

SATURDAY 31 AUGUST 2024**SAT 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26k954)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 00:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q27)

The World's Worst Tourist

Following anti-tourism protests across popular Spanish cities and towns, we are looking for the world's most unwelcome visitor. Our panellists (and producers) are pitching their terrible tourists to see who really is the worst of them all. Some of our contenders include...

The wild boars who's unanticipated vacay to Rome has gone on for so long and caused so much carnage that researchers are putting them on birth control.

The microbes potentially hitching a ride to the moon via space probes and astronauts' poo

The multi-destination parasite who wreaks havoc as it interrails through snails (castrating them on the way), frogs (making them spout multiple limbs) and birds.

But there are some instances when tourists can be a good thing - and this is especially the case in the human body when we want to grow a baby. How is it that we are able to protect what should be an 'unwelcome visitor' from a hyperalert, hostile immune system? Our expert Edward Chuong explains.

Plus, we uncover the DNA origins of the world's most popular coffee bean, hear the freeloading activities of the male angular fish, and read out a selection of your wonderful emails.

Presenter: Caroline Steel

Panellists: Phyllis Mwatee & Christine Yohannes

Producer: Julia Ravey

Production team: Emily Knight, Noa Dowling

Studio manager: Emma Harth

SAT 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26kdx8)

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SAT 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbflynjwp24)

Social media platform X suspended in Brazil

The social media platform X has been suspended in Brazil. A Supreme Court judge has ordered "immediate and complete suspension" across the country

In Libya the head of the central bank has fled the country in fear of his life. Sadiq Al Kabir and his senior staff claim they were forced to leave following death threats by militias.

And in Bangladesh this week incessant rains there has led to flooding in many low lying areas. This has not only led to displacement of tens of thousands of people but also disrupted work at the garment factories there which are now struggling to complete orders on time.

SAT 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26kjnd)

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SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbfqn45br1q)

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SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg25st7wxs)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct5wh2)

Jay Shah: A new era in world cricket at the ICC?

A new era in world cricket is imminent as Jay Shah has been elected unopposed as the next Independent Chair of the International Cricket Council. He will be the youngest ever ICC chair. Alison Mitchell, Clint Wheeldon and Sunil Gupta discuss what this means for the sport.

Preparations for next month's Women's T20 World Cup have stepped up a level with holders Australia, England, India and Pakistan all naming their squads for the tournament in the UAE. It was moved from Bangladesh following civil unrest in the country. England spinner Linsey Smith joins us on the programme to give us her reaction to being back in the England squad.

We also reflect on a historic moment for Bangladesh as they beat Pakistan for the first time in Test cricket.

Photo: Jay Shah of the BCCI at the T20 World Cup Final. (Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26kndj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 03:06 Outlook (w3ct6995)

Outlook Mixtape: Big money, land of honey, and tiny pants

Gilbert Alaskadi grew up in the African country of Chad. His family was poor, and he spent much of his childhood hungry, with people frequently making fun of his small stature. Then, when he was a teenager, he encountered a bodybuilding pamphlet, promising quick muscle growth in a handful of weeks. He wanted the physique, but first he'd need money and calories. At the first opportunity he ran away from home, left the country, and jumped head-first into the world of bodybuilding.

Gary Stevenson grew up poor on the outskirts of London. He would see the skyscrapers of the city's business district in the distance and dream of working there and becoming a millionaire. When that dream became reality, he fell into depression. He now campaigns against wealth inequality and has written a book called The Trading Game.

Growing up with albinism, Zambian singer John Chiti faced a lot of stigma. As a boy, he was bullied, and as an adult he faced barriers to his music career. Eventually, he released his music for radio only, hiding his face. Once his music was a hit, and nobody could deny his talent, he went on television to reveal his identity.

Aigul Akhmetshina was surrounded by traditional folk music growing up in the Russian Republic of Bashkortostan. After hearing opera for the first time knew she wanted to become a professional on the world's great stages. And at just 21 years old Aigul debuted as Carmen in Bizet's masterpiece at the Royal Opera House in London.

Presenter: Jo Fidge

Producer: Helen Fitzhenry

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(Photo: Cassette tape. Photo credit: Getty Images)

SAT 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ydy)

The woman who spoke to the space station

Amateur radio enthusiast Maggie Iaquinto spent a year trying to make contact with Russian cosmonauts on the Mir space station using special equipment.

It took careful planning as she had to know when they were orbiting past her house in Australia and what frequency they'd be on.

After the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991, Maggie relayed crucial information to cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev.

Maggie's son Ben Iaquinto speaks to Megan Jones.

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

Recent episodes explore everything from 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: Margaret Iaquinto. Credit: Benjamin Iaquinto)

SAT 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26ks4n)

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SAT 04:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q27)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 today]

SAT 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26kwws)

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SAT 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbfqn45c393)

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SAT 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg25st8855)

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SAT 05:32 World Of Secrets (w3ct6xkl)

The Apartheid Killer

The Apartheid Killer: 2. 'We Love Louis'

Who killed Edward and so many others? His name was Louis van Schoor and we found him. Some people see one of South Africa's most prolific mass killers as a hero. Would the "apartheid killer" admit to the multiple shootings and killings? Hosted by Ayanda Charlie and Charlie Northcott.

Since this episode was recorded, it has been announced that Louis van Schoor died, on 25 July 2024. There will be more about this later in the series. This was a four-year investigation and the interviews with Louis van Schoor were recorded in 2022 and 2023.

Please note, this episode of World of Secrets includes descriptions of death and violence, which some listeners may find distressing.

Season 3 of World of Secrets is a collaboration with the BBC World Service investigations unit, Africa Eye. Here's a link to the BBC Africa Eye film, which we recommend you watch after listening to this podcast: https://youtu.be/QPB42_uLlH0 If you are in the UK, you can watch on BBC iPlayer: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0021dvm>

#WorldOfSecrets

SAT 05:50 More or Less (w3ct5tqk)

Where have Cuba's people gone?

The Cuban government has announced that their population has fallen by 10% in two years – just days after a demographer on the Caribbean island suggested an even bigger fall.

But which is the right number, and why are so many people leaving?

We speak to Dr Emily Morris from University College London and Dr Jorge Duany from the Cuban Research Institute at Florida International University.

Presenter: Kate Lamble

Producer: Beth Ashmead Latham

Series producer: Tom Collis

Production co-ordinator: Katie Morrison

Sound mix: Sue Maillot

Editor: Richard Vadon

SAT 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26l0mx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 06:06 Weekend (w172zcx311tk8jr)

Musk's X banned in Brazil after disinformation row

Supreme Court Judge Alexandre de Moraes ordered the "immediate and complete suspension" of the social media platform until it complies with all court orders and pays existing fines.

Also in the programme: As Israel continues its military operation in the West Bank we hear from a resident of Jenin; and how much would you pay to see the reunion of the 90s brit pop band, Oasis?

Joining presenter Gary O'Donoghue are Oana Lungescu, a Romanian born journalist and fellow at the UK defence and security think tank The Royal United Services Institute, and Steve Erlanger, chief diplomatic correspondent for the New York Times in Europe.

(Photo: Elon Musk attending the Viva Technology conference in Paris in June 2023. Credit: Reuters/Gonzalo Fuentes)

SAT 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26l4d1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 07:06 Weekend (w172zcx311tkd8w)

Brazilian judge suspends social media site X

Supreme Court Judge Alexandre de Moraes ordered the ban after Elon Musk failed to suspend some accounts and did not meet a 24 hour deadline to appoint a legal representative in the country. The Brazilian president, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, said

the billionaire had to play by the country's rules.

Also on the programme: Israel's military operation in the West Bank enters its fourth day; and after 90s Britpop band Oasis announced their reunion, some resellers are demanding as much as £6,000 for tickets.

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(Picture: Brazil's Supreme Court Judge Alexandre de Moraes, 30 August 2024 Credit: REUTERS/Carla Carniel)

SAT 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26l845)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 08:06 Weekend (w172zcx311tkj10)

X banned in Brazil amid disinformation row

The court-ordered ban comes after the site failed to suspend accounts under investigation for spreading disinformation. The social media network's owner, Elon Musk, accused the Brazilian judge of being politically motivated and 'destroying' free speech.

Also on the programme: far-right and left-populist parties are expected to see a surge in support as voters in Germany's east go to the polls; and the musicians recording the songs of prisoners in the US.

(Picture: Musk at an event with British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak (unseen) in London, 2 November 2023. Credit: TOLGA AKMEN/POOL/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

SAT 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26lcw9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 09:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rc0)

Three years of Taliban rule in Afghanistan

The withdrawal of US troops in 2021 prompted the collapse of the Afghan military, an interim government and then a power grab by the hardline Islamist regime. Since then there have been increasingly harsh restrictions on everything from freedom of movement to clothing. Women and girls are now longer able to attend school after the age of 12 or university and must not speak in public.

Host Luke Jones brings together three women in Kabul and in the nearby Ghazni province to hear about their lives, ambitions and how the latest laws make them feel.

"I just think that I'm in a cage," said Kawzar (not her real name). "I can't talk, I can't walk. I can't see. I'm just in a dark place, full of violence. I can't breathe and I can't do whatever I want."

We also hear from three Afghans who left their country to live in the UK, Poland and the United States for a better life but are unable to forget the friends and family left behind.

"My younger sister, she was really bright," said Ibrahim, who is now a student in the UK. "She had the best scores in the whole school. She was really smart and had a really good future. She wanted to be a doctor but what happened to her was really sad. She's now staying at home. She can't go out. I don't think there's any opportunities for anyone."

A co-production between Boffin Media and the BBC OS team.

(Photo: Taliban enforce stringent dress code for women, sparking global criticism, Kandahar, Afghanistan, 22 Aug 2024. Credit: Qudratullah Razwan/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg25st8r4p)

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SAT 09:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v0x)

How long can you go without your smartphone?

People Fixing the World escapes its notifications by visiting a phone-free cafe. Plus, what will US President Joe Biden do with his last days in office?

SAT 09:50 Over to You (w3ct5tt4)

Reporting the biggest gold mine fraud of all time

It was the biggest gold mine fraud of all time and devastated countless lives. But what really happened? We hear listeners' feedback on The Six Billion Dollar Gold Scam and its presenter Suzanne Wilton tells us how she spent almost 30 years

investigating this murder mystery.

Plus, the world's most popular fruit is under threat. We air a critique of the documentary Going Bananas.

Presenter: Rajan Datar

Producer: Howard Shannon

A Whistledown production for The BBC World Service

SAT 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26lhmf)

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SAT 10:06 Sportshour (w3ct5qb2)

A Paralympic pleasure

Live from Paris with all the action and stories from the 2024 Paralympic Games

Photo: Dong Lu of team China competes in the Women's 200m individual medley final at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games (CReditly Alex Pantling/Getty Images)

SAT 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26lmck)

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SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqfn45ctrw)

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SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg25st8zmy)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 11:32 Health Check (w3ct5f90)

Living with a new brain

In 2017, Adam Tjolle accidentally discovered he had a brain tumour. At the time, presenter and close friend Claudia Hammond followed him on his journey before, during and after undergoing life-changing surgery. Meeting up now in Malawi, Adam and Claudia listen back to the old recordings and reflect on what has changed for Adam since his operation.

Adam still lives in Scotland, but his new life after brain surgery sometimes brings him to Malawi, where he works with the Lilongwe Society for the Protection and Care of Animals (LSPCA). Claudia joins Adam and Dr Tino Razemba at one of the LSPCA's 'spay days', neutering local dogs in underserved communities. As well as getting involved, Claudia has a chance to see Adam's passion first-hand.

Prior to his surgery, Adam's prognosis was a life expectancy of seven years. That time period has now passed. So what does life mean to Adam now? And today, as one in two people born after 1960 will receive a cancer diagnosis at some point, what can the rest of us can learn from Adam's experience of living with uncertainty?

Presenter: Claudia Hammond

Producer: Sophie Ormiston and Paula McGrath

SAT 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26lr3p)

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SAT 12:06 The Forum (w3ct5n0c)

The diary: A life page by page

During the Covid-19 pandemic, many people found that keeping a diary was one way of reducing stress during uncertain times. They also felt that it was important to chart their day to day experience of a historic moment in world history. Such diaries will be valuable sources in years to come for historians, providing future scholars with a glimpse into the lives of ordinary people.

These diaries form part of a long tradition of people chronicling their own stories, whether intended for publication or purely to put thoughts down on paper. One of the earliest texts we could describe as a diary was written by the Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius, whose musings were influenced by Stoic philosophy. Later diaries, such as those by or the African American naval yard worker Michael Shiner or the teenage Anne Frank, have been important in helping us understand society and events from 'the bottom up' during a given period.

Iszi Lawrence explores what motivates people to keep diaries. She's joined by a panel of experts including Dr Polly North, Founding Director of the Great Diary Project at Bishopsgate Institute in the UK; Julie Rak, the Henry Marshall Tory Chair in the Department of English and Film Studies at the University of Alberta who's an expert on what's known as life writing; and Sergio da Silva Barcellos who's published widely on diary keeping in Brazil, including a chapter in The Diary: The Epic of

Everyday Life.

Produced by Fiona Clampin for BBC World Service

(Photo: A diary. With kind permission of Forum listener Dorothy.)

SAT 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26lvvt)

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SAT 13:06 Newshour (w172zb9169rjqbs)

Brazil bans Musk's X

X, formerly Twitter, has been banned in Brazil after its owner Elon Musk refused to comply with court orders to suspend certain accounts.

Also on the programme: The Ukrainian city of Kharkiv comes under Russian attack again, we hear from a resident living there. And we hear about monkeys who call each other by name.

(Photo: Elon Musk, owner of X. Credit: Reuters/David Swanson)

SAT 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26lzly)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w172zbzmz9ybc8qd)

Live Sporting Action

Mike Williams presents Sportsworld this Saturday with commentary from the King Power Stadium as newly promoted Leicester City face Aston Villa.

Joining Mike will be former Premier League players Matt Jarvis and Stephen Kelly. We'll also have updates from the early game as title chasing Arsenal take on Brighton at the Emirates. There will also be updates throughout Sportsworld of the four other Premier League matches.

Away from football, we'll be in Paris for the first Saturday at the Paralympics, we'll be speaking to our team of Katie Smith and former Paralympic champion Richard Whitehead. We'll also be in New York to get the latest from the US Open tennis.

Plus, there will also be updates from the second Test between England and Sri Lanka, Italian Grand Prix, British Masters golf and the latest from European Football leagues.

Photo: Aston Villa's Ollie Watkins competing with Leicester City's Wout Faes during the Premier League match between Leicester City and Aston Villa at The King Power Stadium on April 04, 2023 in Leicester, England. (Credit: CameraSport via Getty Images)

SAT 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26mglg)

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SAT 18:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqfn45dnzs)

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SAT 18:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg25st9ttv)

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SAT 18:32 World Of Secrets (w3ct6xlk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 today]

SAT 18:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wdt)

The Gambia's first Paralympic Games

In 2012, The Gambia made their first appearance at the Paralympic Games. President of the Gambian National Paralympic Committee Sulayman Colley speaks to Justice Baidoo about how he succeeded in organising the team for the London games.

A Made in Manchester Production for the BBC World Service.

Eye-witness accounts brought to life by archive and testimony. Sporting Witness is for those fascinated by sporting history. We take you to the events that have shaped the sports world through the eyes of the people who were there. For nine minutes, you become a fan in the stands as we take you back in time to examine memorable victories and agonising defeats from all over the world. You'll hear from people who have achieved sporting immortality, or those who were there as incredible sporting moments unfolded.

Recent episodes explore the forgotten football Women's World Cup, the plasterer who fought a boxing legend, international football's biggest ever beating and the man who swam the Amazon river. We look at the lives of some of the most famous F1 drivers, tennis players and athletes as well as people who've had groundbreaking impact in their chosen sporting field, including: the most decorated Paralympian, the woman who was the number 1 squash player in the world for nine years, and the first figure skater to wear a hijab. You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, such as the tennis player who escaped the Nazis, how a man finally beat a horse in a race, and how the FIFA computer game was created.

(Photo: Isatou Nyang was the first athlete to compete for The Gambia in the 2012 Paralympic Games. Credit: Scott Heavey/Getty Images)

SAT 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26mlb)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 19:06 The Documentary (w3ct6r92)
Three Million: 8. Road to the past

Kavita Puri goes to India to meet the last survivors of the 1943 Bengal famine. She looks for traces of how war and famine impacted Kolkata and then travels from the city along the road to where the story of famine begins. Kavita goes deep into the countryside and the jungle in West Bengal to find people who lived through that devastating time more than 80 years ago. These are voices that are almost never recorded and have never been broadcast before. For the past year and a half Kavita has been asking why there is no memorial to the three million people who died. But then in the Bengal jungle she finally finds it – and it's not what she expected.

Presenter : Kavita Puri
Series Producer: Ant Adeane
Editor: Emma Rippon
Sound: Eloise Whitmore
Production co-ordinator: Brenda Brown

SAT 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26mq2q)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qjv)
Film-maker Naqqash Khalid

Director Naqqash Khalid talks to Nikki Bedi and cultural critic Hanna Flint about his new movie, In Camera, which is in movie theatres in September.

Hollywood star Blake Lively, on her latest film, It Ends with Us.

British-Australian actor Miriam Margolyes talks about her love of the literature of Charles Dickens.

We hear from the Brazilian king of bossa nova, Marcos Valle.

The pioneering American artist Judy Chicago discusses her seminal work, The Dinner Party.

And, from Cameroon, the afrobeat singer-songwriter Asaba.

Presenter: Nikki Bedi
Producer: Paul Waters

(Photo: Naqqash Khalid attends the In Camera screening at the BFI London Film Festival. Credit: Tristan Fewings/Getty Images)

SAT 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26mttv)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9169rpkp9t)
UN agencies to start rollout of Gaza polio vaccines

UN agencies and local health officials in the Gaza Strip are launching an ambitious campaign to vaccinate 640,000 children against polio. To be effective, the World Health Organization (WHO) says at least 90% of children under 10 must be immunised in a short time frame. We hear from parents on the ground in Gaza.

Also on the programme: another challenge for tech billionaire Elon Musk over his social website 'X', now it's been blocked in Brazil; and the dulcet tones of marmoset monkeys speaking to each other.

(Picture: The mother of Palestinian boy Abdul Rahman Abu Al-Jidy, who is the first person to contract polio in Gaza in 25 years, gestures as she looks after him in their tent, in Deir Al-

Balah, in the central Gaza Strip Credit: REUTERS/Ramadan Abed)

SAT 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26mykz)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 22:06 The Documentary (w3ct6xkv)
Courting success: A Journey to Paris 2024

One of the highlights of the Paralympics is wheelchair tennis and one of its true champions is Kgothato Montjane. KG, as she likes to be known, was born with amniotic band syndrome, a condition that prevents limbs from developing properly. It did not stop her from pursuing her dreams.

An inspiration to many, in 2021 KG became the first black South African to compete at Wimbledon. She tells the story of her life and career, the big successes and the challenges she faced.

The roots of wheelchair tennis go back to the 1970s. Brad Parks, who co-invented the game, describes initial negativity towards it with concern over damage to the courts.

Legendary wheelchair tennis players talk about their love for the game including Shingo Kunieda, regarded to be the best male player of all time, former champion Jordanne Whitley, and KG's hero Esther Vergeer.

Andrew Parsons, president of the International Paralympic committee gives his thoughts on why wheelchair tennis and the Paralympics are so special. An event that KG is very much looking forward to.

Presenter: Kgothato Montjane
Producer: Martin Buchanan
A Play it By Ear production for BBC World Service

(Photo: Kgothato Montjane at the National Tennis Centre in Roehampton. Credit: Martin and Katie Buchanan)

SAT 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg25stb9vc)
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SAT 22:32 This Is Africa (w3ct5y5b)
Chike

Nigerian Afropop singer and songwriter Chike studied computer science but after graduating he decided to pursue his passion for music. In 2015, he finished 10th in the singing competition Project Fame West Africa; a year later, he was runner-up in The Voice, and in 2020 he topped Nigeria's iTunes charts with his debut album Boo of the Boos. He's also tried his hand at acting, starring in TV soap opera Battleground and the Gangs of Lagos film. In June 2024 he performed at the power couple wedding of musical superstar Davido and celebrity chef Chioma. And he's just dropped another body of work – Son of Chike.

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SAT 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg25stbflh)
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SAT 23:32 Assignment (w3ct5mt4)
The struggle for Jerusalem's Old City

Why Armenians in Jerusalem say they are fighting an existential battle. Is the identity of the Old City of Jerusalem changing - house by house? This small patch of land is of vital importance to Christians, Muslims and Jews alike. But, amid accusations of dodgy deals, corruption and trickery, there are concerns that the Old City's historic multi-ethnic and multi-religious identity is being altered. In the Armenian Quarter a battle is going on for the control of land which the local community says is essential to its well-being and even its survival. Emily Wither visits one of the most contested cities in the world.

Presenter: Emily Wither
Producer: John Murphy
Sound Mix: Neil Churchill
Production coordinator: Gemma Ashman
Editor: Penny Murphy

Music: Apo Sahagian

(Image: The Cow's Garden car park in Jerusalem's Armenian Quarter. Credit: John Murphy/BBC)

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SUN 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26n627)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 00:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rc0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]

SUN 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg25stbkbm)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 00:32 World Of Secrets (w3ct6xdk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

SUN 00:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wdt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26n9tc)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 01:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xhp)
What does Hezbollah want?

Hezbollah has both political and military wings both of which are designated by several countries as terror organisations. It emerged several decades ago in Lebanon.

Since Israel launched its war in Gaza in the wake of the Hamas attacks of October 7th, it has intensified its military activities along the border between Israel and Lebanon.

The persistent question has been what is it trying to achieve? Are the attacks intended as a show of support for the Palestinians in Gaza or an attempt to take advantage of Israel's diverted military focus? And could this dangerous front lead to an all-out war in the Middle East?

This week on the Inquiry we are asking: What does Hezbollah want?

Contributors:
Aurélie Daher, Associate Professor in political science at the University Paris-Dauphine
Lina Khatib, Associate Fellow with the Middle East and North Africa program at Chatham House
Dr Bashir Saade, Lecturer of Politics and Religion at the University of Stirling in Scotland
Mehran Kamrava, Professor of government at Georgetown University in Qatar

Presenter: Tanya Beckett
Producer: Louise Clarke
Researcher: Matt Toulson
Editor: Tara McDermott
Technical Producer: Gareth Jones
Broadcast Co-ordinator: Jacqui Johnson

Image: Hezbollah Fighters and Mourners Attend Funeral of Top Commander Fuad Shukr in Beirut / NurPhoto / Contributor via Getty Images

SUN 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg25stbp2r)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 01:32 The Six Billion Dollar Gold Scam (w3ct6r3g)
6. The end of the bonanza

With Bre-X stock halted on the financial markets, the company goes into meltdown. A terrible truth emerges and a scam on an epic scale is revealed. Investors are set to lose millions and entire pension funds will be wiped out. A golden dream turns into a waking nightmare.

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

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SUN 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg25stbstw)

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SUN 02:32 Health Check (w3ct5t90)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:32 on Saturday]

SUN 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26nk9m)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 03:06 The Forum (w3ct5n0c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26np1r)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sj4)

The Sudanese volunteers helping people in danger

Pascale Harter introduces stories from Sudan, Italy, Japan and Georgia.

Sudan was thrown into disarray in April last year when its army and a powerful militia group, the Rapid Support Forces began a vicious struggle for power. More than 40,000 have been killed in the conflict and endemic hunger has set in across the country. Aid agencies have long complained that security threats and roadblocks have greatly hampered their effort to deliver vital goods, like food, to the people who need them. But Sudanese people have shown extraordinary resourcefulness, says Leila Molana Allen.

Last year in Italy the biggest anti-mafia trial in 30 years ended with over 200 defendants sentenced to a total of more than 2,000 years in jail. On the stand were members and associates of the Calabrian Ndrangheta – considered to be one of the world's most dangerous criminal organisations. As Francisco Garcia discovered when he visited the region, the Ndrangheta and other mafia organisations have also muscled in on Italian agriculture.

Record numbers of houses are lying vacant in Japan. It's partly because of people moving from the countryside to cities. But it's also due to the falling value of old homes as Japanese buyers prefer new houses. Shaimaa Khalil reports from Tokyo.

In April this year tension and public protests spilled onto the streets of Georgia – once part of the former Soviet Union. The unrest stemmed from a controversial new law, which classes civil society groups and media which get more than a fifth of their funding from abroad as "organisations serving the interests of a foreign power." Critics of the law argued it mirrors a similar one introduced in Russia. But as Beth Timmins discovered – though the tension is never far from the surface - there is still much happiness to be found in Georgian weddings.

Producer: Caroline Bayley
Editor: Tom Bigwood
Production co-ordinator: Katie Morrison

SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg25stc1b4)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:32 The Explanation (w3ct4z78)

What does the World Bank do?

The World Bank was originally established after World War Two with the goal of eradicating poverty and establishing shared prosperity. With new challenges such as health crises, climate change and the establishment of the Asian Development bank, the World Bank's purpose is under greater scrutiny than ever before, but has its core mission changed? Michelle Fleury, the BBC's North America business correspondent, talks to Claire Graham about the origins and purpose of the World Bank, and the current challenges it faces as it tries to support sustainable development throughout the world.

SUN 04:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wdt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

SUN 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26nssw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbf45g066)

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

SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg25stc528)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct6kxv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:06 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26nxx0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 06:06 Weekend (w172zcx311tn5fv)

UN agencies begin rollout of Gaza polio vaccines

The ambitious campaign to vaccinate 640,000 children against polio relies on a series of localised pauses in fighting between Israeli forces and Hamas fighters, with the first window set to begin on Sunday.

Also on the programme: Thousands of demonstrators have been taking part in rallies in eastern Germany on the eve of elections in which the far-right is expected to do well; and we head to Stockholm where next month competitors will gather for the second annual GeoGuesser World Cup.

Joining presenter Gary O'Donoghue are journalist and author Isabel Hilton and Daniel Glaser, a neuroscientist and writer.

(Photo: A nurse holds a vial containing vaccine at Nasser hospital in the southern Gaza Strip on 31 August 2024. Credit: HAITHAM IMAD/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

SUN 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26p194)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 07:06 Weekend (w172zcx311tn95z)

Campaign to vaccinate 640,000 children against polio in Gaza is launched

The rollout follows the discovery of the first confirmed case of polio in 25 years in Gaza, with a UN expert saying more children are likely to be infected and that there could be a wider regional outbreak if the virus is not dealt with.

Also on the programme: We speak to an American pastor about the impact of Donald Trump's shifting abortion position on his congregation; and a new survey of fifty cities around the world measuring how they compare in promoting the health of their residents' hearts.

Joining presenter Gary O'Donoghue are journalist and author Isabel Hilton and Daniel Glaser, a neuroscientist and writer.

(Photo: Palestinian children receive polio vaccine at Nasser Hospital in southern Gaza on 31 August, 2024. Credit: HAITHAM IMAD/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

SUN 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26p518)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 08:06 Weekend (w172zcx311tn95z)

Israel recovers the bodies of six hostages

The Israeli military says its forces have recovered the bodies of six hostages in an underground tunnel in the Rafah area in Gaza. It's reported that they were killed by Hamas fighters shortly before Israeli troops arrived to try to free them. The families of the hostages have said that if the Israeli government had agreed on a ceasefire deal, they would not have died.

Also on the programme: a vaccination drive to immunise 600,000 children in Gaza against polio has begun; and will music composed by Artificial Intelligence ever be better than that created by humans?

Joining presenter Gary O'Donoghue are journalist and author Isabel Hilton and Daniel Glaser, a neuroscientist and writer.

(Picture: A poster showing Alexander Lobanov, whose body has been recovered from a tunnel in the Rafah area of the Gaza Strip, in Tel Aviv, Israel September 1, 2024. Credit: REUTERS/Florian Goga)

SUN 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26p8sd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sj4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today]

SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg25stcn1s)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xn6)

How risky is drinking alcohol?

If you're a light or moderate drinker, the World Health Organization wants you to know that no level of alcohol is safe for your health.

But just how big is that risk and might it be one you're willing to take? And what happened to the idea that a glass of red wine might be good for you?

In this programme Ruth Alexander finds out about the studies the guidance has been based on, and the statistical risk of dying from alcohol-related disease.

Dr Tim Stockwell, Scientist at the Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research, is the author of a meta-analysis of 107 studies that look at the links between ill health and alcohol. Professor Sir David Spiegelhalter is Emeritus Professor of Statistics at the University of Cambridge in the UK, he explains how we can make sense of risk as individuals.

And Anna Tait in the UK, Amelie Hauenstein in Germany, David Matayabas in the US and Bill Quinn in Australia talk about how much alcohol they drink, and what moderation looks like to them.

Presented by Ruth Alexander.

Produced by Beatrice Pickup.

(image: four hands raising pins of beer in a 'cheers' gesture. Credit: Getty Images/BBC)

SUN 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26pdjj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:06 The Documentary (w3ct6x3z)

A better start

For every 10 babies born across the world one will be preterm, and the fate of these tiny babies is often very uncertain. They are kept alive by science, care, and luck.

Time in a neonatal unit can be a stressful and unpredictable time. We meet the people who are creating equipment and aids to create a kinder experience for both parents and babies alike to give them a better start in life. People like the founder of the Danish Octo Project, which kickstarted a movement across the world crocheting tiny Octopus toys to emulate the umbilical cord for premature babies, the engineer who kept her baby alive when the neonatal unit housing her son lost power in a devastating storm, leading to a remarkable invention. Finally, the foundation bringing purple butterflies to NICUs across the UK to help identify surviving children of multiple births.

Journalist Becky Green, whose twin boys were born eight weeks early, explores the love and care she received with her babies in two neonatal units. Bobby and Jesse were both devastatingly poorly, and only Bobby came home.

Producer: Ailsa Rochester
Executive producer: Jo Meek
Sound: Rob Green
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SUN 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg25stcrsx)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69hy)

Ukraine's 'Memory Cafés'

Could a cup of coffee become an act of love and remembrance? BBC Ukrainian's Ilona Hromliuk speaks to the relatives of fallen soldiers who have opened 'memory cafés' to pay tribute to their loved ones. Plus, Alfred Lasteck from BBC Africa tells us about a pioneering conservation project to restore the coral reef surrounding the Mnemba island in Zanzibar, and sports journalist Emmanuel Akindubuwa meets the power couple of Nigerian para table tennis.

Produced by Alice Gioia and Hannah Dean.

(Photo: Faranak Amidi. Credit: Tricia Yourkevich.)

SUN 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26pj8n)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbf45gqnz)

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SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg25stcwk1)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:32 The Explanation (w3ct4z78)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct5tqk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

SUN 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26pn0s)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:06 The Documentary (w3ct6r92)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:06 on Saturday]

SUN 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26prrx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 13:06 Newshour (w172zb9169rmm7w)

Israel recovers bodies of six Gaza hostages

The Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said the killing of six hostages in Gaza shows Hamas doesn't want a ceasefire deal. The deaths came as aid agencies begin a mass vaccination campaign against polio in the Palestinian territory. We look in detail at both.

Also in the programme: What is driving voters from eastern Germany? And an opera based on one of the best known Sherlock Holmes novels.

(Photo: A combination picture shows undated handout images of hostages Ori Danino, Carmel Gat, Hersh Goldberg-Polin, Eden Yerushalmi, Alexander Lobanov, and Almog Sarusi, who were kidnapped by Hamas during the October 7 attacks, and whose bodies have been found underground in the Rafah area of the Gaza Strip and returned to Israel, amid the Israel-Hamas conflict. Credit: Courtesy of Bring Them Home Now/Handout via Reuters)

SUN 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26pwj1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5ws3)

Why is climate change fuelling child marriage?

Extreme weather, such as droughts and storms, is increasing the risk of more girls being pushed into child marriage. Graihagh Jackson speaks to girls and parents in Bangladesh who are experiencing these impacts first hand, and finds out why this is happening and what is being done to stop the problem.

A huge thanks to UNICEF and Save the Children's Gabrielle Szabo, for their help in making this programme.

Got a climate question you'd like answered? Email: TheClimateQuestion@BBC.com or WhatsApp: +44 8000 321 721

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SUN 14:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg25std7st)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:32 Happy News (w3ct5spy)

The Happy Pod: The sky is no limit at 102

We meet Manette, the 102-year-old who has become Britain's oldest skydiver. She wanted to do the jump to raise money for three charities, but also to prove you are never too old to go out of your comfort zone.

Also, as the Paralympics get underway, we hear the stories of inspiring athletes including USA swimmer, Ali Truwit, who was attacked by a shark.

Presenter: Rachel Wright
Music: Iona Hampson

(Photo: Manette flying through the sky. Credit Goldster)

SUN 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26q085)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 15:06 Sportsworld (w172zbzmz9ycf9cm)

Live Sporting Action

Sunday Sportsworld this week has commentary from one of the most eagerly anticipated fixtures in the Premier League calendar as Manchester United take on Liverpool at Old Trafford.

John Bennett will be joined by fans from both clubs to look ahead to the game, while former DR Congo captain Gaby Zakuani will be with John after the full-time whistle to look back over all the weekend's action.

There will also be extensive coverage from the Paralympics in Paris, plus the latest from the US Open tennis in New York.

Photo: : Kobbie Mainoo of Manchester United scores his team's second goal during the Premier League match between Manchester United and Liverpool FC at Old Trafford on April 07, 2024 in Manchester, England. (Credit: Getty Images)

SUN 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26qh7p)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqfn45hpn0)

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SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg25stdvj2)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tll)

Architect Daniel Libeskind

Daniel Libeskind is one of the world's leading architects. Amongst his many projects, he devised the masterplan for the re-development of Ground Zero in New York and designed the Jewish Museum in Berlin.

He tells Samira Ahmed about the Albert Einstein House in Jerusalem, a new building which will house Einstein's work and belongings, from his favourite novels, his letters as a peace campaigner, to his papers laying out his famous theory of relativity. He also talks Samira through the many other global projects he's working on, including a museum of anthropology in Iquique, Chile.

Producer: Olivia Skinner

Image: Daniel Libeskind Credit: Stefan Ruiz

SUN 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26qlzt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q27)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 on Saturday]

SUN 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26qqy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9169rnl6x)

Far right party set to win German state elections

Exit polls suggest the far right Alternative for Germany is on course to win a state election for the first time. The party is predicted to win around 33% percent of the votes in Thuringia and in the neighbouring state of Saxony, exit polls put the AfD in second place.

Also in the programme: Protests have erupted in Israel after six hostages were killed in Gaza, increasing the pressure on Binyamin Netanyahu's government; and an opera version of the famous UK fictional detective Sherlock Holmes goes on stage.

(Picture: Right-wing Alternative for Germany (AfD) top candidate Bjoern Hoecke gives thumbs up on the day of the Thuringia state election in Erfurt, Germany, September 1. Credit: Reuters).

SUN 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26qvhd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5ws3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 today]

SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg25stf6rg)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v0x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

SUN 22:50 Over to You (w3ct5tt4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

SUN 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26qz76)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqfn45j5mj)

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SUN 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg25stfbbh)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69hy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:32 today]

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MON 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf7r26r2zb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 00:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sj4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg25stfg7q)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 00:32 The Explanation (w3ct4z78)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 on Sunday]

MON 00:50 More or Less (w3ct5tqk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

MON 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhw1zm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 01:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dgn8cy)

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MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23kf80)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 01:32 Discovery (w3ct5rn1)

The Life Scientific: Charles Godfray

Professor Charles Godfray, Director of the the Oxford Martin School tells Jim Al-Kahlili about the intricate world of population dynamics, and how a healthy obsession with parasitic wasps might help us solve some of humanity's biggest problems, from the fight against Malaria to sustainably feeding a global community of 9 billion people.

MON 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhw5qr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dgdnd42)

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MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23kk04)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 02:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rhj)

Can my body regenerate?

It would be quite a superpower to regrow entire body parts. CrowdScience listener Kelly started pondering this after a discussion with her friend on whether human tongues could regrow. Finding out that they couldn't, she asked us to investigate the extent of human regenerative abilities.

Presenter Alex Lathbridge travels to Vienna, a hotbed of research in this area. He meets an animal with much better powers of regeneration than humans - the axolotl. In Elly Tanaka's lab he finds out how she studies their incredible abilities - and shows off his new axolotl tattoo.

Why can these sweet-looking salamanders regrow entire limbs while we can't even regrow our tongues? Palaeontologist Nadia

Fröbisch has looked into the evolutionary origins of regeneration, and it goes a lot further back than you might think.

And in fact, even humans are constantly regenerating, by renewing the building blocks of our bodies: cells. New cells grow and replace old ones all the time – although, in some parts of the body, we do keep hold of the same cells throughout our lives.

However, cell turnover isn't the same as regrowing entire organs or limbs. But can we grow new body parts in the lab instead? We meet Sasha Mendjan, who creates heart organoids using our cells' innate ability to self-organise. How far off are we from implanting organs, grown from a patient's stem cells, back into the human body?

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MON 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhw9gw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 03:06 The Documentary (w3ct6x3z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23knr8)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 03:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v0x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

MON 03:50 Over to You (w3ct5tt4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

MON 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhw70)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dgnmb)

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MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23kshd)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct5wzx)

Children's TV presenters: magic, mayhem and mishaps

Children's TV presenters from Ireland and South Africa tell Datschiane Navanayagam about working in television and their love for inspiring young minds.

Niamh Ní Chróinín from Ireland is a children's TV presenter for Cúla4, an Irish-language channel that broadcasts exclusively in Gaelic. She is keen to foster a love for Irish culture and language among children.

Shudufhadzo Mathagwa is a South African children's TV presenter, model and actor who is passionate about youth empowerment. She currently presents on Play Room, the 24-hour children's television channel that combines education and entertainment with both a local and international focus.

Produced by Emily Naylor for the BBC World Service.

(Image: (L) Niamh Ní Chróinín courtesy of Niamh Ní Chróinín. (R) Shudufhadzo Mathagwa courtesy of Shudufhadzo Mathagwa.)

MON 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhwjz4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 05:06 Newsday (w172zbnk52qppmmq)

Trade unions in Israel call for general strike

With the news that six Israeli hostages have been killed in Gaza, anger at the government's failure to secure their release has spilled out on to the streets.

A far right party looks set to win a majority in a regional election in Germany for the first time despite opposition from the political mainstream. But despite their success, Alternative for Germany may struggle to get other parties to join with them to form a government.

A United Nations agency steps up its response to the Mpox outbreak by pushing for quicker vaccine rollouts.

As the South African president prepares to attend a cooperation summit in China, we look at the growing trade relationship between the two countries.

MON 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhwq8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 06:06 Newsday (w172zbnk52qppscv)

Israel facing nationwide strike after hostage deaths

Israel is facing a possible general strike as anger grows about the government's failure to rescue the hostages seized by Hamas during its 7 October attack.

While the Israeli government struggles with opposition to its policies, the humanitarian crisis in Gaza continues. Sunday saw the start of the mass vaccination campaign, trying to head-off a polio outbreak in the territory.

In Ukraine we'll have a special report from the Sumy region which borders the Russian Kursk region.

Regional elections in eastern Germany deliver strong results for the far right AfD Party.

In Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev's party retains a majority in parliament after a snap election

And we hear from a prominent Palestinian photo journalist about how the war in Gaza has affected him.

MON 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhwsgd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 07:06 Newsday (w172zbnk52qppx3z)

General strike begins in Israel

Protestors have taken to the streets in Israel following the deaths of six hostages held by Hamas and growing anger at the government's failure to secure a deal to bring captives home. The country's largest union has called for a general strike today, to put pressure on the government.

In Germany the far-right party Alternative for Germany has achieved success in regional elections, with more votes than any other group in Thuringia.

The Paralympic games continue in Paris. We'll have all the latest results, plus the Nigerian Paralympian making a name for herself as a power lifter.

MON 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhw6j)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t00)

Motaz Azaiza: Photographing Gaza

Stephen Sackur speaks to Palestinian photojournalist Motaz Azaiza. His images of death, destruction and loss in Gaza went viral across the world. He left 108 days after Israel launched its military response to Hamas's October 7th attack. What impact have his images had, on him, and us?

MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23l8gx)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z6v)

US Election: The view from the fields

We hear from farmers in Montana, Iowa and Georgia.

What do they want to hear from the presidential candidates ahead of the US election?

Presenter: Ed Butler

Producer: David Cann

(Image: A farmer using a combine in the US. Credit: Getty Images)

MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yh7)

I led the 'Umbrella' protests

On the 26 September 2014 Nathan Law stood on a makeshift stage outside Hong Kong's central government complex and chanted 'Democracy Now' and 'Freedom' into a microphone.

He was leading hundreds of protesters who had gathered to demand that China grants Hong Kong free and fair elections.

As the day went on the protest continued to grow and it wasn't long before Nathan's face was all over the news.

Then at **2am** his microphone was cut off and the protest plunged into darkness as plain-clothed police officers rushed to the stage and arrested him.

Nathan tells Anoushka Mutanda-Dougherty how despite his arrest the protests continued to grow into some of the largest Hong Kong had ever seen lasting 79 days in total.

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.

(Picture: Umbrella Protests. Credit: Getty Images)

MON 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhw0yn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dgp7bz)

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MON 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23ld71)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 09:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rhj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

MON 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhw4ps)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n24)

Space travel and Mary Poppins

Max Pearson presents a collection of the week's Witness History episodes. Our guest is European Space Agency astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti, who completed the longest uninterrupted space flight of any European.

First, we go to Australia in the 1990s when amateur radio enthusiast Maggie Iaquinto befriended Soviet cosmonauts on the Mir space station. She updated them on global news as the USSR crumbled back on Earth.

Then, the inspiring story of Waris Dirie, who walked barefoot across the Somali desert to escape child marriage and became an international supermodel.

We hear a harrowing account of Guatemala's civil war that ended in 1996.

Then, why the author of Mary Poppins, PL Travers, hated the Disney film.

Finally, the Canadian town that welcomed aliens in 1967.

Contributors:

Samantha Cristoforetti - European Space Agency astronaut.

Ben Iaquinto - son of Maggie Iaquinto who befriended Soviet cosmonauts.

Waris Dirie - model from Somalia.

Jeremias Tecu - survivor of Guatemala's civil war.

Brian Sibley and Kitty Travers - friend and daughter of PL Travers.

Paul Boisvert - worked on Canada's alien landing pad.

(Photo: Mir Space Station in 1995. Credit: Space Frontiers/Hulton Archive/Getty Images)

MON 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhx8fx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dpggv7)

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MON 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23lmq9)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dlh)

Stranded in space: Another crisis for Boeing

Two Nasa astronauts are stuck in space after their Boeing Starliner spacecraft suffered technical problems.

It's the latest in a long line of crises facing the company, which is one of the largest and most important in the United States. So, is this one failure too far for Boeing?

Sumi Somaskanda speaks to the BBC's business correspondent Theo Leggett and climate and science reporter Georgina Rannard about the problems facing Boeing and if its Starliner space programme is in trouble.

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MON 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhd61)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nqh)

The pianist who plays classical music for retired elephants

Pianist Paul Barton had an unusual 50th birthday wish: to play classical music for retired elephants at a sanctuary in Thailand, where he lives. His wife, wildlife artist Khwan Barton, managed to arrange it for him and soon Paul's one-off birthday wish became a creative project and a passion. More than a decade on, he's acquired millions of followers for his videos – and made lasting friendships with the elephants themselves.

Kiliwa is an indigenous Mexican language now spoken by only a tiny handful of people. When Leonor Espinoza, a Kiliwa speaker, first met Arnulfo Estrada, a Mexican oceanographer by trade who was curious about her language, she dismissed him. But gradually he won her trust and together the two of them wrote a Kiliwa-Spanish dictionary and embarked on a crusade to save Leonor's language. First broadcast in June 2021.

Presenter: Mobeen Azhar

Producer: Laura Thomas

(Photo: Paul Barton playing the piano to an elephant. Credit: Paul Barton)

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MON 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhxmp9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 14:06 Newshour (w172zb91klvh58)

Israel rocked by general strike

Israel's main union federation says hundreds of thousands of people have taken part in a strike to demand the government reach a deal with Hamas to free hostages from Gaza. A court has now ordered them to return to work.

Also in the programme: Germany's far right AfD party wins Thuringia state election; and Sir Ian McKellen on continuing his acting career after a fall on stage.

(Picture: Israeli protesters during an Israeli hostages families' protest in Tel Aviv. Credit: ATEF SAFADI/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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MON 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5f00)

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MON 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23m3pt)

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MON 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zyf)

How are strikes and protests affecting Israel's economy?

Businesses, schools, universities and transport across Israel have been disrupted by a general strike called to put pressure on the government to agree a Gaza ceasefire and hostage release deal with Hamas. We find out how firms are operating and from one boss who's encouraging his staff to strike.

Also, Thailand's war on an "alien" fish that it fears could cost its economy almost \$300 million.

And cries of foul play from fans of the band Oasis, after a ticketing meltdown and experiencing the rough side of dynamic pricing.

MON 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhxw5k)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj68slk7jx)

Thousands join general strike in Israel

Israel's labour court ordered the end to a general strike demanding that the government agrees a deal to secure the release of hostages held by Hamas. We take a look how the strike unfolded and hear from protesters.

The first phase of a large-scale polio vaccination campaign has begun in the central Gaza Strip. We hear from some of the children, who got vaccinated, and from their parents.

A BBC investigation has revealed why some teenage boys struggle to escape violent and misogynist content on their social media feeds. Our reporter explains.

We have the latest on the Paralympic Games in Paris.

As the Ukrainian fashion week returns to Kyiv after a two-year break, we speak to designers about how they have carried out their work despite the war.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Protesters rally together against the government and to show support for the hostages who were kidnapped during the deadly October 7 attack, in Tel Aviv, Israel, September 2, 2024. Credit: Florion Goga/Reuters)

MON 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhxzip)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj68slkn01)

UK suspends some arms exports to Israel

President Biden has warned that the Israeli Prime Minister isn't doing enough to reach a hostage release deal with Hamas, but that he is close to presenting a final proposal to both sides. Earlier, hundreds of thousands of Israelis took part in a strike to demand a deal. Meanwhile, Britain is suspending arms export to Israel in cases where they might be used to violate international humanitarian law. We speak to our diplomatic correspondent

about today's developments.

We speak to our correspondent who has been to a secret training location in the Chernihiv region in Ukraine where the latest army intake is being fast tracked to the battlefield.

Brazil's supreme court has backed a decision to shut down the social media platform X in the country for failing to comply with its orders.

A BBC investigation has revealed why some teenage boys struggle to escape violent and misogynist content on their social media feeds. Our reporter explains.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Palestinians walk at a site of a school, which was sheltering displaced people, after it was hit by an Israeli strike, amid the Israel-Hamas conflict, in Gaza City, September 1, 2024. Credit: Dawoud Abu Alkas TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY/Reuters)

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MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w3t)

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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 (w172zgf83bhyc52)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sj4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23mqfg)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct5rn2)

Sheila Willis

Dr Sheila Willis is a forensic scientist who was Director General of Forensic Science Ireland for many years.

She has spent her life using science to help solve cases, working on crime scenes and then analysing material in the lab, and presenting scientific evidence in court.

It's a complicated business. Forensic science relies on powerful technology, such as DNA analysis, but it cannot be that alone - it's also about human judgement, logical reasoning and asking the right questions.

It is these fundamentals of forensic science that Sheila has fought for through her long career and what she fears may be becoming lost from the field now.

We find out what happens when the two very different worlds of science and the law clash in the courtroom. How to walk the line of presenting scientific evidence where there is pressure to be definitive where often science cannot be - and what this part of the job has in common with food packaging.

And what makes a good forensic scientist?

We'll turn the studio at London's Broadcasting House into a live crime scene to see if host Professor Jim Al-Khalili would be any good as a forensic investigator...

MON 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhygx6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 21:06 Newshour (w172zb91kl1wbd5)

Benjamin Netanyahu asks for forgiveness for not bringing back hostages alive

President Biden has said that a final deal for a ceasefire - and the release of hostages held in Gaza - is very close to being presented to Israel and Hamas, by mediators. He also said did not think the Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, was doing enough to secure an agreement.

Benjamin Netanyahu has been appealing to the public for their continued support. He also asked for forgiveness from Israelis for not being able to bring back alive the six hostages who were found dead in Gaza on Saturday. We hear from a member of the Israeli Government and our Diplomatic Correspondent James Landale .

Also on the programme: What is dynamic pricing, and why has it caused upset amongst fans trying to secure tickets to see Oasis in the UK?; and US political statistician, Nate Silver, talks about his latest book and why we should all take more risks.

(Photo: Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu holds press conference in Jerusalem. Credit:Ohad Zwigenberg EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

MON 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhylnb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 22:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t00)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

MON 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23myxq)

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MON 22:32 The Conversation (w3ct5wzx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

MON 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhyydq)

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MON 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dgrqxxs)

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MON 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23n2nv)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct600p)

Donors and the US election

Campaign donations have been a key feature of the 2024 US election. Since Kamala Harris entered the presidential race huge donation figures have been widely reported in the media. One Republican donor tells us why he's hoping for a Trump win. We examine where campaign donations are coming from and how decisive they might be in this election.

Also in the programme, Rahul Tandon looks at the protests and general strike in Israel following the death of six hostages held by Hamas, and looking back at Mexico's President Lopez Obrador's economic record as he prepares to leave office.

TUESDAY 03 SEPTEMBER 2024**TUE 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhyyv4l)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n24)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhyywq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfm9xv971l)

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He'll be looking back at Mexico's President Lopez Obrador's economic record as he prepares to leave office and discussing dynamic pricing and the best way to price concert tickets.

Rahul is joined by senior freelance reporter Karen Percy and Allie Garfinkle, senior finance reporter at Fortune.

TUE 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhz2mv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dgr915)

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TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23nfx7)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:32 Assignment (w3ct5mt5)

The 'ghost city' of Cyprus

The once glamorous Cypriot beach resort of Varosha has stood empty and frozen in time since war divided the island 50 years ago, but it is now partially open to tourists and there are hotly contested plans for its renewal.

Maria Margaronis speaks to Varosha's former inhabitants - mostly Greek Cypriots - who fled in 1974 when Turkish troops invaded the island and have been unable to return ever since, after Turkey fenced off the town as a bargaining chip for future peace negotiations.

Some of these Varoshians want to rebuild the resort together with the island's Turkish Cypriots - a potential model for diffusing hostilities across the whole island - and the UN says its original inhabitants must be allowed to return. But, following decades of failed peace talks, the internationally unrecognised Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, which controls Varosha, now says it intends to re-open and redevelop the entire town.

Presenter: Maria Margaronis
Producer: Simon Tulett
Series editor: Penny Murphy
Studio Manager: Gareth Jones
Production Coordinator: Gemma Ashman and Katie Morrison

Music credit: Michalis Terlikkas
(Image: Tourists among the empty buildings in the occupied ghost town of Varosha in Famagusta, Cyprus. Credit: Athanasios Gioumpasis/Getty Images)

TUE 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhz6cz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nqh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Monday]

TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yh7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhz43)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dgrjjf)

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TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23npdh)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct5t12)

Laurie Anderson

We join one of America's most daring and pioneering artists, Laurie Anderson, as she puts the finishing touches to her new album *Amelia* at Miraval Studios in southern France.

This is Laurie's first record in six years, and she tells the story of renowned female aviator Amelia Earhart's tragic last flight in 1937. Earhart's plane disappeared without trace over the Pacific as she attempted to circumnavigate the globe. The fate of Amelia and her navigator Fred Noonan became one of the most enduring mysteries of the last century.

This 22-track album has been almost 25 years in the making, and Laurie has come to Miraval Studios in southern France to

work with Emmy-winning sound engineer Damien Quintard. We take a front-row seat as they collaborate on a complex mix, which includes the Filharmonie Brno orchestra, a string trio and other solo musicians including Laurie on electric viola, vocals by Laurie herself and avant-garde singer Anohni.

Miraval was a famous recording studio in the '70s, '80s and '90s where rock bands like Pink Floyd, AC/DC, The Cure and Muse all came to record their albums. Damien was head-hunted by owner Brad Pitt to take the helm ahead of the studios reopening in 2022.

Producer: Victoria Ferran
A Just Radio production for BBC World Service

Image: Laurie Anderson (Credit: Ebru Yildiz)

TUE 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhzfw7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 05:06 Newsday (w172zkb52qqskjt)

Pope Francis embarks on Asia - Pacific tour

Pope Francis has just begun a twelve-day Asia Pacific tour that will take him to Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, East Timor and Singapore. The leader of the Catholic Church will focus on environmental threats and interfaith dialogue.

In Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has appealed for forgiveness for the failure of his government to secure the release of hostages held by Hamas. But protests are continuing from families of hostages and critics of the government.

President Putin visits Mongolia with an arrest warrant from the International Criminal Court hanging over his head.

We have the latest on efforts to get aid to those affected by Sudan's ongoing civil war.

We'll look forward to the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation which will see at least fifty African heads of state and government gather in Beijing

And we'll hear what Africa's next generation thinks of its economic future.

TUE 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhzkmc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 06:06 Newsday (w172zkb52qqsp8y)

Pope Francis lands in Indonesia

We'll take a look at Pope Francis' twelve-day Asia Pacific tour as he arrives in Indonesia.

Israel's courts may have put an end to a general strike, but protests against Benjamin Netanyahu are continuing. We'll speak to a former supporter of the prime minister.

We'll hear the latest from the US campaign trail, where Kamala Harris and Joe Biden have been in the crucial swing state of Pennsylvania.

We'll also have a BBC investigation into illegal settler activity in the West Bank and the involvement of an Israeli government funded organisation.

TUE 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhzpbc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 07:06 Newsday (w172zkb52qqst12)

Pope Francis begins Asia - Pacific tour

Pope Francis has just arrived in Indonesia at the start of a four-nation tour . The eighty-seven year old leader of the Catholic Church will be promoting a message of interfaith dialogue and warning of the threat from climate change.

Protests are continuing in Israel by people angry with the government's failure to reach a deal to bring hostages home. But the government is maintaining a tough line in negotiations.

We also have a BBC investigation into land grabs by Israel settlers in the West Bank.

And a major survey of African youth has found high levels of concern over corruption.

TUE 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhz3m)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:06 The Documentary (w3ct6x40)
The African 'Babelfish'

Africa is home to around one-third of the world's languages, but only a smattering of them are available online and in translation software. So when young Beninese computer scientist Bonaventure Dossou, who was fluent in French, experienced difficulties communicating with his mother, who spoke the local language Fon, he came up with an idea.

Bonaventure and a friend developed a French to Fon translation app, with speech recognition functionality, using an old missionary bible and volunteer questionnaires as the source data. Although rudimentary, they put the code online as open-source to be used by others. Bonaventure has since joined with other young African computer scientists and language activists called Masakane to use this code and share knowledge to increase digital accessibility for African and other lower-resourced languages. They want to be able to communicate across the African continent using translation software, with the ultimate goal being an "African Babel Fish", a simultaneous speech-to-speech translation for African languages.

James Jackson explores what role their ground-breaking software could play for societies in Africa disrupted by language barriers.

A Whistledown production for BBC World Service

Photo: A woman using a mobile phone Credit: Getty Images

TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23p5d0)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zhw)
Europe's fastest-growing tourist destination

As many countries and cities around the world rally against over tourism, we're in Albania which is investing huge sums in growing its infrastructure to welcome visitors in.

The UN ranks Albania 4th globally for tourism growth and it places top spot in the European list of countries.

Around 14 million visitors are expected in 2024 but with a tourism boom comes huge investment, construction and a changing economy, but at what cost to the environment?

We hear about plans to build a luxury resort - funded by Donald Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner - and travel to a construction site for a new airport serving the coastal resorts.

Produced and presented by Daniel Rosney

(Image: Aerial view of a crowded sand beach with umbrellas and lots of people at sunset in Ksamil, southern Albania. Credit: Getty Images)

TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ymr)
Ramesses II's 'mummy makeover'

In 1976, the 3,000-year-old mummy of Ramesses II was found to have a fungal infection.

The embalmed body of the Egyptian pharaoh was flown from Cairo to Paris for a once-in-a-deathtime makeover.

It received a royal welcome at the airport, and was guarded throughout its restoration, which took place at the Musee de l'Homme.

Anne-Marie Goden worked as a receptionist at the museum. She tells Gill Kearsley the extraordinary story of the restoration.

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: The mummy of Ramesses II being examined in Paris. Credit: Tony Comiti/Sygma via Getty Images)

TUE 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bhzhxvr)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dgs482)
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TUE 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23p944)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 09:32 Assignment (w3ct5mt5)
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TUE 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj01lw)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 10:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qjv)
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TUE 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj05c0)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dgs6rb)
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TUE 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23pjmd)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6fb7)
Why is China giving satellite TV to 10,000 African villages?

Nearly a decade ago, China promised to provide 10,000 remote villages in Africa with free digital TV access. It was a sign of warm relations between Beijing and the continent - as well as being another step in China's plan to spread its influence across the globe.

Caitriona Perry speaks with Shawn Yuan and Ankur Shah from the BBC's Global China unit about whether China really managed to expand its power in Africa by giving away free satellite TV.

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TUE 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj0934)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5p51)
'That's the stupid girl!' The scoop that almost destroyed me

In 1998 Finnish journalist Johanna Aatsalo uncovered a huge news story: a member of the much-revered Finnish cross-country ski team had taken banned substances. After six months' intense investigation, Johanna published it. Initially, she was met with high fives and pats on the back but within a few hours the backlash began. Soon, Johanna was getting death threats and because she wouldn't reveal her sources she was taken to court and found guilty of defamation. But Johanna didn't give up, instead, she started a fight that would continue for the next 14 years.

Presenter: Helena Merriman
Producer: Emilia Jansson and Andrea Kennedy

(Photo: Aatsalo Johanna; Credit Sabrina Bqain)

TUE 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5ymr)
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TUE 13:32 In the Studio (w3ct5f1d)
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TUE 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj0jld)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 14:06 Newshour (w172zb91kl1yd2c)
Extremist Israeli settlers rapidly seizing West Bank land

A BBC investigation has found that the number of illegal Israeli settler outposts in the occupied West Bank has risen rapidly in recent years.

Documents seen by the BBC also show that sanctioned settlers have been supported by an organisation funded by the Israeli government.

Also on the programme: why did Mongolian authorities fail to arrest Russian President Vladimir Putin? And Catholics in Indonesia welcome Pope Francis as he embarks on his longest tour yet.

(Photo: Moshe Sharvit was one of the extremist settlers sanctioned by the UK. Credit: BBC)

TUE 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj0mbj)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 15:06 The Documentary (w3ct6x40)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

TUE 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23q0bx)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct607g)
Why's Europe's car industry stuck in neutral?

We start in Germany, where perhaps the biggest warnings yet about the pressure on Europe's car industry have come from one of the continent's biggest firms. Volkswagen - VW - has warned it could close factories for the first time in its history as it comes under increasing financial pressure.

Also today the boss of one of the world's biggest delivery firms warns of disruption to global trade,

And, fancy an AI dating - wingman?

TUE 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj0s2n)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj68slnf50)
Israeli outposts in the West Bank

We have a report on illegal outpost settlers in Israel who are rapidly seizing land in the occupied West Bank. We hear from our reporter and from the Palestinians who are having their lands seized and challenge those who are creating the outposts.

There's been an attempted prison break in the Democratic Republic of Congo. It's Makala prison, the largest in the country, and it's led to the deaths of nearly 130 people.

A Ugandan athlete is in a critical condition in a Kenyan hospital, after allegedly being doused with petrol and set on fire by a former boyfriend. We get more information from our reporter.

We hear from two people who share what's it like to have the npox virus.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Outposts often lack defined boundaries and are illegal under Israeli law. Credit: Matthew Casel/BBC)

TUE 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj0wts)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj68slnjx4)

Russian attack on Poltava in Ukraine

We have the latest on Russia's missile attack in the central city of Poltava in Ukraine where at least 51 people have been killed and more than 200 injured.

The singer Charli XCX has posted: "Goodbye forever brat summer", putting an end to a seasonal movement that's appropriated the colour lime green, told girls it's ok to be messy and even taken ownership of a presidential candidate. We explain the trend and have gathered some reaction.

We speak to survivors of the mpox virus who discuss what it was like living with an illness people knew little about.

And we have a report on illegal outpost settlers in Israel who are rapidly seizing land in the occupied West Bank.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: A picture of the damage caused by the Russian missile strike in Poltava. Credit: Reuters)

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TUE 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj14b1)

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TUE 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dgtbqc)

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TUE 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23qhlf)

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TUE 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w8b)

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

TUE 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj1825)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:06 Assignment (w3ct5mt5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23qmbk)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wmm)

When civil war breaks out

We get a first-hand insight into how the war in Sudan has affected tech workers and companies there.

Also on Tech Life:

Old unwanted fishing nets are a real issue, for marine life and us here on dry land. One man has come up with a way of turning an environmental problem into useful 3D printed products.

And, we can see the sea. We can see the sky. But wouldn't it be great if we could see the wind as well? Well now we can!

Presenter: Graham Fraser

Producer: Tom Quinn

(Photo: Smoke plumes billow from a fire at a lumber warehouse in southern Khartoum, Sudan, amidst ongoing fighting on June 7, 2023. Credit: AFP via Getty Images)

TUE 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj1ct9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 21:06 Newshour (w172zb91kl1z798)

Ukraine says soldiers among 51 killed in Russian attack on

Poltava

President Zelensky says 2 Russian missiles struck a military training institute and a hospital in the central Ukrainian city, the worst single attack on a city this year.

Also on the programme: An attempt by inmates to break out of a high-security prison in the Democratic Republic of Congo has led to the deaths of 129 people; and the Prague street named after Sir Nicholas Winton, the British man who saved hundreds of Jewish children from the Holocaust.

(Photo: An image of a damaged building in Poltava.)

TUE 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj1hkf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 22:06 The Documentary (w3ct6x40)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

TUE 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23qvtv)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 22:32 In the Studio (w3ct5t12)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

TUE 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj1m9k)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dgttpp)

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TUE 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23qzky)

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TUE 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct609q)

Volkswagen could close down factories in Germany

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The new album 'brat' by pop star Charlie XCX has been a cultural zeitgeist this summer.

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WED 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj1r1p)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 00:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qjv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

WED 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj1vst)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfm9xvd3yp)

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WED 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dgv5y8)

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WED 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23rbtb)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 02:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5ws3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj2392)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5p51)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Tuesday]

WED 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ymr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj2716)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dgvffj)

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WED 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23r19l)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 04:32 The Six Billion Dollar Gold Scam (w3ct6r3h)

7. Blame

The hunt to discover who was behind the six billion dollar gold scam begins, and Suzanne brings new information to light on how it was perpetrated. But who was to blame and will anyone be held to account?

Please note, this episode contains difficult subject matter, including references to suicide and death.

WED 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj2bsb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 05:06 Newsday (w172zkb52qqwgfz)

Zelensky labells the perpetrators of the attack "Russian scum"

People nearby told us their windows were blown out by the force of the impact. President Volodymyr Zelensky repeated calls for more air defences.

Some European countries are trying to combat over-tourism, but Albania is pushing to increase it's visitor numbers, seeking to capitalise on new air routes.

WED 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj2gjq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 06:06 Newsday (w172zkb52qqw161)

Ukraine is once again under Russian air attack

Alarms sounded at 09:08 local time on Tuesday and everyone headed to the shelter, the defence ministry added.

The anger at the government of Benjamin Netanyahu in Israel remains strong, but the country's leader has remained defiant in his hard line approach to negotiating a deal with Hamas to free Israeli hostages.

And more alleged evidence of Chinese espionage in the US - this time a female agent.

WED 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj2l8l)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 07:06 Newsday (w172zkb52qqwpy5)

Zelensky calls for more air defences after Poltava attack

Poltava regional governor Philip Pronin called the attack a "cunning and cynical Russian strike," and later said that 15 people were still thought to be trapped under the rubble.

Further loss of life on the sea between France and the UK, a boat carrying migrants has sunk with the loss of at least 12 lives.

WED 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj2q0q)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct54j)

Rev Andrew Kordochkin: Putin and the Church

Vladimir Putin talks of restoring greatness to what he calls the Russian world: an expanse of territory which, as Ukrainians know to their cost, stretches far beyond Russia's current borders. Putin's expansionist nationalism requires military power, but it's harnessed the cultural and spiritual authority of the Russian Orthodox Church too. Stephen Sackur speaks to Andrey Kordochkin, who was a Russian Orthodox priest who spoke out against the Ukraine war and the "Putinisation" of the church. Is he swimming against an unstoppable tide?

WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23s293)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5znd)
How manifesting became big business

Dua Lipa, Ariana Grande and even Donald Trump have signed up to the manifesting philosophy - the trend in believing that dreams can come true if you envision a positive outcome.

But does it hold the secret to financial and professional success or is it a pseudoscientific fad? And what's behind the meteoric rise of this new-age practice?

From books and podcasts to thousands of creators and videos on social media, Megan Lawton traces the history, investigates the methods and explores the latest wave of this 'positive mindset phenomenon'.

Presented and produced by Megan Lawton

(Picture: Alicia Tghlian runs manifesting platform, Growth for Gurlies, from her condo in Toronto, Canada.)

WED 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yq0)
The end of the Irish marriage bar

Until 1973, married women in Ireland were banned from working in state jobs.

It was one of the longest lasting marriage bars in the world.

Rachel Naylor speaks to Bernie Flynn, who postponed her wedding and became one of the first married women in the civil service.

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(Photo: Bernie and Jimmy Flynn on their wedding day in 1973. Credit: Bernie Flynn)

WED 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj2trv)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dgv155)
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WED 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23s617)
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WED 09:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5ws3)
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WED 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj2yhz)
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WED 10:06 The Forum (w3ct5n0c)
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WED 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23sfjh)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dr5)
Viktor Orban: The man Trump calls 'a great leader'

The Hungarian prime minister has become a hero to many US conservatives. So how has Mr Orban changed Hungary throughout his 14 years in power? And why is he such an appealing figure to right-wing politicians around the world?

In this episode, Sumi Somaskanda speaks to the BBC's Central Europe correspondent Nick Thorpe, who has been covering Mr Orban's career since the 1980s.

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WED 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj3607)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5ept)
The US's first black astronaut trainee reaches space at 90

In May 2024, 90-year-old Ed Dwight Jr. from Kansas City, Missouri travelled to the edge of space – he was an honoured guest in the Blue Origin rocket. His trip was 60 years overdue. Ed had been chosen by President John F Kennedy to be the first African-American astronaut at a time when racism was rife and segregation a reality. But JFK's plans for Ed were scuppered – and Ed had to pick himself up and build a whole new career.

Please be aware that this episode contains outdated racial language that may offend.

Presenter: Jo Fiden

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(Photo: Ed Dwight (left) emerging from the Blue Origin rocket; Image credit: Blue Origin)

WED 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5yq0)
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WED 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj39rc)
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WED 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dgvj4p)
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WED 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23sp0r)
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WED 13:32 The Six Billion Dollar Gold Scam (w3ct6r3h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

WED 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj3fhh)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 14:06 Newshour (w172zb91kl218zg)
Grenfell Fire: All 72 deaths were avoidable, inquiry finds

The report into one of Britain's worst ever residential fires at Grenfell Tower in 2017, says 72 people died unnecessarily in the cladding-fuelled blaze. It blamed dishonest companies and indifferent authorities. Also on the programme, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been under considerable pressure this week to agree to a ceasefire with Hamas.

following the killing of six hostages in Gaza at the weekend – we hear from Ron Dermer, Minister of Strategic Affairs and member of Israel's war cabinet; and, how botanical gardens and eBay are teaming up to combat plant smuggling.

(Photo: Smoke billows from a fire that has engulfed the 24-storey Grenfell Tower in west London. 14/07/2017. Victoria Jones/PA Wire)

WED 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj3k7m)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t4j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

WED 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23sxj0)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct60cz)
Nvidia: is the AI boom over?

Shares are down... with the tech giant Nvidia slumping almost 10%... is that because of fears about the US economy... or does it reveal wider concerns about artificial intelligence?

And fifty African leaders are in Beijing, looking for investment and tourism in exchange for access to minerals. We speak to DRC's minister of communications about what delegates may be looking for from China.

And the German town worrying what will happen if VW closes the car plant their town depends on.

WED 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj3nzt)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj68slrb23)
Global markets fall

We explain why the shares across the world have fallen and why Nvidia has suffered a record loss.

Ukraine has again been hit by widespread and deadly Russian strikes, a day after dozens of people were killed in an attack on a military institute. This comes amid a wide-ranging reshuffle of the Ukrainian cabinet. We speak to our correspondent from BBC Ukrainian about today's developments.

With Mpox recently declared a global health emergency by the WHO, we hear from three doctors - Dr Dimie Ogoina an infectious diseases specialist in Nigeria, Dr Agnese Comelli, a doctor in the Central African Region for MSF Belgium, and Yve Katala, a Medical Referent Epidemiologist in North DRC - about their challenges treating the disease.

Mexico's lower house of Congress has approved contentious judicial reforms that would see thousands of judges and magistrates elected by popular vote. Our reporter explains.

A Spanish craze encouraging single people to seek partners in supermarkets by using a fruit-based code has caused some chaotic scenes. We speak to a relationship coach based in Barcelona and to a journalist who went to Spain to try and see if she could find a date in a supermarket.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Nikkei Stock Average plunges by 4 percent, Tokyo, Japan - 04 Sep 2024. Credit: FRANCK ROBICHON/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

WED 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj3sqw)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj68slrft7)
Damning report into London tower fire

There have been calls for government action over building safety in Britain, after an inquiry found that all 72 deaths in the Grenfell Tower fire were avoidable. We have the details of the final report and hear from family members of those who were killed.

President Zelensky of Ukraine has once again called on allies to provide more air defence systems after seven people were killed by Russia's latest overnight barrage in the western city of Lviv. We hear from residents in Lviv.

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chaotic scenes. We speak to a relationship coach based in Barcelona and to a journalist who went to Spain to try to find a date in a supermarket.

As China hosts a summit for African leaders, we find out what is on agenda.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Grenfell Tower in west London. Credit: Lucy North/PA Wire)

WED 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj3xh0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5pct)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

WED 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5yq0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

WED 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj4174)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dgy7mg)

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WED 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23tdhj)

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WED 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5wbl)

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

WED 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj44z8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 20:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5ws3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23tj7n)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct591)

The race to distribute Mpox vaccines

Mpox vaccines are finally arriving on the African continent, but are they getting to the places that need them most? We look at what the situation is, and why it can take so long for vaccines to get where they are needed.

Also on the show, can you catch up on missed weekday sleep on the weekends, and the test that shows promise for new snakebite treatments.

WED 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj48qd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 21:06 Newshour (w172zb91k12246c)

Deadly shooting at US high school

A gunman opened fire at Apalachee High School in the state of Georgia, and the authorities say one person has been arrested. US President Joe Biden says he is "mourning the deaths of those whose lives were cut short due to more senseless gun violence."

Also on the programme: Seven people have been killed in Ukraine's western city of Lviv during a fresh wave of Russian strikes. We speak to the city's mayor, Andriy Sadoviy, about the scale of the attack. And, a Japanese island has finally eradicated rabbit-killing mongooses after almost 25 years.

(Picture: People leave the scene of the shooting at Apalachee High School in Georgia, on 4 September 2024. Credit: ERIK S LESSER/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

WED 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj4dgy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 22:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t4j)

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WED 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23trqx)

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WED 22:32 The Six Billion Dollar Gold Scam (w3ct6r3h)

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WED 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23twh1)

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WED 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct60g7)

President Biden could block Nippon Steel acquisition of US steel

Reports in the financial press on Thursday suggest President Joe Biden is set to block Nippon Steel's acquisition of US Steel

Britain's prime minister, Keir Starmer, has apologised on behalf of the state to families affected by the Grenfell Tower fire. We hear from a resident of an apartment complex in Valencia where a fire broke out and spread earlier this year due to flammable cladding

And there are long queues at fuel stations across Nigeria after a hike in fuel prices by the state-owned oil company exacerbated a chronic shortage.

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THU 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj4mys)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 00:06 The Forum (w3ct5n0c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

THU 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj4rpx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfm9xvh0vs)

President Biden could block Nippon Steel acquisition of US steel

Reports in the financial press on Thursday suggest President Joe Biden is set to block Nippon Steel's acquisition of US Steel Bangladesh's Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina fled the country a month ago in response to mass protests over corruption and the alleged killing of political opponents. The BBC's Nikhil Inamdar has been looking at the challenges facing its economy And China's President Xi Jinping hosted a lavish banquet on Wednesday in Beijing for more than two dozen African leaders, kicking off the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation

THU 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj4wgl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dgy2vc)

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THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23v7qf)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 02:32 The Documentary (w3ct72fx)

Global Dancefloor: Tbilisi

In Georgia's capital Tbilisi, the underground music scene is fighting against a clampdown on freedom of expression and civil society groups, amidst the country's worsening political crisis. Frank McWeeny meets the community behind Bassiani club.

THU 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj5065)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5pct)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Wednesday]

THU 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yq0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj53y9)

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THU 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dgybbm)

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THU 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23vh6p)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xn7)

Don't call me an influencer!

Social media is awash with videos of people trying out new recipes at home and exploring the best hidden foodie gems in cities around the world.

The stream of content seems endless – so how do the people making these videos keep up?

Ruth Alexander speaks to three people in the UK, USA and Vietnam about having six meals before 10am, the relentless pressure to keep up with viral trends, and what they cook for themselves when the camera is off.

Tod Inskip, Lylla Nha Vy and Jackie Gebel share the highs and lows of being a "content creator" and why they don't like the term influencer.

Presenter: Ruth Alexander

Producers: Hannah Bewley and Elisabeth Mahy

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

(Image: Lylla Nha Vy, Tod Inskip and Jackie Gebel. Credit: Composite BBC)

THU 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj57pf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 05:06 Newsday (w172zkb52qqzcc0)

A state of emergency is extended to all of Haiti

Protesters stormed and vandalised a power plant ahead of a visit by the US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken. He's expected to meet the Prime Minister, Garry Conille.

We meet the man trying to get arrest warrants for the leaders of both Israel and Hamas - International Criminal Court chief prosecutor Karim Khan.

THU 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj5cfx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 06:06 Newsday (w172zkb52qqzh34)

Haiti hit by power cuts after gangs attacks

US Secretary of State is expected to meet the Prime Minister, Garry Conille who've been trying to restore order since the new government was formed three months ago.

A month after Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina fled the country following mass protests - we take a look at what - if anything has changed, when it comes to the economy and the vital garment industry.

THU 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj5h5p)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 07:06 Newsday (w172zkb52qqzlv8)

China's President Xi Jinping promises billions of dollars to Africa

More than fifty African leaders are attending the forum. Mr Xi said China was ready to deepen co-operation with Africa in infrastructure, energy and trade.

A state of emergency is extended to all of Haiti - as fears grow that gangs will overrun the Caribbean Island.

THU 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj5lxt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xhq)

Are Africa's leaders too old to govern the young?

Africa is home to 54 countries and it has the youngest population in world, but the majority of the continent's leaders are elderly, many in their seventies upwards, like the president of Cameroon, Paul Biya who is in his early nineties.

Increasingly, the younger generations are publicly demanding change, but those presidents who have occupied the same role for decades, with no sign of stepping down, are not seen as representative of what these young people want.

Some countries in Africa, like Senegal, have already bucked the trend. In April this year, they appointed Africa's youngest democratically elected president, Bassirou Diomaye Faye, who is in his early forties.

And a number of African countries have already eased barriers for young adults entering politics. But whilst it doesn't mean necessarily that younger leaders will always be better, the expectation is they will engage meaningfully with the high percentages of young people in their countries on issues that will shape their futures.

So this week on The Inquiry, we're asking 'Are Africa's leaders too old to govern the young?'

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THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23vz66)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zcc)

What's next for Bangladesh's economy?

After protests and political turmoil, we look at the challenges facing the new interim government.

We'll hear from the biggest suppliers to global fast fashion brands and talk to students about their hopes and anxieties.

Plus we have an exclusive interview with the country's new central bank governor.

Presenter: Nikhil Inamdar

Producer: Jalson Akkanath Chummar

(Image: A garment worker at a sewing machine in Bangladesh)

THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ykh)

Apollo 13

On 13 April 1970, a Moon mission almost ended in tragedy, after an explosion on board the spaceship.

Fred Haise was one of the Apollo 13 astronauts.

In 2010, he spoke to Richard Howells about how they managed to get back to Earth against the odds.

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(Photo: Three of the crew members of Apollo 13, from left: Fred Haise, Jim Lovell and Ken Mattingly. Credit: Bettmann via Getty Images)

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THU 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dgyy28)

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THU 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23w2yb)

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THU 09:32 The Documentary (w3ct72fx)

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THU 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj5vf2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 10:06 The Explanation (w3ct6pm0)

The Media Show: Why Korean TV rules the world

From Squid Game to The Masked Singer, some of the most popular TV formats of recent years have come from South Korea. InSoon Kim, a Korean TV producer, and journalists Lucas Shaw and Regina Kim, discuss why.

Also on the show, Catherine Philp, World Affairs Editor at The Times, explains how she went inside the Kursk region of Russia with Ukrainian forces. Francis Scarr from BBC Monitoring, tells us how the offensive is being reported on Russian state media.

Presenters: Katie Razzall and Ros Atkins

Producer: Simon Richardson

Assistant Producer: Lucy Wai

THU 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23w6pg)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 10:32 The Documentary (w3ct78dg)

West Bank: settlers, guns and sanctions

For more than six months, a BBC Eye team has been investigating extremist settlers establishing a new type of illegal settlement known as a "herding outpost".

Some have been sanctioned by the UK and US governments for forcing Palestinians from their homes as part of a "campaign of violence and intimidation".

In this documentary we tell the story of the Palestinian communities living on the frontline of their outposts.

We expose how some of these herding outposts are being supported by two powerful organisations in Israel, one which describes itself as "an arm of the Israeli state".

Image credit: BBC Eye

THU 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj5z56)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dgyz5kj)

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

THU 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23wbf1)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dtf)

Investigating illegal settlements in the West Bank

BBC analysis has identified almost 200 settler outposts in the West Bank, which are illegal under both international and Israeli law. Experts say these outposts are able to seize large swathes of land more rapidly than settlements, and are increasingly linked to violence and harassment towards

Palestinian communities. And the BBC World Service has seen documents showing that organisations with close ties to the Israeli government have provided money and land used to establish them.

On today's episode, Sumi Somaskanda is joined by Matthew Cassel, who shot and directed the new film 'Settlements Above the Law' from BBC Eye Investigations. He talks about the Palestinians he met who have been forced from their homes, and the settlers they say are responsible. He also discusses calls for the international community to target powerful organisations inside Israel, as critics question the impact of sanctions against individual settlers.

You can see the full investigation here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fxLLDYkX719A>

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Producers: Laurie Kalus and Tom Kavanagh.

Sound Engineers: Hannah Montgomery, Mike Regaard, and Phil Bull.

Assistant Editor: Sergi Forcada Freixas.

Senior News Editor: Richard Fenton-Smith.

THU 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj62xb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5ny8)

The Norwegian fisherman and the 'Russian spy whale'

In September 2024 a beluga whale suspected of having been trained as a spy by Russia was found dead off the coast of Norway. It was the sad conclusion to a story Outlook first broadcast in 2021.

In 2019, Norwegian fisherman Joar Hesten was fishing for cod in the Arctic when he came across the white whale wearing a harness. He freed the mysterious beluga from the straps, and then saw the harness was labelled 'Equipment St Petersburg'. Theories started swirling that this whale had escaped the Russian military, which has a history of training marine mammals. Joar embarked on a mission to relocate the whale, called Hvaldimir, to an area with other belugas in the hope that it could integrate into a pod and live in the wild.

The quest has cost Joar emotionally and financially. And, as Joar had previously worked as a whaler for a short time, he says his relationship with Hvaldimir has made him question the practice.

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(Photo: Joar with Hvaldimir. Credit: Aleksander Nordahl, DN/D2)

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THU 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dgyz1s)

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THU 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23wkxv)

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THU 13:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xn7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

THU 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj6bdl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 14:06 Newshour (w172zb91kl245wk)

Haiti: What help can the US offer?

The Haitian authorities have expanded a state of emergency to the whole country as the government battles violent gangs that have taken control of large parts of the capital - and are attempting to move into other regions. We hear what life is like for people living through the insecurity.

Also on the programme: President Macron of France has announced former EU Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier as his choice for Prime Minister, but will a divided parliament support him?; and can a 'green prescription' to get outside in nature be as effective as therapy?

(Photo: A Kenyan police officer leaves a building during a joint operation with Haitian police, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Credit: REUTERS/Jean Feguens Regala)

THU 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj6g4q)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 15:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xhq)

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THU 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23wtf3)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct602y)

China offers Africa \$51 billion

President Xi has offered \$51 billion of Chinese finance for Africa and says it will create a million jobs... there are plenty of warm words about it but we'll examine who's getting the best deal.

Andrew Peach talks to a Swedish government minister about why they're abolishing a tax on air travel despite environmental concerns.

And why President Putin wants Russian cargo to make more use of a sea route which used to be blocked by ice before global warming.

THU 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj6kvw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj68slv6z6)

Olympian Rebecca Cheptegei dies

The Ugandan Olympic athlete, Rebecca Cheptegei, has died four days after allegedly being doused with petrol and set on fire by her former boyfriend. We hear from other athletes and fans, and we speak to our reporter about gender-based violence in Kenya.

There's been a furious debate on social media after Kenyan influencer Elsa Majimbo questioned the practice of sending money to family members back home. We have three people discussing why they are sending money to family members.

We find out why there has been a backlash against the Minecraft movie after the first trailer was released.

We have the latest on the Paralympics in Paris.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Uganda's Rebecca Cheptegei in action during the women's marathon final. Credit: Dylan Martinez/Reuters)

THU 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj6pmz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj68slvbq)

Haiti expands state of emergency

The government in Haiti battles violent gangs that have taken control of large parts of the capital and are attempting to move into other regions. It comes as the US Secretary of State Antony Blinken prepares to visit the Caribbean nation today. We speak to a journalist covering the developments in Haiti and hear from a resident in the capital.

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Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Kenyan police forces check one of their armoured personnel carriers after it broke down while patrolling a neighbourhood, a day before the arrival of U.S. Secretary of

State Antony Blinken, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti September 4, 2024. Credit: Ralph Tedy Erol/Reuters)

THU 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj6td3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5ny8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

THU 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5ykh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

THU 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj6y47)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dh04jk)

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THU 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23x9dm)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w62)

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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 (w172zgf83bj71wc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 20:06 The Documentary (w3ct72fx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23xf4r)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 20:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vd7)

Concerning viruses found in fur farmed animals

A Chinese survey of diseased animals farmed for their fur – such as mink, foxes and raccoon dogs - has revealed high levels of concerning viruses, including coronaviruses and flu viruses, many of which appear to jump easily from species to species. John Pettersson of Uppsala University discusses the threat to us humans.

We learnt early on in the Covid-19 pandemic how important the genetic details of the virus were in tracking the spread and spotting new variants. The vaccines were designed from gene sequences shared electronically long before any biological samples became available. Virologist Emma Hodcroft has teamed up with researchers around the world to develop a new virus database, Pathoplexus, to speed up the sharing of gene sequences.

Mpox outbreaks are causing concerns in Central and West Africa - particularly in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. A smallpox vaccine has started arriving, giving some protection against mpox. But there's good news this week in an experimental vaccine developed especially for mpox by Moderna – one of the companies that brought us the mRNA vaccines against COVID-19. Galit Alter, vice president of immunology research at Moderna, tells us animal tests show that it appears to be highly effective.

And we discuss embryonic eavesdropping with Francisco Ruiz-Raya of Glasgow University. In the yellow-legged-gull, baby bird embryos that have chattier parents tend to come out chattier themselves – and likely receive better care because of their enhanced communication.

Presenter: Roland Pease
Producer: Jonathan Blackwell
Production Coordinator: Andrew Rhys Lewis

(Image: Mink farm. Production of elite fur. Animal in a cage, in the hands of a man. Credit: Neznam via Getty Images)

THU 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj75mh)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 21:06 Newshour (w172zb91k2513g)

Calls for action in East Africa over misogynistic hate crimes

The family of the Ugandan athlete, Rebecca Cheptegei, has

accused Kenyan police of failing to respond to warnings that her life was in danger. The Ugandan marathon runner was doused with petrol and set on fire at her home in western Kenya - allegedly by her former boyfriend.

Also in the programme: France goes from its youngest to its oldest prime minister, he's former EU Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier, but can he corral a divided parliament? And the US Secretary of State, Anthony Blinken, is in Haiti to urge a timetable for new elections.

(Photo: Uganda's Rebecca Cheptegei in action during the women's marathon final August 2023. Credit: Reuters/Dylan Martinez)

THU 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj79cm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 22:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xhq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

THU 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23xnn0)

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THU 22:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xn7)

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THU 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj7f3r)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dh0mj2)

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THU 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23xsd4)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct6056)

US Secretary of State visits Haiti to discuss democratic transition

The country is under a state of emergency as gangs try to expand their control over the capital, and other regions. We get the latest.

As Elon Musk's X is banned in Brazil, rival BlueSky gains ground in the South American nation. We talk to its CEO, Jay Graber.

And we get an insight on how airplane seats are made.

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FRI 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj7jvw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:06 The Explanation (w3ct6pm0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23xxd8)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:32 Happy News (w3ct5spy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:32 on Sunday]

FRI 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj7nm0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfm9xvkrw)

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As Elon Musk's X is banned in Brazil, rival BlueSky gains ground in the South American nation. We talk to its CEO, Jay Graber.

Four years after being left paralysed by the Covid-19 pandemic, has the cruise ship industry fully recovered? We find out.

And we get an insight on how airplane seats are made.

Roger Hearing discusses these and more business stories with two guests on opposite sides of the world: Emily Peck, markets correspondent for Axios, in New York, and James Mayger, Bloomberg's senior reporter, in Beijing.

FRI 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj7c4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dh0zrg)

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FRI 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23y4mj)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wmm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Tuesday]

FRI 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj7x38)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5ny8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Thursday]

FRI 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ykh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj80vd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dh177q)

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FRI 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23yd3s)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tfk)

Synagogue for sale

Dr Aleksandra Janus is a Polish Cultural Anthropologist with a Jewish background from Warsaw, Poland. Living in the capital flattened by Nazi bombs and then recreated by Communism, her multilayered identity has always conjured mixed feelings about former Jewish memory and cultural spaces. As President of the organisation, Zapomniane Foundation (which means forgotten in English), one of her jobs is to trace mass graves in forests, cityscapes and death camps across the country in cooperation with local villagers, WWII survivors and non-invasive scanning technologies.

Alerted by her friend Karolina Jakoweiko, she's come across an interesting proposition – an historic synagogue in the area of Poland that belonged to Germany before WWII. Once owned by a thriving Jewish community who were exterminated by the Nazis, now decades later the synagogue is in the hands of a private owner and Jewish people no longer live in the village.

Synagogues in Germany were at first destroyed by the Nazis but not this synagogue – it miraculously survived. So, she's trying to grapple with the idea - does she buy a synagogue back to revive it or leave it where it belongs - in the past.

The BBC's Amie Liebowitz travels across Poland to explore the daily life of Aleksandra and her quest to both bury the dead and re-sanctify spaces. Driving through cities, forests and villages in between, Amie and Aleksandra alongside her colleagues unpacks what this purchase could look like and what post-Jewish, post-German spaces represent in modern Poland.

Presenter/ Reporter: Amie Liebowitz

Producer: Rajeev Gupta

Editor: Chloe Walker

Production Coordinator: Mica Nepomuceno

FRI 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj84lj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 05:06 Newsday (w172zbk52qr2883)

Tributes pour in for the Ugandan runner who died after being set on fire

According to UN data, in 2022, there were an estimated 20 thousand victims of female-related killings in Africa. That's the highest rate in the world.

The US Secretary of State is in Haiti trying to support the government to reign in gang violence and address the humanitarian crisis. He spoke of new elections.

FRI 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj88bn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 06:06 Newsday (w172zbk52qr2d07)

Remembering Rebecca Cheptegei who died after being set on fire

Rebecca's death has raised concerns about violence against women and girls in sport. Earlier this year, the UN reported 21% of professional female athletes experienced childhood sexual abuse in sport, nearly double the rate for male athletes.

France has a new Prime Minister - two months after a surprise snap election called by President Macron - saw no outright winner. But questions are already being raised as to how long the new PM will last in office - in the midst of the country's political turmoil.

FRI 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj8d2s)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 07:06 Newsday (w172zbk52qr2hrc)

At least 17 pupils killed in Kenya school fire

The cause of the fire at Hillside Enderasha Primary in Kenya is being investigated as a team of investigators are deployed to the primary school.

Rebecca Cheptegei's family demand justice as tributes pour in for the - Olympic Ugandan runner, who died after being set on fire.

FRI 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj8htx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5svh)

Fawzia Koofi: Women's rights in Afghanistan

Stephen Sackur speaks to the former deputy speaker of the Afghan parliament Fawzia Koofi. She was forced to flee into exile when the Taliban returned to power in 2021. Women and girls in Afghanistan have since seen their rights eliminated. How should the world respond to what the UN calls 'gender apartheid'?

Photo: Fawzia Koofi receiving the Casa Asia Award in Barcelona, 2021 Credit: Getty Images

FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23yw39)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z2b)

Business Daily meets: Whoop founder Will Ahmed

They're the 300 dollar subscription fitness bands being worn by a host of celebrity-backers in 2024. But who is the business leader behind the billion-dollar Whoop brand?

The son of an Egyptian migrant to the US, Will Ahmed was always interested in sports. During his college years he started to notice the dangers of doing too much sports training. He describes this as a 'rabbit hole' as he began researching sleep and recovery patterns in professional athletes.

This led him to create a fitness tracker company that is a 3.4 billion dollar venture today, attracting famous athlete-investors like Michael Phelps and Cristiano Ronaldo and taking on established names in fitness tech like Apple, Google, Garmin and Fitbit.

We hear how he did it, and what challenges he's faced along the way.

(Picture: Will Ahmed in his office, wearing a Whoop device)

Presented and produced by Devina Gupta

FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ydz)

Giant Gonzalez: from NBA star to WWE wrestler

In 1988, Jorge Gonzalez was a basketball star in Argentina and became the first athlete from this country drafted by an NBA team, the Atlanta Hawks. He was over 2.5m tall due to gigantism, which led to big day-to-day challenges like finding shoes his size. But it also gave him great opportunities.

The Atlanta Hawks' never put Jorge on the court because he was too heavy to play. But the owner of the team, Ted Turner, proposed an alternative for Jorge, to wrestle for World Championship Wrestling, a predecessor of WWE.

Julio Lamas was one of Jorge's coach in Argentina, and Bill Alfonso was a wrestling referee and Jorge's assistant. They tell Stefania Gozzer about Jorge's rise in both sports and the difficulties he faced.

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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: Jorge Gonzalez visiting the Atlanta Hawks. Credit: AP photo/Neil Brake)

FRI 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj8ml1)

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FRI 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dh1tzc)

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FRI 09:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vd7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Thursday]

FRI 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj8rb5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q28)

Thrillseekers

Here on Unexpected Elements, we've been glued to the drama of the Paralympic games in Paris. But it's not just the thrill of the competition that's got us hooked, we've also become obsessed with some of the high-octane training regimes undertaken by the athletes.

Take American 'Armless Archer' Matt Stutzman, who shoots arrows through the windows of his own house and car to recreate the high pressure of the Olympic stadium. He's chasing a thrill, and so are we!

We hear about the research on one extraordinary woman who had a medical condition which caused her to have no fear.

And we follow the fate of an extraordinary marine creature, who detaches his own arm in his quest for a mate.

We hear about why humans love to be scared - as long as it's all in good fun.

And we hear about the space debris falling to earth, and the thrilling quest of a plane full of scientists who want to watch it fall.

That and loads more unexpected elements in this week's show.

Presenter: Marnie Chesterton, with Tristan Ahtone and Affelia Wibisono

Producer: Emily Knight, with Harrison Lewis, Dan Welsh and Noa Dowling

Sound engineer: Gwynfor Jones

FRI 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj8w29)

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FRI 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dh22gm)

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FRI 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23z7bp)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dwp)

Will Netanyahu change course?

Israel has been rocked by huge protests after six hostages being held in Gaza were shot and killed last weekend. Fury at the Netanyahu government's handling of negotiations with Hamas has prompted a wave of public indignation which has spilled into the streets. We examine whether or not the demonstrations and rising international pressure over the number of Palestinians being killed in Gaza, will force Benjamin Netanyahu's government to change its position.

On today's episode, host Katya Adler is joined by the BBC's International Editor Jeremy Bowen, who has been reporting from the Middle East for decades.

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FRI 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj8ztf)

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FRI 12:06 Outlook (w3ct6996)

A ride to space, a marathon swim and piano for elephants

In the 1960s, JFK handpicked Ed Dwight Junior to be the first African American astronaut. But things didn't work out as planned and it was only this year, at the age of 90, that Ed finally travelled to the edge of space.

When Diana Nyad has a goal she's laser focused. Since childhood, that goal had been swimming from Cuba to Florida. A treacherous journey that could take up to 60 hours. It took five attempts and 30 years but she finally succeeded, wobbling unsteadily up the beach after nearly 53 hours in the water to tell a cheering crowd, "never, ever give up... you are never too old to chase your dreams."

Johanna Aatsalo was a journalist in Finland with a scoop that would change her life. Just not in the way she thought. When she broke her story about an Olympic cross-country skier taking banned substances she lost almost everything. Then her fight back began.

Pianist Paul Barton had an unusual 50th birthday wish: to play classical music for retired elephants at a sanctuary in Thailand. More than a decade on, he's acquired millions of followers for his videos and made lasting friendships with the elephants.

Presenter: India Rakusen

Producer: Andrea Kennedy

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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty Images)

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The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 14:06 Newshour (w172zb91kl272sn)

DRC receives first batch of 100,000 doses of mpox vaccine

The Democratic Republic of Congo rolls out its mpox vaccine programme with 100,000 doses sent by the EU - but what logistical challenges do the medical teams face on the ground?

Also on the programme: the UN says both sides in Sudan's civil conflict have committed atrocities that may constitute war crimes; and why China decided to abandon its foreign adoption programme.

(Photo: A mum in the Democratic Republic of Congo applies medication on the skin of her child who is under treatment for mpox. Credit: Reuters)

FRI 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj9c1t)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5svh)

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FRI 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k23zqb6)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zxx)

US job growth slightly slower than predicted

We'll be looking at the US economy following the release of closely watched jobs data.

And, it's over 200 years old but it's on the brink of collapse: South Africa's postal office is looking to the government for a bail out. We speak to the man tasked with saving the institution.

Plus, what does a Banksy artwork do to your house price? Our reporter speaks to home and business owners.

FRI 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj9gsy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj68sl3w9)

Deadly school fire in Kenya

Officials in Kenya say at least 17 children have died after a school in the central county of Nyeri caught fire on Thursday night. We hear from eyewitnesses and a reporter on the scene. There are still 70 children unaccounted.

Israeli soldiers are reported to have shot and killed an American woman who was protesting in the occupied West Bank against the expansion of Jewish settlements. Our regional editor gives more details.

China says it's ending overseas adoptions, a practise that's seen more than 150,000 children sent abroad in the last three decades. We speak to our reporter and hear from people affected by the decision.

We get reaction from the fans of Linkin Park after the US rock band announced a new singer.

We speak to our disability correspondent about the Paralympics in Paris.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: People gather outside the Hillside Enderasha Academy, following a fatal fire that killed and injured several pupils, in Kiini, Nyeri County, Kenya, September 6, 2024. Credit: Monicah Mwangi/Reuters)

FRI 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj9lk2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj68sl7mf)

Atlanta rapper Rich Homie Quan dies

Tributes have poured in for US rapper Rich Homie Quan, after his death was confirmed by authorities on Thursday. We speak to a journalist in Atlanta and hear from fans.

The US teenager suspected of killing two classmates and two teachers in a gun attack at his high school in the US State of Georgia has been charged with four counts of first-degree murder and will be tried as an adult. His father Colin Gray has been charged with involuntary manslaughter, second-degree murder and cruelty to children.

At least 70 children are still unaccounted for after a deadly fire at a school in the central Kenya. We speak to our reporter on

the scene.

The East African athletics community is still trying to come to terms with the killing of Ugandan Olympian and long-distance runner Rebecca Cheptegei. We speak to our sport reporter who has been speaking to Rebecca Cheptegei's fellow athletes.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Rich Homie Quan performing in Atlanta, Georgia in April 2023 Credit: Getty Images)

FRI 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj9q96)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 18:06 Outlook (w3ct6996)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

FRI 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5ydz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

FRI 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bj9v1b)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dh31fn)

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

FRI 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k24069q)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w1k)

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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 (w172zgf83bj9ysg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rc1)

What's it like to have mpox?

Mpox causes a headache, fever and a blistering rash all over the body. There have been more than 1,200 cases in parts of Central and West Africa since the start of this year. The milder version is now circulating in other parts of the world but the much stronger, possibly deadlier strain, called Clade 1b is also on the rise. A few weeks ago, the World Health Organisation announced that mpox constituted a public health emergency of international concern after an upsurge of cases in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and other countries in Africa.

Host Luke Jones brings together survivors from the UK and Nigeria to share their experiences. "I thought that I was dying," said Harun in London. "Nobody knew what it was and I was getting worse every day. I remember looking at a bottle of water and I started crying because I wasn't able to drink."

We also hear from three doctors about some of the challenges they face - from a mistrust in medical professionals, to a belief that mpox is not caused by a virus and so doesn't require hospital treatment.

"An elderly man started developing symptoms but felt his symptoms were not due to any pathogen but due to a spiritual attack," said Dr Dimie Ogoina, from the Niger Delta Teaching hospital.

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(Photo: Elisabeth Furaha applies medication on the skin of her child Sagesse Hakizimana who is under treatment for Mpox, near Goma in North Kivu province of the Democratic Republic of Congo August 19, 2024. Credit: Arlette Bashizi/File Photo/Reuters)

FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k240b1v)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rhh)

What is the voice inside my head?

Many of us experience an inner voice: we silently talk to ourselves as we go about our daily lives. CrowdScience listener Fredrick has been wondering about the science behind this interior dialogue.

We hear from psychologists researching our inner voice and discover that it's something that begins in early childhood. Presenter Caroline Steel meets Russell Hurlburt, a pioneering scientist who devised a method of researching this - and volunteers to monitor her own inner speech to figure out what's going on in her mind.

She discovers that speech is just part of what's going on in our heads, much of our inner world in fact doesn't involve language at all but includes images, sensations and feelings.

Caroline talks to psychologist Charles Fernyhough, who explains one theory for how we develop an interior dialogue as young children: first speaking out loud to ourselves and then learning to keep that conversation going silently. No one really knows how this evolved, but keeping our thoughts quiet may have been a way of staying safe from predators and enemies.

Using MRI scanning, Charles and Russell have peered inside people's brains to understand this interior voice and found something surprising: inner dialogue appears to have more in common with listening than with speaking.

Caroline also has an encounter with a robot that has been programmed to dialogue with itself. Which leads us to some deep questions: is our inner voice part of what makes us human, and if so, what are the consequences of robots developing this ability? Scientist Arianna Pipitone describes it as a step towards artificial consciousness.

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Professor Russell Hurlburt, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA

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(Image: Mixed Race boy looking up Credit: Jose Luis Pelaez Inc via Getty Images)

FRI 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bjb2jl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 21:06 Newshour (w172zb91kl27y0k)

Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

FRI 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bjb68q)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 22:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5svh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

FRI 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k240kk3)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 22:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tfk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

FRI 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf83bjb0v)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqg0dh3jf5)

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FRI 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg2k240p97)

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FRI 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zw5)

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