev
Producer: Alex Mansfield with Florian Bohr, Harrison Lewis, Julia Ravey and Noa Dowling
Sound engineer: Emily Preston

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FRI 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dw7)
Mexico election: A blood-soaked ballot

Mexico is in the midst of its bloodiest ever election. The country will get its first female President but this vote has been overshadowed by the murder of dozens of local candidates. Drug cartels are expanding their power and ordinary Mexicans say they fear for their safety. Will a new leader make a real difference?

Katya speaks with the BBC's Mexico correspondent Will Grant and Latin America and Caribbean Editor Vanessa Buschschlüter.

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FRI 12:06 Outlook (w3ct698r)
Outlook Mixtape: A Disney legend, a drag icon and a stork

A tribute to Richard M. Sherman, who died recently. Alongside his brother Robert, they created some of the most beloved songs in cinema history. Writing the songs for many Walt Disney movies including the Oscar-winning soundtrack to Mary Poppins. Outlook's Maryam Maruf met Richard in 2016. He belted out some of his classic tunes on his piano, and told her the stories behind their creation.

Omar Mareco grew up in Paraguay under a military dictatorship. He was sent to the military aged seventeen and became the most macho guy he could be, the best military student, leading parades and carrying the national flag but inside he was miserable. He tells reporter Grace Livingstone that it was only when he found himself on stage as glittery drag artist, Envidia, that he truly found his voice. He's since become an icon for gay rights in Paraguay, a country where homosexuality was illegal until 1990.

Setsuko Thurlow was a 13-year-old schoolgirl when an atomic bomb was dropped on her home city of Hiroshima, Japan. Most of the places she knew were destroyed in an instant. Narrowly escaping death herself, Setsuko became a witness to the brutal aftermath of atomic warfare, and the things she saw that day would compel her to spend her life fighting for nuclear disarmament.

It was Purnima Devi Barman's grandmother who first connected her to nature. She was homesick and lonely and found solace among the trees and birds. But it was one bird in particular, an ugly one with a bald, pink head and a dangling pouch on its chest that she really fell in love with: the greater adjutant stork. It's known locally as the hargila or bone swallower, it's a scavenger and seen as a bad omen. When the birds were nearing extinction in the early 2000s Purnima set to work creating the 'Hargila Army', an all-women conservation movement that transformed the bird's fate.

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Producer: Julian Siddle

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FRI 14:06 Newshour (w172zb8wgtb08x)

Trump rages at verdict as he's found guilty in historic case

The US presidential election campaign has moved into uncharted territory, after the Republican presumptive candidate Donald Trump was found guilty of falsifying business records. The former president's criminal conviction does not prevent him from running - even if he's sentenced to jail. President Biden's campaign said the threat Mr Trump posed to America's democracy had never been greater - and the ballot box was the only way to keep him out of the White House. Many Republicans say the trial was a travesty of justice, and Mr Trump himself has claimed he is a political prisoner. Opinion polls before his conviction had the two candidates locked in a tight race.

Also in the programme: Germany joins the United States in saying it will allow Ukraine to use its weapons for limited strikes inside Russia; we'll hear from Moscow and from Kyiv.

(Photo: Former US President Donald Trump gestures to the media and the crowd outside Trump Tower after a jury found him guilty on all 34 counts in his criminal trial in New York, 30 May 2024. Credit: Peter Foley/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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FRI 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zsg)

South Africa: ANC set to lose parliamentary majority

The South African election is moving ever closer to a result, and it looks like the ANC will have to start talking to potential coalition partners. What could that mean for the economy there?

Plus, we're getting reports of another major cyber-attack, this time affecting a major bank.

And how does it feel when your niche web project becomes the focus of a trademark claim from a very large company with a very large legal budget?

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FRI 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf30l3dd96)

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FRI 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj161611ck)

Trump's guilty verdict

Donald Trump has been found guilty on all counts in his historic New York criminal trial, becoming the first former or sitting president to be convicted of a crime as he makes a bid to return to the White House. On a historic day, we start the programme in the US - hearing from those who were in the court as the verdict was handed down, Republicans and Donald Trump himself. A panel of 12 Manhattan jurors unanimously convicted him on 34 counts of falsifying business records on Thursday, with sentencing now set for 11 July. Trump, 77, called the verdict a "disgrace", adding: "We'll fight to the end."

Elsewhere we cross to Mexico - where some of the OS team are on location and have been hearing from voters in the run up to the presidential election on Sunday. Presenter James Reynolds is live from a local newsroom in Tijuana, a border city in

Mexico, just south of California. We're hearing from staff on how they're covering and handling the busy election period as well as the issues at the heart of this election for Mexicans. James also meets the Almeras family in the nearby town of Tecate. There are eight siblings in the family. In 2018, one of the oldest brothers Jose Juan was abducted - it's thought by police officers - and has not been seen again. One of the family's sisters, Angela, began the search for him. But in February this year, she herself was shot dead - her family has buried her, as they continue to look for their brother. The disappearance and the murder have broken the family.

Presenter: Luke Jones

(Photo: Former US President Donald Trump gestures to the media and the crowd outside of Trump Tower. Credit: PETER FOLEY/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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FRI 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj1616153p)

Live in Mexico

In the run up to Mexico's historic presidential election on Sunday, the OS team are live in the border city of Tijuana. Presenter James Reynolds speaks to staff in a local newsroom on how they're covering the elections and the everyday issues that Mexicans will be voting on. The run-up to the vote, in which a new president as well as members of the legislature, nine governors and almost 20,000 local officials will be chosen, has been the most violent in recent history. More than 20 candidates have been killed and hundreds more have been threatened. We also hear from the other side of the border - those in San Diego - to get a sense of what the Americans think about migrants coming there.

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Presenter: Luke Jones

(Photo taken in Semanario ZETA's newsroom in Tijuana)

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Toxic politics

Anyone seeking election as a politician can expect to have to argue their case with the electorate, and deal with opposition and criticism. But what happens when that democratic debate

turns toxic and politicians face personal abuse, intimidation and threats of violence?

A recent report by the Jo Cox Foundation - named after the murdered British MP - warned that the abuse and intimidation of politicians is a "significant threat to democracy". With election campaigns being fought in several countries around the world, we bring together politicians in Canada, France and the UK to discuss some of their experiences of public office.

"For me some of the abuse and unpleasantness was really difficult," Heather Williams, a councillor in the east of England tells host Luke Jones. "I've delivered leaflets, and somebody's come out saying that they wanted to have a gun and pin me up against a wall and shoot me - that's very scary when you've got somebody very angry."

We also hear from a former senior politician, Catherine McKenna who served in the Canadian government, and her son Matt. They share some of the challenges they faced living family life under the political spotlight.

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(Photo: Canadian MP Pam Damoff. Credit: Pam Damoff)

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FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rh3)

Why does wine taste better over time?

It's often said that fine wine gets better with time, and this week's oenophile listener Jeremy has a cellar full of dust-covered bottles. He is curious whether chemistry can account for the range of flavours that develop as wine matures, but also wonders why some of it tastes like vinegar if you leave it too long?

We head off to the Bordeaux region of France, where vines were planted almost 2,000 years ago. Here, winemakers are joining forces with scientists to better understand wine ageing, a process so subtle and intricate that even the scientists refer to it as magic.

In the world-famous vineyards of Chateau Margaux, presenter Marnie Chesterton learns that the key ingredient for good grapes is a sandy soil type; and that in this part of France, the warming climate is actually having a positive effect on the vines, which need very little water to thrive. Over in the lab, we meet the chemist mapping the molecules responsible for aromas associated with a well-aged Bordeaux.

Featuring:
Philippe Bascaules, Chateau Margaux
Prof Cornelis van Leeuwen, Bordeaux Sciences Agro
Dr Stephanie Marchand-Marion, ISVV
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(Photo: Aged bottles on wine racks in a cellar. Credit: Morsa Images/Getty Images)

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