

SATURDAY 27 JULY 2024**SAT 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmnk3y)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 00:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q22)

Breaking, climbing, and surfing

This week the panel take a look at their favourites of the newer Olympic sports as Paris 2024 gets underway. Surfing will happen in Tahiti this year, but could it ever be held on Titan, in orbit around Saturn? Obviously very unlikely, but not for the reasons you might expect. No vertebrate on earth can rock-climb like a gecko. Can nanomaterials come to our aid? And Amy Pope, Principal Lecturer of Physics and Astronomy, Clemson University helps us understand the physics challenges the B-boys and girls are maybe subconsciously putting themselves through as Break Dancing makes its Olympic debut.

Also, climate change unearths some of our oldest fossils in Brazil, being scared of long words, and designing cities to be cooler.

Presented by Marnie Chesterton, with Philistiah Mwatee and Camilla Mota.

Produced by Alex Mansfield with Harrison Lewis, Dan Welsh and Noa Dowling.

SAT 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmnw2)

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SAT 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfk49yzy0y)

US elections: Harris rises with Obama's support

A tumultuous week in US politics raises questions about the November elections.

Presenter Roger Hearing explores what lies ahead for Venezuela as the government and opposition pledge to fix the struggling economy before the elections.

Hollywood faces another actors' strike, this time over voiceover work in video games.

SAT 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmnsm6)

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SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbcqtslg00j)

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SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0cg7c4wl)

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SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct5wgx)

West Indies CEO Johnny Grave on investment, the Shamar Joseph effect and pay parity

Alison Mitchell, Jim Maxwell and Sunil Gupta hear from West Indies Chief Executive Johnny Grave. He tells Alison about co-hosting the ICC Men's T20 World Cup and he responds to the ICC's announcement of a review into the delivery of the competition. He discusses investment into West Indies cricket and the reliance many cricketing nations have on hosting England, India and Australia. Plus he shares their hopes of pay parity for the women's teams by 2027 and reflects on the remarkable Test Match at the Gabba against Australia earlier in 2024.

The ICC Annual Conference took place this week and we debate the expansion of the Women's T20 World Cup to sixteen teams in 2030.

Plus, India men are about to embark on a new chapter as they face Sri Lanka with their new head coach Gautam Gambhir. Sunil Gupta tells us whether he is the right fit and whether there will be any friction between Gambhir and Virat Kohli.

Photo: Shamar Joseph of the West Indies celebrates victory after taking the wicket of Josh Hazlewood of Australia during day four of the Second Test match in the series between Australia and West Indies at The Gabba on January 28, 2024 in Brisbane, Australia. (Photo by Bradley Kanaris/Getty Images)

SAT 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmnxch)

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SAT 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6990)

Outlook Mixtape: Boy lama, separated families and reunion joy

This week the mixtape brings you stories of escape and reunion.

After leaking secret financial records of Putin's one-time deputy, Nick Stride and his family flee Russia with only the clothes on their backs. Escaping into the Australian bush they learnt to hunt, fish and deal with deadly animals in their new surroundings.

Osel Hita Torres was a Spanish toddler when he was recognised by the Dalai Lama as the reincarnation of Tibetan Buddhist monk, Lama Yeshe. As a child Osel was sent to India to prepare for life as a monk and scholar. Many expected him to carry on Lama Yeshe's work of teaching Buddhism around the world when he grew up. But Osel had other ideas.

Born in 1943, twins Joyce and Judith Scott shared a childhood of togetherness in rural Ohio. But at age seven, Judith was taken from their shared bed. Joyce woke up to a new world – where her beloved twin lived in an institution. In her forties, Joyce resolved to rescue her sister, unaware that their joyous reunion would spark the emergence of Judith as a world-renowned artist.

François d'Adesky was born in Rwanda in 1946 to a Rwandan princess and a white Belgian father. A few years later the family decided to move to Belgium – but as the flight prepared to leave, the pilot refused to allow François' African mother to board. She was left behind, promising François that if he prayed every morning and every night, they would see each other again.

Presenter: Mobeen Azhar

Producer: Tommy Dixon

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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yds)

The first cold chain vaccination storage system

In 1974, Ghana pioneered a new system which would help in the roll-out of the immunisation of serious diseases across Africa and the rest of the world. The World Health Organisation chose the country to trial its cold chain system, to help keep vaccines for often deadly diseases refrigerated. It would later evolve into the storage systems used to cope with the Covid-19 pandemic.

Justice Baidoo meets Patience Azuma, who was one of the first children to benefit from the Enhanced Immunisation Programme in the 1970s and Dr Kofi Ahmed later a chief medical officer, who helped in the original cold storage system roll out.

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Eye-witness accounts brought to life by archive. Witness History is for those fascinated by the past. We take you to the events that have shaped our world through the eyes of the people who were there. For nine minutes every day, we take you back in time and all over the world, to examine wars, coups, scientific discoveries, cultural moments and much more.

Recent episodes explore everything from football in Brazil, the history of the 'Indian Titanic' and the invention of air fryers, to Public Enemy's Fight The Power, subway art and the political crisis in Georgia. We look at the lives of some of the most famous leaders, artists, scientists and personalities in history, including: visionary architect Antoni Gaudi and the design of the Sagrada Família; Michael Jordan and his bespoke Nike trainers; Princess Diana at the Taj Mahal; and Görel Hanser, manager of legendary Swedish pop band Abba on the influence they've had on the music industry. You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, such as the time an Iraqi journalist hurled his shoes at the President of the United States in protest of America's occupation of Iraq; the creation of the Hollywood commercial that changed advertising forever; and the ascent of the first Aboriginal MP.

(Photo: A man being vaccinated in Ghana. Credit: Junior Asiana / 500px)

SAT 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmp13g)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 today]

SAT 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmp4vl)

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SAT 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbcqtslge7x)

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SAT 05:32 Amazing Sport Stories (w3ct6r8f)

Copper Bullets: Ep 3

The newly formed Zambian football team begins to honour the legacy of the KK11, and the players start to defy all odds. The resilience of a nation is witnessed as the new team is met with a wave of support and jubilation. We hear Zambians cheer on their team with the iconic Chipolopolo chant as the players stage an important comeback in a World Cup qualifier which ensures they climb the ranks for the Africa Cup of Nations. #AmazingSportStories

SAT 05:50 More or Less (w3ct5tqd)

Are women 14 times more likely to die in natural disasters?

The idea that women outnumber men by 14 to 1 as casualties of natural disasters has been repeated in newspapers and online for years - the UN have even used this statistic.

But when you track down the source, the research behind this claim leaves much to be desired.

Presenter: Kate Lamble

Series producer: Tom Colls

Production co-ordinator: Brenda Brown

Sound mix: Nigel Appleton

Editor: Richard Fenton-Smith

SAT 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmp8lg)

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SAT 06:06 Weekend (w172zcx1rq7njhk)

Paris 2024 Olympics underway with extravagant opening ceremony

Friday saw the start of the 2024 Olympics being hosted in Paris. Things got off to a rocky start with bad weather conditions and the French train lines hit by arson attacks, but the opening ceremony saw spectacular demonstrations of fireworks and performances from musicians and dancers. The ceremony which took place along the River Seine also saw the return of Canadian icon Céline Dion singing at the Eiffel tower in her first performance since late 2022, when she announced her neurological condition. Over 10,000 athletes will compete across 32 sports at the Games.

Also in the programme: Leader of Mexico's Sinaloa cartel and one of the world's most notorious drug lords known as 'El Mayo' was arrested this week by American authorities in El Paso after being reportedly tricked into boarding a flight and we speak to long term friend of Kamala Harris, Stacey Johnson-Batiste, as it was announced earlier this week that she will be the US Democratic party's candidate in November's presidential elections.

Joining presenter Krupa Padhy are Paige McLanahan, an American journalist and author based in France and Carne Ross, a writer and former UK diplomat.

(Picture: The torchbearers Marie-Jose Perek (R) and Teddy Riner (2-R) arrive to light the cauldron during the Opening Ceremony of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, in Paris, France, 26 July 2024. MOHAMMED BADRA/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

SAT 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmpdbv)

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SAT 07:06 Weekend (w172zcx1rq7nn7p)

Paris hosts opening ceremony for the 2024 Olympic Games

Paris held the 2024 Olympics opening ceremony along the famous River Seine with performances at the Eiffel Tower. Nearly 7,000 athletes travelled on 85 boats sailing past the singers, dancers and other demonstrations on bridges and rooftops.

Also on the programme: The UK authorities have declared gender-based violence against women and girls as a national emergency; and after waiting over a decade for elections, residents in Venezuela are heading to the polls to vote for a new president.

Joining presenter Krupa Padhy are Paige McLanahan, an American journalist and author based in France, and Carne Ross, a writer and former UK diplomat.

(Photo: Delegations arrive at the Trocadero during the opening ceremony of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games in Paris on July 26, with the Eiffel Tower in the background. Credit: Loic

Venance/Reuters)

SAT 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmpj2z)

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SAT 08:06 Weekend (w172zcx1rq7nrzt)

Campaigners attempt to change UK law on assisted suicide

In the UK, it is against the law to assist or encourage someone to take their own life and doing so can result in a maximum prison sentence of 14 years. Parliament rejected an assisted bill nine years ago but since the UK is now under a new government, campaigners are trying to change this law to allow terminally ill adults with less than six months left to live the right to an assisted death, if approved by two doctors.

Also in the programme: Breakdancing is making its debut as an Olympic sport at the 2024 games in Paris and we hear from Jonathan Dekel-Chen, the father of the Israeli American hostage held by Hamas since October 7th Sagui Dekel-Chen, who spoke to NewsHour.

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(Picture: Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer speaks during Prime Minister's Questions at the House of Commons in London, Britain, July 24, 2024. UK Parliament/Jessica Taylor/Handout via REUTERS)

SAT 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmpmv3)

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SAT 09:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rbv)

Supporters of Kamala Harris

Could a woman of colour be the next President of the United States? That is what much of America has been asking this week and it's at the heart of our conversations.

Race remains a major political and social issue in the United States and there is plenty of discussion about Ms Harris's background as a black and Asian-American woman.

We bring together three black women Democratic party supporters: Kay in New York, Ashley in Oklahoma City and Keosha in Washington DC. With President Biden standing down, we get their reaction to the new choice for Democratic candidate in November's elections.

"Representation matters – the fact that my black girl daughter can see a black woman becoming the President of the United States, what can she not do, what can she not feel she's capable of," Ashley tells host James Reynolds.

With the prospect of a Harris vs Trump election, we also hear from three male democrats. The cost of living, business costs and taxes are sure to be key issues. What will they be voting on?

A Boffin Media production in partnership with the OS team.

(Photo: Kay in New York)

SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0cg7d03h)

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SAT 09:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v0r)

The man who discovered how to cook with air

What cooking tip you would pass on to friends and family? The story of the man who invented the air fryer. Plus, the video you've been watching about the 500 year-old Hamam brought back to life in Istanbul, and 25 new species discovered in Mozambique. This week's show is presented by William Lee Adams.

SAT 09:50 Over to You (w3ct5tzz)

Listeners' thoughts on drama on the radio

We get listeners' reactions to drama on the radio, as part of the BBC World Service and British Council's International Playwriting Competition. We're joined by the competition's winning authors.

Plus the annual Global Audience Measure figures are out, so what do they reveal about who's listening?

Presenter: Rajan Datar

Producer: Howard Shannon.

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SAT 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmpri7)

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SAT 10:06 Sportshour (w3ct5q9x)

Let the Games begin!

We're live in the French capital as the Games begin!

One of the most popular Olympic disciplines is gymnastics. It requires artistic flair alongside core strength and amazing flexibility. So imagine having to compete with scoliosis, a condition that curves the back into unnatural positions. That's precisely the challenge Italian Marta Pagnini had to overcome in order to achieve her dream of competing at the Olympics, winning bronze in the Group All Around in 2012. Now retired Marta has been telling Sportshour's Caroline Barker about her gymnastics career and her continued battle with scoliosis.

Kayla Harrison has always been a fighter, both inside and out of the sporting arena. The double Olympic gold medal winning judoka now competes in mixed martial arts in the UFC. Twelve years on from her first gold in London and just months after her debut in the UFC, Kayla has been reflecting on her career and the challenges she has had to face outside sport. She's been telling Sportshour's Joel Hammer how she now splits her time between training and competing and spending time with her children on the farm they live on.

From life in the Olympic village to the secrets of the Opening ceremony, and what essentials you need to pack that no one tells you about. Speaking to Sportshour's Caroline Barker, Team GB's Olympic cycling silver medallist from Tokyo Neah Evans busts some myths ahead of setting off for Paris.

Photo: Olympic Rings displayed at the Eiffel Tower Stadium at the Paris Games. (CREDIT: DIMITAR DILKOFF/AFP via Getty Images)

SAT 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmpwbc)

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SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zqbqctsh2qp)

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SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0cg7d7lr)

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SAT 11:32 Health Check (w3ct5t8h)

Systemic racism in health care

Systemic racism affects our wellbeing long before we ever see a doctor. How can the health community address it?

Also on the programme, a new malaria vaccine is rolled out in the Ivory Coast, we take a closer look at the story behind it. And while we have long been cautioned against heavy exercise before sleep, it turns out that light intermittent exercise may be the secret to getting a bit more sleep.

SAT 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmq02h)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 12:06 The Forum (w3ct5n0b)

The only way is up: A history of mountaineering

Humans have always co-existed with mountains, as ancient remains found in glaciers prove. But our interest in them may have been more spiritual or religiously motivated, rather than as a place to go to improve our health and wellbeing. In some cultures today, mountains are still considered to be the home of deities. So when did mountaineering become a popular pastime and how did the obsession with bagging summits start? Iszi Lawrence investigates our evolving relationship with the planet's highest peaks.

Iszi is joined by Dawn Hollis, author of Mountains before Mountaineering: The Call of the Peaks before the Modern Age; Peter Hansen, Professor of History and Director of International and Global Studies at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the US, and author of various books on mountaineering including The Summits of Modern Man: Mountaineering after the Enlightenment; and anthropologist and mountaineer Young Hoon Oh. The programme will also hear from blogger Andrew Szalay, otherwise known as the Suburban Mountaineer. And a range of Forum listeners from around the world contribute their personal experiences of mountains.

Produced by Fiona Clampin for BBC World Service

(Photo: Mountaineer with ice pick ascending Hintertux Glacier in Austria. Credit: David Trood/Getty Images)

SAT 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmq3tm)

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SAT 13:06 Newshour (w172zb8zcz5mz9l)

China wins first gold of 2024 Olympics

Sheng Lihao and Huang Yuting won the first 2024 Olympic gold medals in the mixed 10m air rifle. Fourteen gold medals are up for grabs today, including in diving, fencing, and rugby sevens.

Also on the programme, we look ahead to tomorrow's presidential election in Venezuela. And how does it feel when life imitates art? We meet Mike Bartlett, whose 2022 play "The 47th" depicted a presidential contest between Donald Trump and Kamala Harris.

(Picture: Sheng Lihao and Huang Yuting Credit: Reuters / Alfiky)

SAT 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmq7kr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w172zbnxhstjpb)

Live sport from around the world with news, interviews and analysis.

SAT 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmqk8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 18:06 The Newsroom (w172zqbqctshlyl)

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SAT 18:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0cg7f2tn)

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SAT 18:32 Amazing Sport Stories (w3ct6r8f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 today]

SAT 18:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wdn)

Greek sprinters scandal at the Athens Olympics

The 2004 Athens Olympics in Greece were hailed as the Games coming home to its ancient and modern birthplace.

But, on the eve of the opening ceremony, a breaking scandal involving two of the host nation's biggest sporting stars threatened to overshadow the celebration.

Final torchbearer Nikos Kaklamanakis and Reuters journalist Karolos Grohmann talk to Jack Butcher about the remarkable return of the Olympics to Greece.

This is a Whistledown production for the BBC World Service.

(Photo: Kostas Kenteris' and Ekaterini Thanou's Olympic passes. Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmqv9d)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 19:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xhj)

What can a rusting warship tell us about tensions in the South China Sea?

The South China Sea is a major world shipping route bordered by a number of countries including China, the Philippines, Taiwan, Malaysia, all of whom have staked claims to various zones in this vast expanse of water.

But tensions have grown in recent years between China who claim the majority of the South China Sea for themselves and the Philippines. Lately these tensions have escalated into a series of dangerous encounters as the two countries seek to enforce their right to disputed reefs and outcrops in these contested waters.

At the heart of this particular dispute lies a rusting warship, which belongs to the Philippine navy. It has been berthed on a submerged reef, the Second Thomas Shoal, since 1999, an outpost that the Philippine government claim belongs to them. The Sierra Madre is manned by a small Filipino crew who need a continual supply of provisions from the mainland, but the supply ships are encountering increasingly dangerous stand-offs with the Chinese coast guard in the South China Sea. The Chinese claim these encounters are just aimed at blocking an 'illegal transportation' of supplies. But there are concerns that this regional dispute could spark a wider conflict between China and the US, who are treaty-bound to come to the defence of the

Philippines, should it come under attack.

So, on this week's Inquiry, 'What can a rusting warship tell us about tensions in the South China Sea?'

Contributors:

Dr Hasim Turker, independent researcher, Istanbul, Turkey
Professor Steve Tsang, director SOAS China Institute, London
Professor Jay Batongbacal, director, Institute for Maritime Affairs and Law of the Sea, U.P. Law Centre, Philippines
Gregory Poling, director South East Asia Programme and the Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, USA

Presenter: Tanya Beckett
Producer: Jill Collins
Researcher: Katie Morgan
Technical producer: Richard Hannaford
Production co-ordinator: Tim Fernley
Editor: Tara McDermott

(Photo: The Philippine ship BRP Sierra Madre in the disputed Second Thomas Shoal in the South China Sea. Credit: Lisa Marie David/Getty Images)

SAT 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0cg7f6ks)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 19:32 The Global Jigsaw (w3ct6r7h)
The Sahel's coup contagion

The geopolitical tectonic shifts in Africa that could be felt in Europe too. A year after the coup in Niger, which was seen as a key ally of the West, Africa's 'coup belt' faces growing uncertainty about its future security. As US and international forces withdraw, legacy Wagner groups seek to conquer new zones of influence for Russia in the face of a growing jihadist threat. What hope is there for the region?

Producers: Kriszta Satori, Linnete Bahati, Elchin Suleymanov
Presenter: Krassi Twigg

SAT 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xmqz1j)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qjp)
Film director Sean Wang

Nikki Bedi is joined by broadcaster and cultural critic William Lee Adams and speaks to American director Sean Wang about his award-winning film, Didi.

Also on the show:

Hollywood stars Ryan Reynolds and Hugh Jackman reveal the genesis of the latest Marvel film, Deadpool and Wolverine,

Producer Jerry Bruckheimer explains why he thinks we will always love going to the movies,

British musician and composer Errollyn Wallen reflects on the bands she left behind before becoming a trailblazer in classical music,

Oscar winning Greek director Yorgos Lanthimos talks about the physicality of his films,

And writer director Ira Sachs discusses the appeal of a love triangle in movies.

(Photo: Director Sean Wang attends the BAFTA Special Screening of "DIDI", 21 July 2024 in Los Angeles, California. Credit: Rodin Eckenroth / Getty Images)

SAT 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmr2sn)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8zcz5ny8m)
Israeli strike on Gaza school killed 30 – Gaza health ministry

The IDF said that a Hamas command and control centre was embedded inside the school. We hear from an MSF nurse working in the emergency room in a nearby hospital about the casualties she's witnessed.

Also on the programme: The first images of the devastation caused by wildfires in Canada emerge; and as they're set to play Serbia in the Olympic Games tomorrow, we ask if the United States has lost its dominance over basketball.

(Photo: A Palestinian man carries a body following an Israeli strike in Deir Al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip. Credit: REUTERS/Ramadan Abed)

SAT 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmr6js)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 22:06 The Documentary (w3ct6r9y)
India's Wrestling School For Girls

In the industrial town of Haryana in Northern India, young girls are breaking barriers training hard to become the next generation of gold medal winning wrestlers, following their idols who have tasted Olympic glory abroad and made a stand against attitudes to women at home. But their success has come at a price. BBC Journalist Divya Arya looks at what it takes for these girls to become an Indian wrestling heroine

SAT 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0cg7fkt5)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 22:32 This Is Africa (w3ct5y55)
T-Low and Narah Elba

T-Low is a graduate in electrical engineering from Ndola in Zambia's copper belt. He started out rapping and writing songs for others, before deciding his voice was too sweet for rap and that he wanted to sing his own songs. He emerged onto the music scene in 2017 and released his second album The Road Man in 2023.

That was the same year that Narah Elba started making waves in Tanzania when she released her debut single, Torture. The rising star, who was born in Moshi, a town in the foothills of Africa's most famous mountain Kilimanjaro, juggles writing love songs with studying for a degree in medicine.

Image: Narah Elba (Credit: Lizer Studio) and T-Low (Credit: kooma_jr_)

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SAT 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqctsljpp7)
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SAT 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0cg7fpk9)
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SAT 23:32 Assignment (w3ct5msz)
A slogan and a land: Part one

Since the start of the war between Israel and Hamas last year, the cry "Ffrom the River to the Sea" has been heard more and more as a pro-Palestinian slogan. But what river? What sea? And what exactly does the phrase mean? It's the subject of intense controversy. In this two-part series, reporter Tim Whewell travels from the River Jordan to the Mediterranean Sea, across a tiny stretch of land – just over an hour by car if you don't stop - that's perhaps the most argued-over in the world.

Along the way, he meets shepherds and teachers, soldiers and gardeners, artists and activists - Palestinians and Israelis of many different views and backgrounds. The shortest line from the River to the Sea doesn't pass through Gaza. But everyone Tim meets on his journey across the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the River, and in Israel, is living in the terrible shadow of the October 7th Hamas attack on Israel and the war that's followed. The future of the often-beautiful, fast-changing, overcrowded region he crosses will be at the heart of any eventual solution to the Middle East conflict. In this first programme, he goes from the Jordan, through the Israeli settlement of Argaman, the Palestinian herding community of al-Farisiyah and the Palestinian village of Duma, ending up at the Israeli settlement of Shilo. What do people in those places think now – and do they have any hope for the future? (In Part 2, Tim leaves the West Bank and travels through Israel.)

Presenter/producer: Tim Whewell
Sound mixing: Andy Fell and Neil Churchhill
Production co-ordinator: Gemma Ashman
Editor: Penny Murphy

(Photo shows some of the people Tim meets in the two parts of the series. Clockwise from top left: Ben Levy, Israeli nature ranger; Sulieman Mleahat, Palestinian development worker; Susie Becher, Israeli political activist; Okayla Shehadi, retired Palestinian citizen of Israel.)

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SUN 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmrq11)

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SUN 00:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5r5bv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]

SUN 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0cg7f19f)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 00:32 Amazing Sport Stories (w3ct6r8f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

SUN 00:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wdn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmrks5)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 01:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xhj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:06 on Saturday]

SUN 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0cg7fy1k)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 01:32 The Six Billion Dollar Gold Scam (w3ct6r39)
1. The fall

Bre-X geologist Michael de Guzman is the man of the hour. He's responsible for one of the biggest gold discoveries in the world, deep in the Indonesian jungle. It's a find that sends Bre-X stock prices soaring to stratospheric heights. So his apparent death — a dramatic fall from a helicopter flying to the gold site — sends shockwaves around the world. Did he jump? Was he pushed? But the days following his death will prove even more shocking.

Please note, this episode contains difficult subject matter, including references to suicide and death. The series has references to suicide and some graphic content.

SUN 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmrp19)
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SUN 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqctsljwxm)
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SUN 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0cg7g1sp)
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SUN 02:32 Health Check (w3ct5t8v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:32 on Saturday]

SUN 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmr8f)
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SUN 03:06 The Forum (w3ct5n0b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmrq0k)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5shz)
Fears of a wider war between Hezbollah and Israel

Max Pearson introduces correspondents' and reporters' stories from the Israel-Lebanon border, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ukraine and the Indonesian island of Bali.

The ongoing conflict between the Israel Defence Force and Hezbollah may be on a smaller scale than the war in Gaza, but it's still causing devastation on both sides of the Israel-Lebanon border. And there are acute fears the fighting could still escalate further. Orla Guerin speaks to Lebanese firefighters trying to contain blazes sparked by shelling, and a Syrian refugee whose two sons died in an apparent drone attack.

The city of Goma, in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, has for many years been a place of shelter for internally displaced families fleeing attacks by dozens of different militias in the area. But more recently the city itself has been under siege by rebels of the M23 movement, heavily armed and reportedly backed by Rwanda - and the DRC's own armed forces have had limited success fighting back. Hugh Kinsella Cunningham crossed the frontlines around the city with a group

of medics trying to treat and counsel civilians - particularly women - trying to survive.

The Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, is physically far from the battles raging against Russian troops along the country's eastern border. But the war can still break into its bubble of "somewhat normal life" at any moment. Yana Lyushnevskaya works for BBC Monitoring in the city, her hometown, and reflects on what it meant to return there in wartime.

After the tourist industry was shut down in Bali during the pandemic, millions of visitors per year are now set to flood back in. They come for the beaches, the landscape - and many for the island's unique culture, fusing elements of Hindu and Buddhist traditions. But some artisans and craftspeople worry that tourist money isn't coming their way, and wonder how long their traditional arts can survive. Michelle Jana Chan met a master mask-carver and temple dancer looking for 21st-century ways to make ends meet.

Producer: Polly Hope
Editor: Tom Bigwood
Production co-ordinator: Katie Morrison

SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0cg7g98y)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:32 The Explanation (w3ct5yzq)
Why is the Gulf Stream and AMOC so important to our climate?

Complex ocean currents keep Europe warm and bring rain to Africa, but could they come to an end?

The Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) is a system of ocean currents within the Atlantic Ocean, transporting warm water north towards the Arctic and returning cold water south towards Antarctica. The Gulf Stream is a component of AMOC, which carries warm water from the Gulf of Mexico, up along the eastern coastline of the United States.

AMOC and the Gulf Stream enable heat to be distributed around our planet, and ensure Europe experiences milder weather compared to Canada, despite being on a similar latitude.

AMOC's currents are driven by changes in water density due to changes in ocean salinity and temperature. Increasing ocean temperatures and freshwater flows from melting ice sheets due to climate change, have the potential to weaken AMOC. This could lead to cooler temperatures in Europe and a drop in rainfall in key agricultural areas in places like Africa and Asia, in turn affecting millions of people.

Host Claire Graham talks to the BBC's Climate Editor Justin Rowlatt. Produced by Cathy Young for the BBC World Service.

SUN 04:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wdn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

SUN 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqms1rp)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbgqtslk850)
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SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0cg7gf12)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct6r9y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 22:06 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqms2ht)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 06:06 Weekend (w172zcx1rq7rfdn)
Israel says it has hit Hezbollah targets in Lebanon after deadly Golan Heights rocket strike

Israel's air force says it has hit Hezbollah targets deep inside Lebanon following Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu's vow to respond to alleged Hezbollah attack. Israeli authorities said twelve children and young adults were killed in the rocket strike on a football pitch in Golan Heights. Dozens of people were injured, and the Israel Defense Forces say Hezbollah, the Lebanese militant group, is responsible for the attack. The group has denied their involvement.

Also in the programme: Residents in Venezuela are heading to the polls today to vote for a new president after 11 years with

current President, Nicolás Maduro, serving three terms in office.

Joining presenter Krupa Padhy are Dr Sanam Vakil, director of the Middle East programme at Chatham House and Dr Samir Puri, a British author, former diplomat, and visiting lecturer in War Studies at King's College London.

(Picture: A person reacts at the site where a projectile hit a playground in Druze, Majdal Shams, in the annexed Golan Heights, 27 July 2024. Photo by ATEF SAFADI/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock (14606547q))

SUN 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqms97y)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 07:06 Weekend (w172zcx1rq7rk4s)
Israeli air force reportedly strikes Hezbollah targets deep inside Lebanon

Twelve people, including children, were killed on a football pitch in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. The rocket strike is believed to be the work of Lebanese militant group, Hezbollah, and so Israel have now responded. Israel's air force say they have hit Hezbollah targets deep inside Lebanon.

Also in the programme: A Bangladeshi student group is urging for several of their leaders to be released from custody by Sunday or they will resume protests, despite previous demonstrations causing a lethal police crackdown and nationwide unrest, and later today, Iran's president-elect Masoud Pezeshkian is set to be officially inaugurated in a ceremony hosted by the country's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

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(Picture: Smoke rises from a fire after Hezbollah fired a barrage of projectiles towards Israel from Lebanon, amid cross-border hostilities between Hezbollah and Israeli forces, at the entrance to Kiryat Shmona in northern Israel, July 17, 2024. Avi Ohayon/ Reuters)

SUN 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmsf02)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 08:06 Weekend (w172zcx1rq7rnwx)
Lebanese Foreign Minister doesn't think Hezbollah carried out Golan Heights attack

Israel's military have hit villages and towns in south and east Lebanon after accusing Hezbollah of being responsible for the football pitch attack that killed 12 young people on Saturday. Israel Defense Force spokesman Daniel Hagari, says Hezbollah is "lying and denying responsibility for the incident", following his visit to the scene of the attack. Children and young adults were amongst those dead from the rocket strike and dozens more were left injured. Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, immediately vowed retaliation against Hezbollah, saying the group would "pay a heavy price". The Israeli Air Force has now confirmed it has hit "terror targets" overnight.

Also in the programme: We will be checking in on the 2024 Paris Olympics as the USA men's basketball team prepare to play their first game.

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(Picture: Lebanese caretaker Foreign Minister Abdallah Bou Habib speaks next to German foreign minister during a joint press conference at the Foreign Ministry in Berlin, Germany, 15 December 2023. Photo by CLEMENS BILAN/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock (14259457d))

SUN 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmsjr6)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5shz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today]

SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0cg7gx0l)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xn1)
What Olympians eat

Three million bananas; 600-800 baguettes a day; 47,000 plates...as the world's elite sportsmen and women arrive in Paris, a huge catering operation awaits them.

Ruth Alexander finds out what it takes to keep the athletes happy and fuel a medal-winning performance.

Team GB pole vaulter Holly Bradshaw talks about her relationship with food during her years as an athlete, and why she's looking forward to retirement after Paris 2024.

Alicia Glass, senior dietician for Team USA, gives an insight into how a peanut butter and jelly sandwich at the right time can make a big difference.

Reporter Michael Kaloki in Nairobi drops in on Kenya's sprinters while they're having lunch to find out what's on their plates.

And the head of catering for the London 2012 Games Jan Matthews offers advice for the team in Paris this year on how to keep athletes who need a lot of fuel happy.

This programme includes conversations about losing and gaining weight, goal weights and difficult relationships with food that some listeners might find upsetting.

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

Presenter: Ruth Alexander

Producers: Hannah Bewley, Elisabeth Mahy and Michael Kaloki

(Image: Holly Bradshaw, Team GB pole vaulter, wins bronze at Tokyo 2020. Credit: Reuters)

SUN 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmsnhb)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tw7)
Olympic-sized solutions

As athletes from around the world strive for glory at the Paris Olympics, we look at how sport has a unique ability to change people's lives for the better. In a refugee camp in Lebanon we meet those who are being inspired by that most traditional of sports, cricket. In Kenya we meet women from the toughest backgrounds who are taking on the world at football - and learning important life lessons as they go. Plus we hear the remarkable story of a cyclist from Afghanistan who is part of the Refugee Olympic Team.

Presenter: Myra Anubi
Producer: Richard Kenny
Editor: Jon Bithrey
Sound mix: Annie Gardiner

(Image: Vijana Amani Pamoja football team, Richard Kenny/BBC)

SUN 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0cg7h0rq)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69hs)
Make-up and rebellion

In countries like Somalia and Iran, where women are largely expected to present themselves with modesty, what role can make-up play? Bella Hassan of BBC Focus on Africa is from Somalia and Mina Joshaghani of BBC Persian is from Iran. They tell us about how make-up functions in a conservative society.

Produced by Caroline Ferguson and Hannah Dean.

(Photo: Farnak Amidi. Credit: Tricia Yourkevich)

SUN 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqms7g)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbgqtslkzms)
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SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0cg7h4hv)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:32 The Explanation (w3ct5yzq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct5tqd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

SUN 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmswzl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rbv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]

SUN 12:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0cg7h87z)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:32 The Global Jigsaw (w3ct6r7h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:32 on Saturday]

SUN 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmt0qq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 13:06 Newshour (w172zb8zcz5qw6p)

Israel's air force says it has hit Hezbollah targets in Lebanon

Israel's air force says it has hit Hezbollah targets in Lebanon which comes after the deadly rocket strike on a football pitch in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights that left twelve children and young adults dead and dozens injured, according to Israeli authorities. The Israel Defence Forces said a rocket was fired by the powerful Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, a claim strongly denied by the group. We hear from Lebanon's Foreign Minister and a government spokesperson.

Also on the programme: polls have opened in Venezuela in the most tensely awaited presidential election in more than a decade; and we get the latest on a busy day at the Olympics with Simone Biles making her return to gymnastics.

(Photo: Emergency personnel inspect the area around a soccer pitch in Majdal Shams after rockets were launched across Lebanon's border with Israel, 27 July 2024. Credit: Ammar Awad/Reuters)

SUN 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmt4gv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wry)

Can Science Fiction help us fight climate change?

The acclaimed US sci-fi author Kim Stanley Robinson is also a star in the world of climate activism because his work often features climate change - on Earth and beyond. Robinson has been a guest speaker at the COP climate summit, and novels such as *The Ministry For The Future* and *The Mars Trilogy* are admired by everyone from Barack Obama to former UN climate chief Christiana Figueres. Robinson's books are not just imaginative but scientifically accurate, and some of their ideas have even inspired new thinking about climate-proofing technology. Kim Stanley Robinson has been talking to the Climate Question team.

Presenters: Jordan Dunbar and Graihagh Jackson

Producer: Ben Cooper

Editor: Simon Watts

Sound Mix: Tom Brignell

Got a question for The Climate Question? Email us: thecimatequestion@bbc.com

SUN 14:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0cg7hhr7)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:32 Happy News (w3ct5sps)

The Happy Pod: The surprise star of a US Olympic team

With the Paris Olympics underway, we hear about Beacon the therapy dog that has helped the USA Gymnastics team cope with the pressure and stress of competitive sport. His handler and owner Tracey, tells us his friendly face and intuitive nature make him perfect for the job and that some of the gymnasts even talk to him.

Also: the first horse rider from the Arab world to qualify for Olympic equestrian eventing tells us it is a huge honour to represent the region's history. How a new type of IVF is helping protect the future of threatened southern white Rhinos. A woman who travelled solo across Africa on a motorcycle says the three-month journey made her feel alive. We head to Denmark to learn about a project that helps people with mental health issues - by prescribing a course of museum visits, concerts and other cultural activities. And, we find out about the Olympic couples competing in the city of love.

Presenter: Jannat Jalil

Music composer: Iona Hampson

SUN 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmt86z)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 15:06 Sportsworld (w172zbmxxhlsjkbkf)

Live sport from around the world with news, interviews and analysis.

SUN 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmt86h)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqctsllylt)

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SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0cg7j3gw)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:32 The Documentary (w3ct6rb0)

The gay activists who won an Olympic-sized battle

This documentary contains discriminatory and homophobic language that some listeners may find offensive.

In 1993 the legislators in Cobb County, Georgia passed a resolution stating that "lifestyles advocated by the gay community are incompatible with the standards to which this community subscribes".

Cobb County was due to welcome the Olympics in 1996 hosting the volleyball competition as part of the Atlanta Games. Narrated by Wanda Guenette, a member of the 1996 Canadian volleyball team who identifies as gay, and who faced the prospect of having her Olympic dream turned into a nightmare, forced to compete in a place that had made it clear she and other gay athletes were not welcome.

This is the inspiring story of a small campaign group who took on one of the most powerful organisations in the world and forced change. With the help of an Olympic legend and after months of high-profile peaceful protests, the Atlanta organising committee finally stripped Cobb County as a host venue and diverted the torch relay away from its streets.

Photo Credit: Carol Brown/Georgia State University Library

SUN 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmtvym)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q22)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 on Saturday]

SUN 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmtzpr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8zcz5rv5q)

Venezuela Attorney General insists election is fair

Venezuela's Attorney General, Tarek William Saab, has dismissed concerns about fraud and government intimidation in the presidential election. He tells BBC Newshour that millions of people had been voting in peace across the country, adding that Venezuela had one of the world's most reliable voting systems.

Also on the programme: Fears of an all-out war between Israel and Hezbollah - we'll have the latest and hear from the Druze community; and Public Enemy's Flavor Flav tells us why he's the hype man for the USA's Olympic water polo team.

(Photo: a Venezuelan citizen paints his face with the national flag during presidential election day in Venezuela. Credit: Luis Eduardo Noriega, Shutterstock)

SUN 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmv3fw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wry)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 today]

SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0cg7jgq8)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v0r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

SUN 22:50 Over to You (w3ct5tsz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

SUN 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmv760)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqctslmflb)

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SUN 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0cg7jlgd)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69hs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:32 today]

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MON 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf5xqmvby4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 00:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5shz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0cg7jq6j)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 00:32 The Explanation (w3ct5yzq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 on Sunday]

MON 00:50 More or Less (w3ct5tqd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

MON 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zxx9yf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 01:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqgd1wrjbr)

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MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qjnp6t)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 01:32 Discovery (w3ct5rmw)

Fed: Fine Print

Do YOU know what you're eating? Are you sure?

Dr Chris van Tulleken is keen to make good food choices, and buy the best chicken possible for his dinner. High welfare, tasty, and good for the environment, ideally. But it's not as easy as that. How CAN he make good food choices if he has no idea what he's buying?

Chris explores what we actually know about the food we buy, and to what extent we can trust what's on a label.

He also uncovers the startling truth about two very different ways that we buy chicken - lifting the lid on why sometimes, even the most moral meat shoppers turn a blind eye...

MON 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zxxzfpk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqgd1wrn2w)

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MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qjnsyy)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 02:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rhc)

Why is a ship a 'she'?

In many languages across the world, all nouns are classed as either male or female, or sometimes neuter. The English language, however, only signals gender in its pronouns - he, she, it or they. For inanimate objects, gender just crops up in occasional examples like ships or countries, which, for some reason, are deemed female.

This lack of gender in English intrigued CrowdScience listener Stuart, since the other languages he knows all highlight whether something is male or female. Did English ever have gender, and if so, where did it go? Presenter Anand Jagatia dives into some Old English texts to uncover the idiosyncrasies of its masculine and feminine nouns, and learns why these gradually fell out of use.

But why do other languages assign gender to nouns – male, female, and sometimes many more categories too? And does this affect the way we think?

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Production Coordinator: Ishmael Soriano

MON 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zxzkfp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 03:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5t7w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjnxq2)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 03:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v0r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

MON 03:50 Over to You (w3ct5t5z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

MON 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zxzp5t)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61wrw14)

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MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjp1g6)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct5wzr)

The magic of music in dementia care

Music therapists from Spain and the UK tell Datschiane Navanayagam about the role music can have reducing isolation and easing some symptoms of dementia.

Professor Melissa Mercadal-Brotos teaches music therapy at Escola Superior de Música de Catalunya. She was president of the World Federation of Music Therapy and her clinical and research work focuses on the impact of music on people with dementia.

Amina Hussain is Manchester Camerata's principal flute and resident music therapist. She runs sessions with groups of people with dementia that revolve around improvisation where everyone has an instrument that's easy to play. She says the alleviation of symptoms like anxiety, isolation and confidence are wonderful to see.

Produced by Jane Thurlow

(Image: (L) Amina Hussain. Credit: Amina Hussain. (R) Melissa Mercadal-Brotos. Credit: Melissa Mercadal-Brotos.)

MON 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zxzxy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 05:06 Newsday (w172zbnk38d4x1j)

Venezuela election: President Maduro declared winner

Election authorities say with 80% of votes counted, President Nicolas Maduro has won Sunday's presidential election with 51.2% of the vote. The Venezuelan opposition has alleged widespread fraud in the counting of votes.

Thousands mourn children killed in strikes in the Golan Heights, as Israel vows that Hezbollah will pay a heavy price.

We'll also bring you a report on the situation in Sudan in what's been described as the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

And all you need to know from the Olympic Games in Paris.

Australia beat Zambia in an incredible 11 goal thriller as Simone Biles dazzles stars with a stunning gymnastics display at the Olympic games in France

MON 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zxzxp2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 06:06 Newsday (w172zbnk38d4t1bn)

Maduro declared winner in disputed Venezuelan election

In Venezuela, President Nicolas Maduro is declared winner in a disputed vote. The head of the National Electoral Council said that with 80% of votes counted, he won 51.2% of the vote. The Venezuelan opposition has alleged widespread fraud in the counting of votes.

A Rocket strike puts Israel and Hezbollah on the brink of all-out war - as fears for an escalation of the conflict in the Middle East mounts.

We'll also bring you a report on the situation in Sudan in what has been described as the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

MON 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy01f6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 07:06 Newsday (w172zbnk38d4t52s)

Venezuela's Maduro wins election in disputed vote

Venezuela's election authority has declared that the incumbent Nicolas Maduro is the winner of Sunday's presidential election, as the opposition contests the result, saying their candidate won by a landslide. The US Secretary of State has expressed his scepticism about the official result. We'll bring you the latest.

Lebanon fears a dangerous new phase in fighting between Hezbollah and Israel as concerns grow for an escalation of the conflict. The international calls for restraint from both sides are growing louder.

We'll hear from a mayor in Canada about how wildfires have impacted his town.

And we'll bring you the latest from the Olympic Games in Paris.

MON 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy055b)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5szv)

Syed Zafar Islam: Will Narendra Modi change course?

Stephen Sackur speaks to Syed Zafar Islam, spokesman for India's Hindu nationalist BJP party. Recent elections dealt Prime Minister Narendra Modi an unexpected blow; he lost seats, and his majority. Will that prompt him to row back on a policy agenda his critics call divisive and dangerous?

MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjp1fjg)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z6p)

The airshow where billion-dollar deals are made

We're at the Farnborough International Airshow in the south of England, at the biggest gathering of the global aerospace industry of the year.

As fighter jets flash through the skies, on the ground business is brisk. We hear from Airbus, Embraer and Lockheed Martin.

Presenter: Theo Leggett
Producer: Joshua Thorpe

(Image: A Royal Danish Air Force F-16 aircraft performs a demonstration flight during the Farnborough International Airshow. Credit: Getty Images)

MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yh2)

The man who smuggled punk rock across the Berlin Wall

In 1983, punk rock was strictly forbidden in East Berlin. However, that didn't stop young music obsessive Mark Reeder, from Manchester in the UK, smuggling cassettes, and then a punk band across the Berlin Wall.

Mark shares how he arranged for the West German band, Die Toten Hosen, to perform illegally at a secret concert in a church.

This episode was produced by Paul Hanford and Rosalie Delaney. A Munck Studios production for the BBC World Service.

Eye-witness accounts brought to life by archive. Witness History is for those fascinated by the past. We take you to the events that have shaped our world through the eyes of the people who were there. For nine minutes every day, we take you back in time and all over the world, to examine wars, coups, scientific discoveries, cultural moments and much more.

Recent episodes explore everything from football in Brazil, the history of the 'Indian Titanic' and the invention of air fryers, to Public Enemy's Fight The Power, subway art and the political crisis in Georgia. We look at the lives of some of the most famous leaders, artists, scientists and personalities in history, including: visionary architect Antoni Gaudi and the design of the Sagrada Familia; Michael Jordan and his bespoke Nike trainers; Princess Diana at the Taj Mahal; and Görel Hanser, manager of legendary Swedish pop band Abba on the influence they've had on the music industry. You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, such as the time an Iraqi journalist hurled his shoes at the President of the United States in protest of America's occupation of Iraq; the creation of the Hollywood commercial that changed advertising forever; and the ascent of the first Aboriginal MP.

(Photo: Members of the band Die Toten Hosen and friends in East Berlin in 1983. Credit: Mark Reeder)

MON 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy08xg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61wsh9s)

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MON 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjpn5v)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 09:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rhc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

MON 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy0dnl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n1z)

Moscow Metro and the Olympics

Max Pearson presents a collection of the week's Witness History episodes.

We go underground for a tour of the Moscow Metro, the subterranean transport network built by thousands of Russian workers in the 1930s.

Our guest Mark Ovenden, author of Underground Cities, reveals how the Moscow system influenced many other countries around the world.

Plus, more about a revolutionary new method for transporting medicines that was launched in Ghana in 1974. The cold chain system helped refrigerate vaccines aimed at tackling potentially deadly diseases.

Also, as Paris lifts the curtain on the 2024 Olympics, we go back to the last time the French city hosted the Games - one hundred years ago.

We hear the remarkable story of Somali 400m sprinter Zamzam Farah, and how she became a crowd favourite in the London 2012 Olympics after finishing last in her heat by 27 seconds.

Finally, we meet Shuss - a French cartoon skier and the first Olympic mascot, designed for the 1968 Winter Games.

Contributors:

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Mark Ovenden - author of Underground Cities.
Patience Azuma – vaccinated as a child in Ghana.
Dr Kofi Ahmed – chief medical officer.
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Kitty Godfree – Olympic medallist.
Zamzam Farah – Somali sprinter.
André Thiennot - manufacturer of Shuss merchandise.

(Photo: Underground train station ceiling in Moscow. Credit: Lorenzo Di Cola/NurPhoto via Getty Images)

MON 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy0jldq)

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MON 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61wsqt1)

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MON 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjpw3)

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MON 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dlh)

Why do so many trains crash in India?

Just over a year ago, a devastating crash involving three trains killed nearly 300 people and injured more than 800 in India's eastern Odisha state. It was one of the deadliest train crashes in history. But this isn't the only crash to happen on Indian railways – one of the largest railway networks in the world. Lucy Hockings talks to Alessandra Bonomolo – the director of a new BBC documentary about last year's collision called Why Trains Crash - and BBC India correspondent Soutik Biswas. They discuss why so many train crashes happen in India. Could the Odisha rail crash have been prevented - and are we doing enough around the world to make our railways safe?

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MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nqb)

The Lost Boy: A never-ending journey, part 1

Salva Dut is one of Sudan's so-called 'Lost Boys.' Separated from his family at the age of 11 when the civil war reached his village in 1985, Salva walked for weeks to reach safety in a refugee camp in Ethiopia. There, he lived out most of his teenage years, amongst thousands of other orphans. Like most of them, Salva had no idea what had happened to his family. With little adult supervision, the boys developed their own systems of organisation. That was to prove vital when in 1991 they were driven from the camp by a new conflict. Salva was 17 by this point, and he'd become a leader amongst the boys. In total there were 17,000 of them. They set off in groups, first back towards Sudan, then south, towards Kenya. When they emerged from the wilderness after many months, aid workers were astonished to find them still alive. They shared their story with the world. The United Nations recommended almost 4,000 of the Lost Boys for resettlement in the US, and Salva's name was among them. By this point, in his early 20s, Salva had been separated from his family for a decade. A reunion seemed impossible. He would be boarding a flight and leaving the continent of his birth behind.

The second part of Salva's story will be broadcast on the next edition of Outlook.

Presenter: Mobeen Azhar
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(Photo: Salva Dut. Credit: Vicki Richardson)

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MON 13:32 The Conversation (w3ct5wzr)

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MON 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy0wn3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 14:06 Newshour (w172zb8zr7gyr42)

Venezuela's Maduro declared winner in disputed vote

The opposition says vote tallies as well as quick counts, show opposition leader, Edmundo Gonzalez had a lead of 40 percentage points over the incumbent. Opposition parties got behind Mr Gonzalez in an attempt to unseat President Maduro after 11 years in power. Opinion polls conducted ahead of the election suggest Mr Gonzalez would roundly defeat the president.

Also on the programme: Remembering the trailblazing Irish writer, Edna O'Brien; and what does it take to make an Olympic comeback?

(Photo: Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro celebrates after partial results are announced by the electoral council in Caracas, Venezuela. Credit: Ronald Penar/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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MON 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjqcnm)

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MON 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zy8)

Venezuela elections: Future for the economy?

We'll be looking at why Ethiopia has decided to allow its currency to be traded on international markets - and what that means in practice both at home and abroad

Also, today, what impact could Venezuela's contested election have on the country's key industry - oil.

And we'll be hearing from Amazon Web Services on how big tech, has entered the Olympic Games...

MON 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy144c)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj4gg0ns6q)

Calls for transparency over Venezuela election

Despite multiple exit polls that pointed to an opposition win, election officials announced that Nicolas Maduro had won a third term in office. We speak to our regional expert and hear from Venezuelans around the world about why millions have left the country.

Several European countries have urged their citizens to leave Lebanon urgently, ahead of an expected response by Israel to a deadly attack it has blamed on Hezbollah. We speak to our correspondent about the developments.

We have the latest from the Paris Olympics where a second day of training in the River Seine for the swimming leg of the triathlon has been cancelled because of raised pollution levels after heavy rain.

We hear from Marvel fans who have been reacting to the decision to cast Robert Downey Jr as Doctor Doom.

Boeing has finalised a guilty plea to a criminal fraud conspiracy charge over the two 737 Max crashes that killed 346 people in Indonesia and Ethiopia. We speak to two people who both lost a daughter on the Ethiopian Airlines flight.

Presenter: Andrew Peach.

(Photo: Maduro declared winner in Venezuela's disputed election results, Caracas - 29 Jul 2024. Credit: RONALD PENA R/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

MON 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy17wh)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj4gg0nwyv)

Israel-Hezbollah tensions

Several European countries have urged their citizens to leave Lebanon urgently, ahead of an expected response by Israel to a deadly attack it's blamed on Hezbollah. The Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to give a "strong response" to Saturday's strike on the Israeli occupied Golan Heights that killed twelve young people. We speak to our correspondent about the developments.

There've been calls for transparency over Venezuela's election, after President Maduro was declared the winner, despite exit polls suggesting an opposition victory.

We have the latest from the Paris Olympics where Novak Djokovic has beaten Rafael Nadal in what was potentially the last ever match between two of the greatest ever men's tennis stars.

Boeing has finalised a guilty plea to a criminal fraud conspiracy charge over the two 737 Max crashes that killed 346 people in Indonesia and Ethiopia. We speak to two people who both lost a daughter on the Ethiopian Airlines flight.

Student protests have resumed in the Bangladeshi capital Dhaka after the government there ignored an ultimatum to release their leaders and apologise for hundreds of deaths during recent unrest.

Presenter: Andrew Peach.

(Photo: Protest against the visit of the Israeli Prime Minister to Majdal Shams - 29 Jul 2024. Credit: ATEF SAFADI/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

MON 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy1cmm)

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MON 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy1hcr)

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MON 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61wtps2)

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MON 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjqv4)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w3n)

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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 (w172zgf68zy1m3w)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5shz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjqz8)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct5rmx)

Fed: The fast food trap

Like many of us, Dr Chris van Tulleken is always trying to eat better food: healthy, high welfare, good for the environment. This kind of consumer demand is making the chicken industry better, in tiny increments. So why do so many of us give ourselves a pass when it comes to the food we know we should not be eating - fast food?

Chicken is at the very heart of this industry. As a cheap meat that does not have a strong taste, can easily take on other flavours and does not have any religious restrictions, it's the ideal takeaway ingredient; from nuggets to chow mein to tikka masala.

And although we might be careful about chicken choices when buying it raw, somehow we don't seem to mind turning a blind eye to the origins and nutritional content of our fast food favourites, especially if we're hungry.

Chris discovers just how bad this food can be for both us and the planet, and why we are powerless to resist it.

MON 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy1qw0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8z7gzlhz)

Tensions rise in Lebanon as Israel vows to strike Hezbollah

Tension in Lebanon as Israel vows to strike Hezbollah following Saturday's deadly attack on the Golan Heights. Also in the programme: President Biden proposes an overhaul of the Supreme Court; Venezuela's president, Nicholas Maduro claims victory; and could Zambia honour its commitments for free primary and secondary education?

(Photo: Empty hall in Rafik Hariri International Airport as airlines cancel their flights to Lebanon. Credit: Shutterstock)

MON 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy1vm4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 22:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5szv)

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MON 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjr6wj)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 22:32 The Conversation (w3ct5wzr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

MON 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy1zc8)

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MON 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61wv5rl)

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MON 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjrbmn)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct600j)

Protestors take to the streets of Venezuela

The people of Venezuela face an uncertain future as president Nicolas Maduro claims victory in its presidential election - but the opposition has reacted with fury, and is claiming foul play.

So what does this mean for citizens and businesses?

And we hear from the widow of the pilot who died when Boeing 737 Max crashed.

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TUE 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy233d)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n1z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy26vj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfkhl8dh0d)

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TUE 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy2bln)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61wvjzz)

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TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjrpw1)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:32 Assignment (w3ct5mt0)

A logan and a land: Part two

In this second part of his journey from the River Jordan to the Mediterranean Sea, across the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Israel, reporter Tim Whewell continues his exploration of the physical and human reality behind the slogan "From the River to the Sea", a phrase which creates intense controversy.

In this podcast he descends from the high ridge of the West Bank hills to the Israeli Mediterranean coast at Herzlia, known for its beaches and high-tech industry – and then continues along the sea, to end his journey at the ruined ancient city of Caesarea. Along the way, on the West Bank, he encounters a Palestinian dry stone waller and an Israeli hairdresser – and then, crossing into Israel, he talks to Jewish Israelis including teachers, activists and a journalist – and to Palestinian citizens of Israel. Finally, he meets a group of young Israelis who have recently finished their military service. Some of them have been fighting in Gaza. What future do all these people hope for, in the 90 kilometres between the River and the Sea?

Presenter/producer: Tim Whewell
Sound mixing: Neil Churchill
Production co-ordinator: Gemma Ashman
Editor: Penny Murphy

(Photo shows some of the people Tim meets in the two parts of the series. Clockwise from top left: Ben Levy, Israeli nature ranger; Sulieman Mleahat, Palestinian development worker; Susie Becher, Israeli political activist; Okayla Shehadi, retired Palestinian citizen of Israel.)

This programme was edited on 19th July 2024.

TUE 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy2gbs)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nqb)

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TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yh2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy2l2x)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61wvsh7)

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TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjryc9)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tkx)

Darwin in detail: The micro-art of Willard Wigan

Dr Willard Wigan MBE creates the smallest handmade sculptures in the world. He uses high powered microscopes and custom-made tools formed from shards of diamond, hypodermic needles, and paintbrushes made from eyelashes.

What truly sets Willard apart is his unique use of his own heartbeat. By working between breaths, he uses his pulse as a jackhammer to chip away at material. The work requires extreme levels of concentration, and he frequently works through the night to avoid vibrations.

Willard's talent and determination propelled him to international acclaim. His work sells for six-figure sums, and he has exhibited internationally. However, his path to success has been far from easy. As a schoolboy, he struggled with reading and writing due to unrecognised autism, his teachers dismissed him, and he endured routine bullying and racism.

Willard's latest sculpture, a tribute to Charles Darwin, is crafted on the end of a pencil – a canvas rich in symbolism. For Darwin the pencil was crucial for sketching his revolutionary ideas on evolution that would forever change our understanding of life. For Willard, it holds personal significance. Despite struggling to read or write his new sculpture represents his triumph over adversity.

Dualtagh Herr steps into the minuscule universe of the acclaimed sculptor, where art meets the microscopic. He follows Willard's meticulous process as he pushes the boundaries of art, science and patience to craft a new piece that challenges our perception of scale.

TUE 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy2pv1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 05:06 Newsday (w172zbn38d4wthm)

Protestors clash with police after Venezuela election

In Venezuela, demonstrators have clashed with security forces after protesting about the disputed presidential election result. Police have fired rubber bullets and tear gas. The opposition say they have proof President Maduro stole the election. We'll go live to the capital, Caracas.

At least sixty-five people, mostly children, have been killed in bombardments by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces in the besieged Sudanese city of El-Fasher. We'll speak to the US special envoy to Sudan.

We'll also hear how one MP in Ukraine is raising funds to build a children's hospital that was damaged by a Russian attack.

And at the Olympic Games in Paris, we won't be seeing any triathlon today; authorities have in the last hour postponed both races due to fears over water quality in the River Seine.

TUE 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy2tl5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 06:06 Newsday (w172zbn38d4wy7r)

Police and protestors clash after Venezuela poll

Protests have erupted in Venezuela as Nicholas Maduro is given yet another presidential term in a disputed election. The BBC has seen an armed military convoy travelling to the presidential palace, with soldiers in balaclavas carrying large rifles. We'll bring you the latest from Caracas.

Two hundred and fifty Palestinians are set to be transferred to the United Arab Emirates for medical treatment.

Two children have been killed and nine injured, six critically, in a knife attack at a children's dance workshop in Northern England.

And at least sixty-five people, mostly children, have been killed in bombardments by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces in the besieged city of El-Fasher in Sudan. We'll speak to the US special envoy for Sudan.

TUE 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy2yb9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 07:06 Newsday (w172zbn38d4x1zw)

Protests break out in Venezuela

There have been demonstrations in Venezuela against the election results that gave President Maduro another term in office. Thousands have poured onto the streets to protest, with the police firing tear gas in response. We'll speak to the opposition and an adviser to former President Hugo Chavez.

As concerns grow for the conflict to spread further in the Middle East, following the deadly rocket attack on the Golan Heights, we'll go live to Lebanon to get the latest from there.

And the men's Triathlon at the Olympics in Paris has been postponed due to poor water quality in the River Seine.

TUE 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy322f)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tw8)

Greener ways to keep cool

Climate change is affecting us all. When the temperature goes up, many of us reach for the air conditioning. But that in itself is making things worse. AC units use a huge amount of electricity and most use hydrofluorocarbon refrigerants - also known as HFCs which contribute to climate change.

The International Energy Agency says over the next three decades demand for air conditioning is set to soar. But what's the alternative?

We'll hear from the Irish engineers who say they have the technology to revolutionise air conditioning and refrigeration by doing away with planet-warming HFC gases completely.

And we'll talk to one of Africa's leading architects, Francis Kéré, about how he combines traditional materials with modern designs - removing the need for air conditioning completely in his native Burkina Faso.

Plus we'll hear from an American lawyer who helped craft the law in the US to keep in line with the international mandate to reduce the harm caused by refrigerant gases. He'll tell us about alternatives to HFCs and how regulations have encouraged innovation.

Presenter: Myra Anubi
Producer/reporter: Claire Bowes
Editor: Jon Bithrey

(Image: Leo Health Centre, Burkina Faso)

TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qjjsfbt)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zhq)
What is 'Womonomics'?

We look at Japan's policy to boost its economy by getting more women into the workforce.

It was announced back in 2013 by former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, and dubbed 'Womonomics'.

Mr Abe gave a deadline of 2020 to significantly increase the number of women in leadership roles. But that date quietly came and went without the target even getting close.

However could things could be starting to change? Japan Airlines new CEO Mitsuko Tottori is a woman, and that has restarted conversations. We hear from her, and from young women in the country about their hopes for the future.

Produced and presented by Mariko Oi

(Image: Mitsuko Tottori, chief executive officer of Japan Airlines Co. Credit: Getty Images)

TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yml)
Yazidi genocide: A rescue mission on Mount Sinjar

When Islamic State (IS) militants took control of Syria and Iraq in June 2014, the entire Yazidi population in Sinjar were immediately in grave danger. The Sunni Muslims of IS believed Yazidis were infidels and should either convert to Islam or be killed.

On 3 August 2014, 5,000 Yazidis were killed on the first day of the genocide. For those who survived that night, the only escape route was to climb Mount Sinjar in the blistering heat, with no shelter or food, and pray to be rescued.

Mirza Dinnayi convinced Iraq's president to supply three helicopters and began evacuating 50,000 Yazidis, who were stranded on top of the mountain in a race against time. Mirza shares his experience with Sarah Ehrlich.

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Recent episodes explore everything from football in Brazil, the history of the 'Indian Titanic' and the invention of air fryers, to Public Enemy's Fight The Power, subway art and the political crisis in Georgia. We look at the lives of some of the most famous leaders, artists, scientists and personalities in history, including: visionary architect Antoni Gaudi and the design of the Sagrada Familia; Michael Jordan and his bespoke Nike trainers; Princess Diana at the Taj Mahal; and Görel Hanser, manager of legendary Swedish pop band Abba on the influence they've had on the music industry. You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, such as the time an Iraqi journalist hurled his shoes at the President of the United States in protest of America's occupation of Iraq; the creation of the Hollywood commercial that changed advertising forever; and the ascent of the first Aboriginal MP.

(Photo: Yazidi people escape the Sinjar mountains in August 2014. Credit: Emrah Yorulmaz/Anadolu Agency/Getty Images)

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TUE 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61wwd6w)
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TUE 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qjjsk2y)
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TUE 09:32 Assignment (w3ct5mt0)
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TUE 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy39kp)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 10:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5jlp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

TUE 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy3f9t)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61wwmq4)
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TUE 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qjjsl6)
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TUE 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6fb2)
Venezuela: What's next after disputed election?

Protests have erupted across Venezuela, with thousands taking to the streets over the outcome of the country's presidential election on Sunday. President Nicolás Maduro, who electoral authorities say won a third term, blamed the "extreme right" for stirring unrest as security forces clashed with those demonstrating. Meanwhile, the opposition are questioning the legitimacy of the official result, and say they have proof their candidate Edmundo González secured a clear victory.

With a growing number of western leaders also showing scepticism, what next for the South American nation as it continues to navigate a severe economic crisis and crippling rates of emigration? On this episode, Sumi Somaskanda is joined by the BBC's regional correspondents Ione Wells and Will Grant to discuss the struggles millions of Venezuelans are facing, and examine the political context.

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TUE 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy3k1y)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5p4w)
The Lost Boy: A never-ending journey, part 2

At the age of 11 in 1985, Salva Dut was separated from his family by the Sudanese civil war. After a decade moving between different refugee camps, and presumed an orphan, Salva was recommended for resettlement in the United States as part of a UN-backed programme to support some 4,000 so-called 'lost boys' who'd been displaced by conflict. Salva settled with a host family in Rochester, New York. But when he was in his late 20s, he found out that his father was in fact still alive. Salva travelled back to Sudan to find him. His father was in a clinic and sick with a waterborne disease. Salva decided to try to bring clean water to his home village. A few years later, he established an NGO, Water for South Sudan, and he returned to his birthplace to drill his first well.

French explorer Alain Gachet quit a lucrative career in oil to search for water underground. Colleagues told him he was a 'crazy donkey', but he eventually developed an algorithm that allowed him to 'peel the earth like an onion' and detect water reserves underground. Soon, he was asked to help find water for desperate refugees escaping the conflict in Darfur. Alain spoke to Jo Fidgen in December 2023.

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(Photo: Salva Dut drilling for water; Credit: Water for South Sudan, Inc)

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TUE 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy3sk6)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 14:06 Newshour (w172zb8z7h1n15)
Venezuelans protest 'fraudulent' election

There have been protests across Venezuela against the re-election of President Nicolás Maduro, which the opposition says was fraudulent. Caracas has ordered diplomats from seven Latin American countries to leave because of their refusal to recognise Maduro's official victory.

Also on the programme, the Israeli government has vowed a harsh response to a rocket attack three days ago that killed 12 young people from the Druze community in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights; and, at the Paris Olympics, athletes have expressed frustration after the men's triathlon was postponed by a day because of pollution in the River Seine.

(Photo: A demonstrator reacts when Molotov cocktails hit the ground in front of security forces during protests against election results after Venezuela's President Nicolás Maduro and his opposition rival Edmundo Gonzalez claimed victory in Sunday's presidential election, in Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela July 29, 2024. REUTERS/Samir Aponte)

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TUE 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct6079)
German economy falls back

We look at what's going on with Germany's economy... once Europe's driving force, new data today suggests its economy went into reverse from April to June.

Also today, why a mega fine for one of the world's biggest holiday booking platforms could be the start of the latest round in the continuing battle between governments and Big Tech.

TUE 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy411g)
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TUE 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj4gg0rp3t)
Protests in Venezuela over election result

There have been protests across Venezuela against the re-election of President Nicolás Maduro, which the opposition says was fraudulent. The Organisation of American States has also said there was "exceptional manipulation" in Sunday's election. We speak to protesters and to our reporter in the capital Caracas.

We have the latest on the Paris Olympics where a number of athletes have tested positive for Covid.

Turkey has approved a new law aimed at removing millions of stray dogs from its streets. We speak to our reporter from BBC Turkish.

We speak to people in Bangladesh about the widespread protest in the country. The country's security agencies have been accused of disproportionate use of force against the protesters.

Presenter: James Reynolds.

(Photo: Demonstration after presidential elections in Caracas, Venezuela - 29 Jul 2024. Credit: Henry Chirinos/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

TUE 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy44sl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 17:06 BBC OS (w172zjbj4gg0rsvy)

Massive landslides in southern India

The Indian state of Kerala has declared two days of mourning after more than ninety people were killed in a series of landslides. We speak to our reporter in India.

There have been protests across Venezuela against the re-election of President Nicolas Maduro, which the opposition says was fraudulent. The Organisation of American States has also said there was "exceptional manipulation" in Sunday's election. We speak to protesters and to our correspondent in the capital Caracas.

Presenter: James Reynolds.

(Photo: Rescuers search for survivors at a landslide site after multiple landslides in the hills in Wayanad, in the southern state of Kerala, India, July 30, 2024. Credit: CK Thanseer/Reuters)

TUE 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy48jq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5p4w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

TUE 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5yml)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

TUE 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy4d8v)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbdq61wlp5)

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TUE 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjtrk7)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w85)

2024/07/30 GMT

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

TUE 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy4j0z)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:06 Assignment (w3ct5mt0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjtw9c)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wmg)

When the power goes

How do we cope when the tech we rely on stops working? This week we look at different types of blackouts. We explore the Bangladesh internet shutdown, which affected up to 170 million people for 10 days. We turn to South Africa, which experienced 15 years of daily power outages until very recently. Then to a country which still experiences blackouts now - Cuba. We meet the game developers who work even when the electricity cuts off.

Presenter: Zoe Kleinman

Producer: Imran Rahman-Jones

Editor: Monica Soriano

(Photo: A red road sign saying "404". Credit: Getty Images)

TUE 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy4ms3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8zr7h2h82)

Mass protests in Venezuela as Maduro's win is disputed

Mass protests in Venezuela as Maduro's win is disputed as he faces more challenges even among his former supporters. Also in the programme: Israel says it targeted a Hezbollah commander in a Beirut strike, it says he was responsible for

Saturday's deadly attack on the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights; and the Turkish parliament passes a law to rid the streets of stray dogs.

(Picture: Supporters of the Venezuelan presidential candidate Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia in Caracas. Credit: Shutterstock)

TUE 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy4rj7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 22:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tw8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

TUE 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjv3sm)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 22:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tkx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

TUE 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy4w8c)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbdq61wy2np)

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TUE 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjv7jr)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct609k)

How are sanctions affecting Venezuela?

Protests in Venezuela have been met by violent repression, as critics question the validity of election results that were declared in favour of the incumbent President Nicolas Maduro, who has presided over almost a decade of economic collapse. We'll get the latest from Caracas.

Also, Microsoft's earnings for this quarter are up, but its cloud arm underperformed.

And what's happened to US consumer confidence, on the day before the Fed decides whether to lower interest rates?

WEDNESDAY 31 JULY 2024**WED 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy500h)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 00:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qjp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

WED 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy53rm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfkhl8hcxh)

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WED 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy57hr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbdq61wyfx2)

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WED 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjvls4)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 02:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5wry)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy5c7w)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5p4w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Tuesday]

WED 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yml)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy5h00)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbdq61wypdb)

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WED 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjv8d)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 04:32 The Six Billion Dollar Gold Scam (w3ct6r3b)

2. The believers

It's gold fever. Estimates put the Bre-X discovery at four times the size of the biggest known gold deposit — and investors are trying to cash in. A small Canadian town is swept up in the gold rush. But others are asking questions, including a hedge fund manager who goes to extraordinary lengths to get inside the Indonesia gold site.

Since this episode was recorded, John McBeth has sadly passed away. We are very grateful for his contribution to this story.

WED 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy5lr4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 05:06 Newsday (w172zbn38d4zqdq)

Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh killed in Iran

We have a huge breaking story in the Middle East. The Palestinian militant group, Hamas, says its leader Ismail Haniyeh has been killed in the Iranian capital, Tehran. Hamas, which runs the Gaza Strip and led the assault on Israel in October, said he was killed in an Israeli raid.

Also coming up, Israel has claimed it has killed a top Hezbollah commander after an air strike in southern Lebanon. We'll find out how significant this is, and ask whether the region is on the edge of a regional war.

Mali's military has admitted significant losses in a recent battle that killed its soldiers and Wagner fighters.

Our sports presenter Isaac Fanin is in Paris where organisers of the Olympics Games and World Triathlon, the sports governing body, have declared the water in the River Seine to be safe to swim in.

WED 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy5qh8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 06:06 Newsday (w172zbn38d4zv4v)

Top Hamas leader killed

The Palestinian militant group, Hamas, says its political leader Ismail Haniyeh has been killed. A statement said he was killed in an Israeli raid on his home in the Iranian capital, Tehran. We'll look at who he was and ask what his killing means for the group and the current conflict in Gaza.

In Venezuela, the leader of the opposition, Maria Corina Machado, has called on her supporters to remain peaceful even if provoked by the government and its allies.

And our sports presenter Isaac Fanin is in Paris at the Olympics. He'll speak to Zambia's sports minister about the support to his country's athletes at the games.

WED 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy5v7d)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 07:06 Newsday (w172zbn38d4zywz)

Hamas political leader killed

The Palestinian militant group Hamas says its leader, Ismail Haniyeh, has been killed in the Iranian capital, Tehran. Hamas, which runs the Gaza Strip and led the assault on Israel in October, said he was killed in an Israeli raid. This took place after Haniyeh had attended inauguration of the new Iranian president. Hamas described the assassination as a grave

escalation that will not go unpunished. We will speak to experts and analysts.

And in sport, we will hear from Tunisia's Fares Ferjani. On Saturday, the fencer missed out on becoming Africa's first gold medallist at the Paris 2024 Olympics but he took the silver in the men's individual sabre giving, Tunisia its 16th Olympic medal in history.

WED 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy5yzj)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t4c)
Adam Smith: Can Kamala Harris beat Donald Trump?

Stephen Sackur speaks to US Democratic party congressman Adam Smith. Joe Biden's withdrawal from the presidential race and Kamala Harris's anointment as his replacement has left Democrats almost giddy with excitement. But what makes them think they can beat Donald Trump?

WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjwb7x)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zn7)
Can Dua Lipa's family change Kosovo's image?

More than 25 years after the Kosovo war, a music festival in the capital Pristina is hoping to change the image of the country around the world by inviting international artists and fans to learn more about the country's cultural scene.

Sunny Hill Festival is organised by global pop star Dua Lipa and her dad Dugi, who's from Pristina.

They are using their industry contacts to bring acts like Bebe Rexha, Stormzy and Burna Boy to party with tens of thousands of people, as well as inviting top industry experts.

But more than 15 years after Kosovo declared independence, could politicians be doing more to help boost the country's music scene rather than relying on the Lipa family?

Produced and presented by Daniel Rosney

(Dua Lipa performs on stage with her father Dukagjin Lipa during her first concert held in her hometown Pristina in 2016)

WED 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yvp)
Finding a home for Bulgaria's dancing bears

In 1998, brown bears were declared a protected species in Bulgaria and the ancient tradition of forcing them to dance for people's entertainment became illegal.

A veterinarian called Dr Amir Khalil helped establish a bear sanctuary in the country, to look after the retired animals.

In this programme, first broadcast in 2018, he spoke to Farhana Haider.

Eye-witness accounts brought to life by archive. Witness History is for those fascinated by the past. We take you to the events that have shaped our world through the eyes of the people who were there. For nine minutes every day, we take you back in time and all over the world, to examine wars, coups, scientific discoveries, cultural moments and much more.

Recent episodes explore everything from football in Brazil, the history of the 'Indian Titanic' and the invention of air fryers, to Public Enemy's Fight The Power, subway art and the political crisis in Georgia. We look at the lives of some of the most famous leaders, artists, scientists and personalities in history, including: visionary architect Antoni Gaudi and the design of the Sagrada Familia; Michael Jordan and his bespoke Nike trainers; Princess Diana at the Taj Mahal; and Görel Hanser, manager of legendary Swedish pop band Abba on the influence they've had on the music industry. You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, such as the time an Iraqi journalist hurled his shoes at the President of the United States in protest of America's occupation of Iraq; the creation of the Hollywood commercial that changed advertising forever; and the ascent of the first Aboriginal MP.

(Photo: Brown bear in Bulgaria. Credit: Getty Images)

WED 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy62qn)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61wz93z)
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WED 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjwg01)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 09:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5wry)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy66gs)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 10:06 The Forum (w3ct5n0b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

WED 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy6b6x)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61wzjm7)
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WED 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjwph9)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dr0)
CrowdStrike: Is our tech too vulnerable?

What can we learn from the biggest IT outage in history? A glitch at the major cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike brought banks, hospitals, airports, and thousands of businesses to a standstill. It was a reminder that our digital world is reliant on a few big companies to keep it running. So how vulnerable are they to accidents or attacks that could shut down wide sections of society? Lucy Hockings speaks to the BBC's Cyber Correspondent Joe Tidy.

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This episode was made by Peter Goffin and Alix Pickles. The technical producers were Jack Graysmark and Mike Regaard. The assistant editor is Sergi Forcada Freixas and the senior news editor is Richard Fenton-Smith.

WED 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy6fz1)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5pen)
The tech whizz-kid building apps to save his family from debt

Michael Sayman loved two things when he was growing up in Miami in the noughties – his Mum's Peruvian chicken and his smartphone. When the family restaurant was struggling under the recession, 12-year-old Michael wanted to help and started creating phone apps. All of a sudden, this child was keeping the chicken business afloat and paying the bills but his schoolwork was starting suffer and the pressure was taking a toll. And then came an email from Mark Zuckerberg that would change everything.

Presenter: Jo Fidgen
Producers: Erin Riley and Andrea Kennedy

(Photo: Michael Sayman; Credit: Enrique Galvez)

WED 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5yvp)
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WED 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy6kq5)
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WED 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61wzs3h)
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WED 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjwxzk)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 13:32 The Six Billion Dollar Gold Scam (w3ct6r3b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

WED 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy6pg9)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 14:06 Newshour (w172zb8zr7h4jy8)
Iran vows to avenge killing of Hamas political leader Haniyeh

The Palestinian militant group, Hamas, says its political leader, Ismail Haniyeh, has been killed in Iran. Will this lead to a regional escalation?

Also on the programme: Costa Rica has said it is prepared to offer the Venezuelan opposition leader, Maria Corina Machado, asylum after reports the government in Caracas had issued an arrest warrant for her; and Australia starts the world-first peanut allergy treatment for babies.

(Photo: Palestinian group Hamas' top leader, Ismail Haniyeh, pictured in March. Credit: Reuters)

WED 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy6t6f)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t4c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

WED 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjx5gt)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct60ct)
Boeing losses top \$1 billion as new boss announced

We look at the reasons behind Boeings large financial decline and how this will affect its supply chain

We also look at why Japan is bucking the trend and raising interest rates. And we look ahead to the crucial US decision on interest rates later on Wednesday, as pressure grows for a reduction.

Also, today we find out why some of the shares in the biggest tech companies on the planet have been slipping this week.

And, why financial incentives attracting remote digital workers in South Africa are not proving popular with some of the locals...

WED 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy6xyk)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj4gg0vl0x)
Hamas's political leader killed

Iran has vowed to avenge the killing of Hamas's political leader Ismail Haniyeh who was killed in an overnight air strike in Tehran. Hamas and Iran blame Israel for the strike. Israel hasn't commented but has previously vowed to eliminate the group's leaders. Haniyeh, 62, is the most senior leader to be killed since the 7 October attacks. We get the latest reaction and analysis from our special correspondents in the Middle-East.

Police in Bangladesh have fired tear gas and lobbed sound grenades to scatter protesters marching to demonstrate against violence that's killed at least 150 people this month during student-led protests. We hear from Bangladeshis living abroad who are scared for their relatives back home.

And we get the latest from our correspondent on day 5 at the Olympics in Paris.

Presenter: James Reynolds

(Photo: Palestinian group Hamas' top leader Ismail Haniyeh meets with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian in Tehran, Iran, July 30, 2024. Credit: West Asia News Agency/Handout via REUTERS)

WED 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy71pp)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj4gg0vps1)
Hamas: Your questions answered

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the 7 October attacks. With or experts and special correspondents, we answer your questions about the killing and the wider affects it could have on the region.

Presenter: James Reynolds

(Photo: Palestinians attend a protest after the assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Iran, in Hebron in the Israeli-occupied West Bank July 31, 2024. Credit: REUTERS/Mussa Qawasma)

WED 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy75ft)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5pcn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

WED 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5ypv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

WED 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy795y)

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WED 20:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wry)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjxs6g)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct5t8w)

World's first Oropouche deaths in Brazil

The world's first deaths from the mosquito-borne Oropouche virus have been recorded in Brazil. Two women have died from the illness in the state of Bahia in the northeast of the country.

Claudia Hammond is joined by Dr Ayan Panja to discuss the implications of outbreaks of Oropouche across South and Central America.

We also hear about the latest developments with Alzheimer's drug lecanemab as it's rejected for use by the EU's health regulator. The European Medicines Agency says the benefits of the drug don't counterbalance the risk of serious side effects, despite it being approved in the US earlier this year.

Claudia and Ayan also look at both the psychology of languishing and whether loneliness leads to a higher risk of having a stroke.

And we look at the research suggesting cycling to work can lead to an almost 50% lower risk of dying.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond

Producer: Dan Welsh

WED 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy7jp6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8zr7h5d55)

Netanyahu says Israel delt crushing blows to its enemies

Israeli PM says his country dealt crushing blows to its enemies, it was his first statement since killing of Hezbollah's Shukur and Hamas' leader Haniyeh. Also in the programme: Columbia's former president on the Venezuelan elections; Sudan's army chief survive an attempt on his life; and the Kosovan music festival organised by Dua Lipa.

(Photo: protesters in Tehran hold the picture of Ismail Haniyeh,

the Hamas leader killed in Tehran. Credit: Reuters)

WED 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy7nfb)

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WED 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjy0pq)

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WED 22:32 The Six Billion Dollar Gold Scam (w3ct6r3b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

WED 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy7s5g)

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WED 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61x0zks)

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WED 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjy4fv)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct60g2)

Middle East tensions hurting Lebanon's economy

Lebanon and the Lebanese people are still suffering a debilitating economic crisis that has gripped the country since 2019. On Monday Israel struck a major blow against the Iranian backed Hezbollah with an attack on Beirut. There are fears this will further hurt an already weak economy. We hear from the local business owner who's struggling to run a restaurant.

Also, in the programme, Ed Butler looks at the ongoing protests in Venezuela following Sunday's Presidential elections, and finds out how the US sanctions are affecting Georgia.

THURSDAY 01 AUGUST 2024

THU 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy7wxl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 00:06 The Forum (w3ct5n0b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

THU 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy80nq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfkhl8l8t)

US delays imposing higher tariffs on Chinese imports

The U.S. Trade Representative's office said tariff increases on an array of Chinese imports will be delayed by at least two weeks. It will affect many industries including judiciary and trade. We hear from the President and CEO of the American Association of Port Authorities and still trader.

Also, in the programme, Ed Butler looks at the ongoing protests in Venezuela following Sunday's Presidential elections, and finds out how the US sanctions are affecting Georgia.

THU 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy84dv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61x1bt5)

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THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjyhp7)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 02:32 The Documentary (w3ct6r9z)

Las Patronas

We visit the Las Patronas women 30 years on from when the young Romero Vazquez sisters first threw a loaf of bread onto the infamously dangerous La Bestia train. A train meant only for cargo, but which by brutal necessity has become an extraordinarily dangerous mode of transport for more than 400,000 migrants every year. It begins from near the border of Guatemala, and along its 2000 mile journey migrants from Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Mexico itself cling to its roof, heading north to America.

Norma Romero Vazquez guides us through the last 30 years since her and her sister first made the decision to help the passing migrants. Four generations of women work to cook implausible amounts of food in the kitchen of Las Patronas every day, and amid the sound of cooking and layers of female voices we unpack what this endeavour means to them.

We share the stories of those who are receiving the help. The migrants attempting to make the dangerous journey right now and find out what this oasis of calm and kindness in the midst of what can be a traumatic journey, truly means to them.

Producer: Mansi Vitlhani and Becky Green
Executive producer: Ailsa Rochester
Sound designer: Craig Edmondson
An Audio Always production for BBC World Service

(Photo: The leader of Las Patronas, Norma Romero Vázquez, poses for a picture in Las Patronas town, Veracruz State, Mexico, 9 August, 2018. Credit: Ronaldo Schemid/AFP/Getty Images)

THU 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy884z)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5pcn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Wednesday]

THU 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ypv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy8cx3)

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THU 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61x1l9f)

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THU 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjyr5h)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xn2)

What is 'super sweet' corn?

Have you heard of 'super sweet' sweetcorn?

If you've purchased fresh, frozen or tinned sweetcorn in the last few decades there's a good chance its the super sweet variety. It's an example of how our fruit and vegetables have been bred over time to make them sweeter, or less bitter. Its partly about appealing to consumer tastes, but can have other advantages such as better storage and reducing food waste.

In this programme Ruth Alexander finds out how and why the taste of our fresh produce is changing, and asks if we're gaining sweetness, what are we losing?

Ruth visits Barfoots farm on the south coast of England, the biggest supplier of fresh sweetcorn in the UK, all of it super sweet varieties. Plant breeder Dr Michael Mazourek at Cornell University in the United States explains how selective breeding works, and what sort of characteristics have been prioritised by the food industry. Dr Sarah Frith, vet at Melbourne Zoo in Australia explains why they've stopped giving fruit to the animals. And Dr Gabriella Morini, chemist at the University of Gastronomic Sciences in Italy explains the latest research on bitter flavours, and why they might be good for us.

If you'd like to contact the programme email
thefoodchain@bbc.co.uk

Presented by Ruth Alexander.

Produced by Beatrice Pickup.

(Image: corn on the cob in the husk, with a background image of a field of sweetcorn plants. Credit: BBC)

THU 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy8hm7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 05:06 Newsday (w172zkb38d52m9t)

Crowds turn out in Iran after the death of Hamas chief

The funeral procession of the assassinated leader of Hamas is beginning in Iran. We'll discuss the potential implications of the killing of Ismail Haniyeh, with ever more dire warnings that the Middle East could be on the brink of an all-out war. In other news, the Pentagon says three men accused of plotting the 9/11 attacks have reached a plea deal. Meanwhile at the Paris Olympics it's day 6, with 18 gold medals to be won.

THU 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy8mdc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 06:06 Newsday (w172zkb38d52r1y)

Iran holds procession for assassinated Hamas political leader

Thousands have turned out for the funeral procession in Iran of the Hamas political chief, Ismail Haniyeh, who was assassinated on Wednesday. The Iranian supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, is leading the prayers. Also, three men accused of orchestrating the 9/11 attacks on the Twin Towers in New York more than two decades ago have finally agreed a plea deal. It's being reported they'll plead guilty in exchange for the prosecution not seeking the death penalty.

THU 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy8r4h)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 07:06 Newsday (w172zkb38d52v2t)

Iran's supreme leader presides at funeral procession for Hamas chief

Tens of thousands of mourners have turned up for the funeral procession in Iran of the Hamas political chief, Ismail Haniyeh, who was assassinated in Tehran on Wednesday. Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, led prayers. Meanwhile, at the Paris Olympics it's day 6, with 18 gold medals to be won.

THU 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy8vwm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xhk)

Can the statues of Easter Island survive climate change?

Hundreds of monumental human shaped statues are motionless, and exposed to the elements, on Rapa Nui - also known as Easter Island. A name that dates back to 1722, when a Dutch explorer first saw it on Easter Sunday.

The statues, or Moai, were there centuries before that and are sacred to the Rapa Nui people.

They have also become a world famous tourist attraction and can be found in multiple outdoor locations across the small island. They are heavy and huge - sizes range from 1 to 20 metres tall. Some are upright on platforms, others are toppled over and broken.

Over the years, global weather has become more extreme and is having a devastating effect. Can the statues of Easter Island survive climate change?

Contributors:

Sonia Haoa Cardinali, Archaeologist with the Mata Ki Te Rangi Foundation and coordinator of Easter Island's national monuments, Rapa Nui

Roberto Rondanelli, Meteorologist and Climate Scientist at the Department of Geophysics, University of Chile
Jo Anne Van Tilburg, Archaeologist and the Director of the Easter Island Statue Project

Pilar Vicuña, culture programme officer, Unesco (Santiago de Chile),

Presenter: Charmaine Cozier

Producers: Lorna Reader and Jill Collins

Production co-ordinators: Liam Morrey and Tim Fernley

Editor: Tara McDermott

THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjz750)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z6f)

FFP: How do the football spending limits work?

Football clubs must work under a strict policy of Financial Fair Play - or FFP - but what does it mean? And how does it work?

With the summer transfer window now open, clubs are in business, buying and selling players. But football's governing bodies are keeping a close eye on how much they spend.

We take a look at how top-flight clubs in the Spanish league, La Liga, are managing the financial constraints.

(Image: Real Madrid unveils new signing, Kylian Mbappe, at Estadio Santiago Bernabeu, Spain, in July 2024. Credit: Getty Images)

Presented and produced by Ashish Sharma.

THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ykb)

The 1965 Freedom Riders of Australia

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

Nearly 60 years ago, a group of university students set out on a bus to challenge the discrimination of Australia's indigenous people.

Led by Sydney University's first indigenous undergraduate, Charles Perkins, they toured north-western New South Wales highlighting the public pools, cinemas, theatres and pubs in country towns where Aboriginal people were excluded or segregated from white people.

Darce Cassidy was recording the journey for a radio programme. We hear 19-year-old Brian Aarons demonstrating at a swimming pool in Moree where Aboriginal children were not normally allowed to swim.

He and Gary Williams, an indigenous student, recall the Freedom Ride to Josephine McDermott, including the moment when they made the national news by ordering a beer together in a Bowraville pub.

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(Photo: The 1965 Freedom Riders. Brian Aarons and Gary Williams sit fifth and fourth from the right, one row from the back. Credit: Reproduced with permission of Wendy Watson-Ekstein and Ann Curthoys)

THU 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy8zmr)

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THU 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61x2612)

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THU 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjzbx4)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 09:32 The Documentary (w3ct6r9z)

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THU 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy93cw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 10:06 The Explanation (w3ct6plv)

The Media Show: Who will inherit the Murdoch empire?

News emerged last week that Rupert Murdoch is attempting to change his family's legal trust to preserve the editorial stance of his media outlets after his death. Several of his children are fighting back. Jim Rutenberg, writer at large at The New York Times has been following the family for more than two decades. He got the scoop and he joins us alongside Murdoch biographer Claire Atkinson.

The BBC's David Sillito reflects on Huw Edwards' guilty plea to making indecent images of children - 41 images that had been shared with him by another man on WhatsApp. We look at how the story broke and the challenges of covering it for journalists inside the BBC.

Also on the show, Channel 4 News anchor Krishnan Guru-Murthy reflects on his experience competing on the TV dance competition, Strictly Come Dancing.

Presenter: Katie Razzall

Producer: Simon Richardson

THU 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjzgn8)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 10:32 The Cultural Frontline (w3ct6rb1)

Write Off: Screenwriters Versus AI

AI is considered one of the biggest threats to the film and television industry in decades. It might even be the greatest threat to the livelihood of many people working there. And it's one of the reasons why actors and writers went on strike in the United States in 2023. Screenwriters, in particular, believed that Artificial Intelligence could be used by studio bosses to replace them. The strike went on for 148 days and was only resolved when certain concessions were agreed. However, as Jennifer Davidson, Chair Of The International Affiliation Of Writers Guilds, explains, these concessions only applied to America, not to the rest of the world. She tells Antonia Quirke why AI might replace soap opera writers within five years.

Aside from the ethical questions, there are other issues, most obviously: can AI really write a decent script? Antonia tests this hypothesis with the help of writer/directors Carol Morley and Hossein Amini. The results are enlightening and unexpected. One man, though, who's not convinced that AI can be the writer's friend is author and screenwriter Andy Riley. He regards the use of AI as part of a larger plot to take screenwriters out of the picture.

On a more positive note, Tobias Queisser believes that although AI can't write scripts, it could review them. With his company Cinelytic, he argues that in only a matter of minutes his software can tell a good script from a bad one, even awarding points for plot structure and dialogue. And this, he argues, will help movie executives, who have to wade through hundreds of scripts every week, to find the diamond in the rough.

Presenter: Antonia Quirke

Producer: Stephen Hughes

(Photo: Antonia Quirke. Credit: Paul Fegan)

THU 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy9740)

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THU 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61x2fjb)

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THU 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjzldd)

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THU 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dt8)

Israel, Iran and fears of a wider war in the Middle East

Iran vows to avenge the killing of Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh on its soil. A week of deadly air strikes - in the Israeli occupied Golan Heights, in Lebanon and Iran - have once again brought Israel to the cusp of a multi-front war. Sumi Somaskanda speaks to BBC International Editor Jeremy Bowen and BBC Middle East Correspondent Hugo Bachega about the threat of a wider conflict with Iran and its proxies Hamas and Hezbollah.

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This episode was made by Peter Goffin and Alix Pickles. The technical producer was Dafydd Evans. The assistant editor is Sergi Forcada Freixas and the senior news editor is Richard Fenton-Smith.

THU 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy9bw4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5ny3)

The child refugee and the big red bicycle

Mevan Babakar and her parents fled Iraq when she was only an infant. Over the next five years they travelled through and lived in multiple countries including Russia and the Netherlands before eventually settling in the UK.

It was a difficult and sometimes dangerous journey. Mevan only

has limited memories of that time but one that stands out is the kindness of a stranger in the Netherlands who gifted her a red bicycle. That bicycle gave Mevan permission to be a child and allowed her for the first time to feel unadulterated happiness.

Years later, as an adult Mevan decided to revisit her childhood experiences, retracing their footsteps from Iraq to the UK which involved an unplanned and moving reunion.

Mevan has written a children's book about her experience called *The Bicycle: How an Act of Kindness Changed a Young Refugee's Life*.

Presenter: Mobeen Azhar
Producer: Tom Harding Assinder

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(Photo: Mevan Babakar as a child and an illustration of Mevan and her bicycle. Photo credit: Mevan Babakar; Image credit: Yas Imamura)

THU 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5ykb)
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THU 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy9gm8)
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THU 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61x2p0l)
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THU 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqjztwn)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 13:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xn2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

THU 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy9lcd)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 14:06 Newshour (w172zb8zr7h7fvc)
Prisoners set to be freed in Russia-West exchange

Three US citizens - reporter Evan Gershkovich, Marine veteran Paul Whelan, and Russian-American radio journalist Alsu Kurmasheva - imprisoned in Russia are expected to be released today under a major prisoner exchange deal between Russia and the West.

The exchange will involve 24 prisoners held in Russia, the US, Germany and three other Western countries.

Also in the programme: Israel says it received information confirming that the head of Hamas' military wing in Gaza was killed in an airstrike; and the US says it's reached a plea deal with three men accused of plotting the 9/11 attacks - but some families of the victims say they're furious at the way the cases have been handled.

(Photo shows the journalist Evan Gershkovich standing inside a glass defendant's cage in Yekaterinburg's Sverdlovsk Regional Court, Russia on 19 July 2024, Credit: Stringer/EPA)

THU 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy9q3j)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 15:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xhk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

THU 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqk02cx)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct602s)
Protests in Nigeria amid economic crisis

We report from Nigeria where young people are making their voices heard, as they protest about economic hardships.

The Bank of England has cut interest rates for the first time in more than four years. It's down from 5.25 per-cent to 5 per-cent. We'll find out how the news is being received by British businesses.

And when did airline safety videos turn into epic productions? We find out why one major airline has invested in a lavish production designed to keep passengers' attention during those often tedious safety demonstrations...

THU 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy9tvn)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj4gg0ygy0)
Major prisoner exchange between US and the West

The exchange, one of the biggest between Russia and the West in history, will involve 24 prisoners held in Russia, the US, Germany and three other Western countries. We speak to our reporter from BBC Russian and to a journalist friend of one the prisoners.

Israel says Mohammed Deif - the head of Hamas's military wing - was killed in Gaza last month. Meanwhile, the funeral of the assassinated Hamas political leader has taken place in Iran, with tens of thousands attending. Our regional editor answers audience questions about the significance of this week's developments.

The Jamaican dancehall artist Vybz Kartel has been freed from prison after judges decided he would not face a retrial for murder. We speak to a journalist in Jamaica.

Presenter: James Reynolds.

(Photo: Alsu Kurmasheva, *RFE/RL journalist, behind glass in a courtroom. Credit: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty)

THU 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zy9yls)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj4gg0ylyp4)
Evan Gershkovich freed in prisoner exchange

One of the biggest prisoner swaps since the Cold War is taking place between Russia and the West. Among those freed by Moscow are journalists and political prisoners. Many of the Russians have links with intelligence agencies. We get more details from our security correspondent and speak to a friend of one of the released prisoners. We also bring live an address by President Biden, reacting to today's developments.

Israel says it's received intelligence confirming the head of Hamas's military wing, Mohammed Deif. We get more details from BBC Arabic.

An Italian boxer has abandoned her match against an intersex fighter at the Paris Olympics following controversy over her opponent's testosterone levels. We speak to our reporter in Paris.

Presenter: James Reynolds.

(Photo: Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich, who faces charges of espionage, stands inside an enclosure for defendants as he attends a court hearing in Yekaterinburg, Russia July 19, 2024. Credit: /Dmitry Chasovitin/File Photo/Reuters)

THU 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zyb2bx)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5ny3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

THU 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5ykb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

THU 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zyb631)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61x3dhe)
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THU 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqk0kcf)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w5x)
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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 (w172zgf68zyb9v5)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 20:06 The Documentary (w3ct6r9z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqk0p3k)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 20:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vd2)
Examining Nasa's new evidence for Martian life

Nasa's Perseverance Rover has found a fascinating rock on Mars that may indicate it hosted microbial life billions of years ago. Abigail Allwood, exobiologist at Nasa's Jet Propulsion Lab, is on the team scrutinising the new Martian data.

And a couple of newly discovered, approximately 500 year old fossils from the 'Cambrian explosion' of complexity caught presenter Roland Pease's eye this week. First Martin Smith from Durham University tells us about a tiny grub that is ancestor to worms, insects, spiders and crustaceans. Then Ma Xiaoya, who has positions at both Yunnan University in China and Exeter University in the UK, tells us about a spiny slug that was also discovered in a famous fossil site in China.

And the first sightings of the landscapes on the underside of the ice shelves that fringe Antarctica. These float atop the ocean around the frozen continent but effectively hold back the glaciers and ice sheets on the vast landmass. Their physical condition therefore is pretty critical in this warming world, Anna Wählin of Gothenburg University tells us.

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

(Photo: Nasa's Perseverance Mars rover taking a selfie on Mars. Credit: Nasa/JPL-Caltech/MSSS)

THU 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zybf19)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8zr7h8928)
Biggest prisoner swap since Cold War

A major prisoner exchange between Russia, the US and four European countries has taken place, with the Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich among those freed.

Also on the programme: Israel says it's received intelligence confirming that the head of Hamas's military wing, Mohammed Deif, was killed in an air strike in Gaza last month; and Muslim girls in London learn to fence.

(Photo: Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich, who is on trial on spying charges, smiles inside an enclosure for defendants before a court hearing in Yekaterinburg, Russia June 26, 2024. REUTERS/Evgenia Novozhenina/File Photo)

THU 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zybkbf)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 22:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xhk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

THU 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqk0xlt)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 22:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xn2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

THU 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zybp2k)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61x3wgv)
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THU 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqk11by)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct6051)
Apple, Amazon and Intel release quarterly results

Apple and Amazon have released their quarterly results, which were below expectation. Intel shares sank after the markets closed.

The Federal Reserve holds interest rates.

And several people have been shot dead, dozens wounded in the northern Nigerian city of Kano during some dramatic protests about the rising cost of living in the country.

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FRI 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zybstp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:06 The Explanation (w3ct6plv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqk1532)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:32 World Book Club (w3ct5r41)

Edna O'Brien: The Country Girls

Following the death of the Irish author Edna O'Brien in July 2024, another chance to hear a 2008 World Book Club episode in which she talked to Harriett Gilbert and an audience of readers about her renowned debut novel The Country Girls. Banned in her homeland on publication, it has become one of O'Brien's most admired and renowned works.

Producer: Oliver Jones

Image: Edna O'Brien, pictured in 2009 at the Hay Festival (Credit: David Levenson/Getty Images)

FRI 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zybxkt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfkhl8p5qp)

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On social media, a group of US journalists complained that their current employer, The Chicago Tribune, could replace them with AI

FRI 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zyc19y)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61x47q8)

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FRI 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqk1dlb)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wmg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Tuesday]

FRI 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zyc522)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5ny3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Thursday]

FRI 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ykb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zyc8t6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61x4h6j)

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FRI 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqk1n2l)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tfd)

The Olympics: Wrestling for redemption in Jordan

Injuries meant wrestler Dan Russell missed out two opportunities for glory at the Olympics back in the 1990s. But missing the chance to fight for gold twice was not what left him feeling empty when he retired from the sport. Dan had a difficult childhood, suffering abuse from neighbours and enduring a brutal training regime, being made to wrestle all day, every day, by his father, who was also a Christian pastor.

Once retired, Dan's past traumas began to haunt him, causing rifts in his marriage and leading to a deep depression. Dan had trophies and medals from his sporting days, but what next? And where was God in his life when he needed Him most?

Then, a chance call from USA Wrestling asking Dan to head up Wrestling for Peace, a charity project aimed at bringing people together through wrestling and humanitarian work, changed the course of everything. Dan searched all over the US for a place to start the project, but a dream told him he was destined to move and work in Jordan, in the Middle East. So Dan and his wife Joy, sold everything and moved to Jordan.

BBC reporter Rajeev Gupta finds out that living and working in Jordan has not been easy for Dan. Will Dan ever be able to find redemption as he continues to wrestle, now with life itself rather than in the ring?

Producer/presenter: Rajeev Gupta
Editor: Miriam Williamson
Production co-ordinator: Mica Nepomuceno

FRI 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zycdkb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 05:06 Newsday (w172zbnk38d55j6x)

US detainees freed by Russia land in Maryland

President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris have greeted American detainees at an airbase outside Washington following their release from Russia as part of a prisoner swap, the largest since the Cold War. The plane carrying the two US journalists Evan Gershkovich and Alsu Kurmasheva, ex-marine Paul Whelan and leading Kremlin critic, Vladimir Kara-Murza landed late at night.

Also, in Paris there's been another Olympic controversy. A boxing bout lasted just 46 seconds, after a female Italian boxer abandoned her fight against an Algerian following questions over the North African's testosterone levels.

FRI 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zycj9g)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 06:06 Newsday (w172zbnk38d55mz1)

President Biden greets US detainees freed by Russia

President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris has greeted US detainees as they returned to American soil from Russia -- part of the largest prisoner swap since the Cold War. In total, ten Russians - including two children - have been exchanged for sixteen Westerners and Russians imprisoned in Russia.

In other news, US secretary of state, Antony Blinken says Venezuela's opposition candidate was the winner of Sunday's disputed election, despite the incumbent, Nicolas Maduro, being declared the victor.

FRI 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zycn1l)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 07:06 Newsday (w172zbnk38d55rq5)

Emotional scenes as Evan Gershkovich and other US detainees return home

Three Americans including Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich, who were freed in a prisoner swap deal with Russia, have arrived back on US soil. It's been described as the biggest exchange since the end of the Cold War.

In other news, the body of the Hamas political leader, Ismail Haniyeh, who was assassinated in Iran on Wednesday, has been flown to Qatar where he's being buried.

FRI 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zycrsq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5svb)

Ohad Tal: Is Israel gearing up for a multi-front war?

Stephen Sackur speaks to influential far-right Israeli politician

Ohad Tal, who wants the military to push for total victory in Gaza, against Hezbollah, and in the de-facto conflict for Iran. Amid the assassinations and vows of retribution, is Israel gearing up for a multi-front war?

FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqk2423)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z25)

Business Daily meets: Entrepreneur Tina McKenzie

The founder of one of Ireland's largest recruitment agencies, Staffline, shares how her upbringing during one of the most politically tumultuous periods in Northern Ireland's history, known as 'The Troubles', shaped her career path.

From working in her parent's taxi firm, to the probation service to recruitment. And even a foray into politics.

So what does Tina McKenzie MBE envision for the future of the country?

Presenter: Sam Fenwick
Producer: Amber Mehmood

(Image: Tina McKenzie. Credit: Charles McQuillan/Getty Images)

FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ydt)

Ice Bucket Challenge

In 2014, the ice bucket challenge craze took over the internet.

Millions of people including sports stars and celebrities filmed themselves being doused in ice cold water for charity.

Nancy Frates' son Pete helped to make the ice bucket challenge become a phenomenon. Nancy tells Gill Kearsley the poignant story of how the challenge went from a simple idea to world news.

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(Photo: Pete Frates takes part in the ice bucket challenge. Credit: Barry Chin/The Boston Globe via Getty Images)

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FRI 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61x52y5)

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FRI 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qqk27t7)

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FRI 09:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vd2)

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FRI 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zyd08z)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q23)

Can I eat it?

Champagne has been discovered in a 100+ year old shipwreck. It's an amazing find. But can you drink it? Speaking of bubbly, we learn more about the physics of bubbles, and why understanding it is crucial for the climate. Also on the show, a 2,000 year-old mystery about a navigation device that persists

up to the present day.

FRI 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zyd413)

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FRI 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61x5bft)

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FRI 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qk2h9h)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dwj)

Why did Trump turn his back on Project 2025?

Project 2025, described as a possible policy blueprint for a second Trump presidency, has become a lightning rod on the campaign trail. Donald Trump has been attempting to distance himself from it for weeks, stating that he had no involvement. Meanwhile, Democrats have recently intensified their criticism of the measures outlined in its pages. After the architect of Project 2025 - Paul Dans - stepped down earlier this week, Trump's campaign stated it would welcome the demise of the project.

In this episode, Sumi Somaskanda speaks to the BBC's North America correspondent Anthony Zurcher and Bob Costa, Chief election & campaign correspondent for CBS News.

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FRI 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zyd7s7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6991)

Outlook Mixtape: Lost boys, teen tech star and the red bike

In 1985 11-year-old Salva Dut was away at school when the Sudanese civil war reached him and separated him from his family. For weeks he walked and walked covering thousands of kilometres to reach safety in a refugee camp in Ethiopia. Facing violence, disease and loss, Salva's will to survive and keep going has taken him a long way in life.

Building smartphone apps aged 12, Michael Sayman was making enough money to keep the family's chicken restaurant afloat. But his schoolwork was starting to suffer and the pressure was taking a toll. And then came an email from Mark Zuckerberg that would change everything.

Mevan Babakar and her parents fled Iraq when she was only an infant. Over the next five years they travelled through and lived in multiple countries including the Netherlands. Mevan has limited memories of that time but the kindness of a Dutch stranger who gifted her a red bicycle stands out. As an adult Mevan retraced her childhood footsteps from Iraq to Europe, which involved an unplanned and moving reunion.

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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty Images)

FRI 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5ydt)

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FRI 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zycjc)

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FRI 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqd61x5kxp)

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FRI 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qk2qsr)

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FRI 13:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5fdd)

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FRI 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zdh8h)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 14:06 Newshour (w172zb8zr7hbbrg)

Killer released in prisoner swap was Russian spy

The Kremlin has admitted that Vadim Krasikov, a convicted killer released as part of the prisoner exchange with the US, was a Russian spy working for the FSB.

We'll hear from the investigator who first uncovered his identity and helped negotiate the deal: We will also get reaction from Washington and from a Russian politician loyal to Vladimir Putin.

Also in the programme: An exclusive interview with a high-ranking North Korean defector who tells us why Kim Jong-Un is hoping Donald Trump will be re-elected as president; and why there is controversy surrounding the women's boxing at the Olympics in Paris.

(Photo shows Russian citizens released after the Russian-US prisoner swap disembarking from a plane at Vnukovo International Airport in Moscow, Russia on 1 August 2024. Credit: Sergei Ilyin/Sputnik/Kremlin Pool via EPA)

FRI 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zdm0m)

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FRI 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5svb)

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FRI 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qk2z90)

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FRI 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zsr)

US jobs figures fuel fears over economy

As the US publishes disappointing jobs figures we look back at a week in which global stock markets have wobbled.

Also, we look at how protests in Bangladesh have affected the country's leading garment trade industry. Its' taken a financial hit worth billions of dollars. ...

And, as the athletics kicks off at Paris 2024 - how the super-shoe has become a controversial issue for athletes

FRI 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zdydqr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj4gg11cv3)

Hamas leader Haniyeh buried in Qatar

The funeral ceremony has been held in Qatar for the Hamas political leader, Ismail Haniyeh, who was assassinated in Iran on Wednesday. We discuss who is tipped to become his successor.

Russia has admitted that the convicted assassin, Vadim Krasikov, who was released from a German prison as part of a major prisoner exchange, was an FSB agent. We bring reaction and analysis of the prisoners swap and explain the mixed reaction in Germany.

We speak to Parisians about how they feel about the Olympic Games being held in their city and what effect it is having on their lives and work.

We hear from people in Bangladesh where protesters are demanding justice for the victims of previous demonstrations.

Presenter: Luke Jones

(Photo: Funeral procession of late Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Doha, Qatar, 02 Aug 2024. Credit: Abbas Ali /EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

FRI 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zdyvhw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj4gg11hl7)

How prisoner swap between Russia and the West unfolded

Russia has admitted that the convicted assassin, Vadim Krasikov, who was released from a German prison as part of a major prisoner exchange, was an FSB agent. We speak to our Russia editor in Moscow.

The US secretary of state has said there was "overwhelming evidence" Venezuela's opposition won the recent presidential

election. We speak to our reporter in the capital Caracas.

Curfew has been imposed in states in Nigeria after violence erupted on Thursday during protests against the rising cost of living. We speak to our reporter and hear from protesters.

At the Paris Olympics, there's growing controversy over athletes who've been cleared to compete in the women's boxing events, despite failing to meet gender eligibility criteria. Taiwan's boxer has won today's match, progressing to the quarter-finals. We explain the controversy.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Aircraft carrying exchanged Russian prisoner arrives in Moscow, Russian Federation - 01 Aug 2024. Credit: MIKHAIL VOSKRESENSKIY/SPUTNIK/KREMLIN POOL/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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FRI 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zfy304)

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FRI 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qk3g8j)

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FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w1d)

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

FRI 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf68zfy6r8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rbw)

Protests in Bangladesh

It began as a peaceful student protest against the way some government jobs are reserved for war veterans and their families. The violence that followed is some of the worst the country has witnessed in recent years. More than 200 people are reported dead, with most blamed on police gunfire.

Host James Reynolds speaks with those in Bangladesh and hears stories of what they have witnessed; their fears for their safety and that of friends and family. They describe being afraid to leave their homes and being unable to sleep and eat. We also bring together Bangladeshis living abroad and hear about the difficulty of being thousands of miles from loved ones.

Anika, who is living in the UK, learnt from a relative in the United States that her uncle in Bangladesh had been shot and killed while on his way to the mosque to pray.

"I couldn't do anything," said Anika. "I couldn't attend the funeral. I just kept asking myself how can I help his family. They don't really need money but they just need mental support and I can't even call them. There's no way to call them. I'm sad here too."

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(Photo: Anti-quota protesters call for nationwide 'March for Justice' in Bangladesh, Dhaka - 31 Jul 2024. Credit: MONIRUL ALAM/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qk3l0m)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rhd)

Why is my handwriting so messy?

CrowdScience listener Azeddine from Algeria has had bad handwriting since he was a child. In fact, it was so untidy that, when he later became a chemistry lecturer, his university students complained that they couldn't read his lecture notes. That was when he decided he had to do something about it.

And it got him wondering... why do some of us have very neat handwriting while other people's is almost unreadable? Why do his sisters all write beautifully when his natural style is quite the opposite?

Presenter Alex Lathbridge – who admits that his handwriting isn't always the tidiest – sets out to answer Azeddine's question. He explores the different factors which determine how well we write. How much of it is inherited? What part does family and education play? And what's actually going on in our brains when we apply pen to paper?

Alex talks to anthropologist Monika Saini in Delhi who has analysed writing styles within families and in different regions across India. She tells him about the genetic and cultural factors which seem to influence our handwriting.

We also hear from neuroscientist Marieke Longcamp who uses MRI scanning to find out which parts of our brains are involved when we write by hand. She's looked at what's happening in the brains of people who write in more than one script – for example in French and Arabic, like Azeddine.

Another neuroscientist, Karin Harman James, has been looking at the link between learning something by writing it down compared to typing it on a tablet or laptop.

And Alex meets handwriting tutor Cherrell Avery to find out if it's possible to improve your writing – even as an adult.

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FRI 21:06 Newshour (w172zb8zr7hc5zc)
Russian dissidents say Putin is a 'tyrant and war criminal'

Two of the most high-profile Russian dissidents freed as part of a major prisoner swap say they refused officials' demands to plead for mercy from President Putin to secure their release. Vladimir Kara-Murza and Ilya Yashin said they considered him a tyrant, a murderer and a war criminal.

Also in the programme, the Venezuelan government cracks down on protests against last weekend's disputed election.

And North Korea is hoping that Donald Trump becomes the next US President - that's according to a senior North Korean defector.

(Photo: Released prisoners make press statement in Bonn following prisoner swap between Russia and the West, Germany - 02 Aug 2024. Credit: EPA)

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FRI 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg0qk3y81)
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FRI 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zw0)
Kamala Harris will be the democratic nominee

Kamala Harris is to be the Democratic candidate for the 2024 presidential election

Easyjet Ryanair and Wizzair, have blamed traffic control problems for a sudden surge in recent delays and flight cancellations this summer

And the boss of the London Stock Exchange Group had to fight back against claims it was lowering its standards of transparency and good governance to potentially allowing the fast-fashion retailer Shein to list on the FTSE