

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2024**SAT 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp375f5)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 00:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q2f)

The world's longest treasure hunt

After 31 years, a mammoth treasure hunt consisting of solving eleven cryptic clues has finally concluded. A replica of the final prize – a golden owl – was dug up in France, leaving fellow treasure hunters both disappointed and relieved.

Inspired by this pursuit, the Unexpected Elements team unearth some of science's hidden gems. From the potential resurrection of ancient healing tree balm to the world's rarest stone, and even how cats could help solve crimes. The team are also joined by astrobiologist Nathalie Cabrol to speak about the potential treasures hiding on another moon in our solar system. Along the way, our panel have their own clues to crack as they take on a mini hunt of their own to find the location of a scientific golden nugget.

Plus, we solve the mystery of a moth which ended up 4000 miles from home, hear what our brains see when we can't and talk about returning treasures to where they came from.

Presenter: Marnie Chesterton

Panel: Chhavi Sachdev + Tristan Ahtone

Producer: Julia Ravey

Production team: Harrison Lewis, Jonathan Blackwell + Tom Taylor

Studio Engineer: Gavin Wong

SAT 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp379k9)

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SAT 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbf9xp48fkkq5)

Boeing cuts 17,000 jobs

Boeing cuts 17,000 jobs, scaling back 10% of its workforce. Roger Hearing finds out what this means for the embattled aviation maker.

Elsewhere, in China, all eyes are on the new government stimulus package aimed at boosting the slowing economy.

We also dig into the U.S election, and whether Florida can afford a large scale rebuilding program after hurricane Milton

And finally, the Authors Guild is working on a new certification for books to distinguish work authored by humans from that produced by AI...

SAT 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp37f9f)

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SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqhtr20mpr)

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SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4cdpxskt)

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SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct5wh8)

Will Bangladesh reap rewards despite not hosting ICC Women's T20 World Cup?

Alison Mitchell is alongside Charu Sharma and Jim Maxwell to discuss the effects on women's cricket in Bangladesh, with the country not hosting the Women's ICC T20 World Cup. Bangladesh cricket writer Tawhid Qureshi gives his thoughts on how the domestic game in Bangladesh would have benefited from the spotlight that hosting a World Cup brings, and how Bangladeshi players need more pathways to the professional game.

Ali, Jim & Charu reflect on Joe Root becoming England's men's leading run-scorer in Tests and on his compatriot Harry Brook scoring a triple century in the first Test in Multan against Pakistan.

Plus, they find out more about cricket's inventors and innovators by talking to Stuart Robertson – the inventor of T20 cricket.

SAT 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp37k1k)

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SAT 03:06 Outlook (w3ct699c)

Outlook Mixtape: On stage and pitch – theatres of change

Californian Lisa Wrightsman was on track to play soccer at the highest level, but her dreams were crushed when her league collapsed. Struggling to cope with this dramatic shift, Lisa became addicted to drugs and gave up playing. That was until she met a rag-tag team, who weren't particularly skilled, but re-ignited her love of the game.

Tiago Rech was the only Santa Cruz FC fan at a big away game for his team in 2012. When they scored, his timid, lone celebration in the stands was caught by TV cameras and went viral. All this attention earned him a role with the club, where full of ideas and enthusiasm, he made his way to the very top – to becoming club president. But there would be a sting in this fairy tale.

Before he was sentenced to 25 years in Sing Sing maximum security prison, John 'Divine G' Whitfield dreamt of becoming a professional dancer and attended a prestigious performing arts school. Inside, Divine G and some other inmates decided to put on plays and created a small theatre group. Seeing a performance stopped another prisoner, Clarence 'Divine Eye' Maclin, in his tracks. The group offered him camaraderie and a sense of freedom. Their work became the inspiration for Hollywood film 'Sing Sing' in which Clarence plays himself.

As a teenager musician Peter Cole's life was thrown into turmoil by the Liberian civil war. The horrific events war brought to his country had a huge impact on Peter's music; he doesn't shy away from challenging subjects – from the plight of child soldiers to sexual abuse.

Presenter: India Rakusen

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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yf4)

'Robocops' in the Democratic Republic of Congo

After the death of her brother, engineer Thérèse Izay Kirongozi got to work handmaking huge robots to direct traffic and save lives.

In 2013 they were installed on the streets of Kinshasa, in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

They have green lights on their hands, a red light in their chest, can turn around and live stream to a police control centre, they also sing when children cross the road.

You might also see the 'female' robots wearing skirts, make-up and hoop earrings.

Thérèse speaks to Megan Jones about her invention.

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.

SAT 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp37nsp)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 today]

SAT 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp37sjt)

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SAT 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqhtr20zy4)

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SAT 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4cdpy4t6)

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SAT 05:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct5dgl)

Trying to conceive

A letter to a daughter who doesn't exist yet. Lucia has been trying to get pregnant for three years. She tells Namulanta that she was inspired to be "less discreet" about what she's been going through after listening to a past episode of Dear Daughter – and that since she started talking about it, she's discovered a whole world of other people going through similar experiences. Plus, the one thing you should never say to someone struggling with infertility.

Letter writer: Lucia

Please send Namulanta your letter. Go to www.bbcworldservice.com/deardaughter and click on "Send us your letters".

#DearDaughter

Audio for this episode was updated on 22 May 2023.

SAT 05:50 More or Less (w3ct5tqr)

Uncertainty, probability and double yoked eggs

Professor Sir David Spiegelhalter is one of the great communicators of probability and uncertainty.

His new book, The Art of Uncertainty, explains how to approach uncertainty, luck, probability and ignorance.

Tim Harford talks to Sir David about double yoked eggs, the Bay of Pigs, and his top tips for politicians who want to communicate evidence and uncertainty.

Presenter: Tim Harford

Series producer: Tom Colls

Production co-ordinator: Katie Morrison

Sound mix: John Scott

Editor: Richard Vadon

Image: Portrait of mathematician and Risk guru, Professor Sir David Spiegelhalter (Photo by In Pictures Ltd./Corbis via Getty Images)

SAT 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp37x8y)

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SAT 06:06 Weekend (w172zcx5rnq755s)

Israel may have fired directly on UN, organisation says

The head of UN peacekeeping operations has said there's reason to believe that some Israeli firing on UN positions in southern Lebanon has been direct, after two incidents in which UN personnel were wounded. Jean-Pierre LaCroix told the BBC the UNIFIL force was determined to remain in place.

Also in the programme: US imposes fresh sanctions on Iran; and excerpts from Russian dissident Alexei Navalny's memoir are released.

Joining presenter Paul Henley to discuss all this and more are Nataliya Vasilyeva, a Russian journalist, formerly Moscow, Istanbul and Jerusalem correspondent for the Daily Telegraph newspaper and Mark Kersten, Assistant Professor of human rights, law and international justice at the University of the Fraser Valley, in Canada.

(Photo: UN peacekeepers (UNIFIL) vehicles drive in Marjayoun, near the border with Israel. CREDIT: REUTERS/Karamallah Daher)

SAT 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp38112)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 07:06 Weekend (w172zcx5rnq78xx)

Israel admits its shots injured UN personnel

Jean-Pierre LaCroix, head of UN peacekeeping operations has said there's reason to believe that some Israeli firing on UN positions in southern Lebanon has been direct. He claimed the UNIFIL force was determined to remain in place, to help protect the civilian population and provide impartial reporting on the war between Israel and Hezbollah. He added that abandoning UN bases would allow them to be taken over by others. The Israeli fire on UN positions has prompted international condemnation. The IDF has acknowledged hitting a UNIFIL post, saying it was firing at a nearby threat.

Also in the programme: Israeli parliament moves to ban a United Nations agency; and South Korean author Han Kang wins the Nobel Prize in Literature.

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(Photo: UN peacekeepers in Marjayoun, amid ongoing hostilities between Hezbollah and Israeli forces, southern Lebanon October 11, 2024. CREDIT: REUTERS/Karamallah Daher)

SAT 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp384s6)

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SAT 08:06 Weekend (w172zcx5rnq7dp1)

At least thirty Palestinians killed by latest Israeli strikes

Hamas officials say at least thirty Palestinians have been killed by Israeli airstrikes on Jabaliya in northern Gaza. It is feared more people are trapped beneath the rubble of destroyed buildings.

Also in the programme: average human life expectancy declines, and a group of Israeli and Palestinian directors create a documentary together about what's happening in the territory.

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(Photo: Smoke rises in northern Gaza, amid the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas, as seen from Israel, October 10, 2024. CREDIT: REUTERS/Amir Cohen)

SAT 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp388jb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 09:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rc6)

Israelis: Remembering the hostages

Commemorations took place in Israel this week to mark 7 October, 2023, when 1,200 people were killed by Hamas gunmen and 251 were taken hostage into neighbouring Gaza. Twelve months later, the bloodshed in the region has also spread to Gaza and Lebanon and Iran has been drawn into the conflict.

As the fighting continues, for the families of the 97 hostages still in captivity, time has stood still. Eylon's cousin, his cousin's wife and their two young children were taken hostage and remain missing – something that was brought home to him during Iran's recent missile attack on Israel. "The whole house shook like never before," says Eylon, in Tel Aviv. "I just lay on the ground and prayed that I'm going to survive this. It was very, very scary. It made me realise that the way I felt for 40 minutes is how my family must be feeling for about a year".

Eylon joins a conversation with Adam, in England, who is also hoping for news of his cousin. Both men say they are frustrated that the plight of the hostages can sometimes appear to be forgotten, especially on the global stage.

Host Luke Jones also hears what life is like for three young Israelis in their 20s and the anxiety of daily rocket strikes, explosions and gunfire. One, a new mum, shares that she is too afraid to take her baby outside.

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(Photo: Posters of the Bibas family, Yarden, Shiri, Ariel and Kfir who are being held hostage in Gaza, are displayed on a door at the home of the Bibas family in Kibbutz Nir Oz, southern Israel, September 30, 2024. Credit: Amir Cohen/Reuters)

SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4cdpymysq)

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SAT 09:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v13)

Why, err, we speak with 'filler' words

The monk who swapped a holy Buddhist life for clubbing in Ibiza. Plus, why the flies in your kitchen are not actually going round in circles, why the taste of our favourite fruit and vegetables is changing, and, um, the "filler" words that we all, err, use in conversation, in, like, languages all around the world.

SAT 09:50 Over to You (w3ct5ttb)

The art of the correspondent's radio essay

What makes for a good story from a BBC correspondent? And how do you ensure there is enough variety in a programme devoted to these first-hand reports?

That is the weekly task of From Our Own Correspondent - soon to celebrate 70 years on air. We hear listeners' views and we are joined by its editor, Richard Fenton-Smith.

Presenter: Rajan Datar

Producer: Howard Shannon

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SAT 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp38d8g)

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SAT 10:06 Sportshour (w3ct5qb8)

Elise Christie: The Olympic speed skater getting her life back on track

World champion speed skater Elise Christie represented Great Britain at three Winter Olympics, but after announcing her retirement from the sport she worked three jobs and slept in her car. She tells Sportshour's Caroline Barker how the content creation site Only Fans has helped her take back control of her life and what's next after ruling out a return to the ice for the 2026 Winter Olympics with either Great Britain or Belgium.

If you have been impacted by Elise's story then help available in the UK can be found at bbc.co.uk/actionline. Help and support outside the UK can be found at befrienders.org.

Will more professional footballers become referees? Former Trinidad and Tobago international Chris Birchall played with David Beckham at LA Galaxy and against England at a World Cup, but after retiring from professional football, he's now a qualified referee. To mark International Referees' Day, he explains how he's part of a programme that could take past and current players all the way to the Premier League as elite referees.

Not many, if any, sports teams in the world are fully owned, managed, and coached by an all-female team... well, New Zealand women's basketball team BNZ Kahu have changed that. Hear from head coach and co-owner Jody Cameron on the impact they're hoping to make and how she juggles co-ownership and being head coach.

Plus, ahead of Finland versus England in football's Nations League, Sportshour's Alex Seftel finds out why British players are heading to Finland's top division.

Image: Elise Christie of Great Britain leads during the Ladies 500m Short Track Speed Skating qualifying on day one of the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympic Games at Gangneung Ice Arena on February 10, 2018 in Gangneung, South Korea. (Photo by Richard Heathcote/Getty Images)

SAT 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp38j0l)

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SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqht21qdx)

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SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4cdpyw8z)

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SAT 11:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct5yc1)

The Middle East: A year on from 7th October attacks

John Simpson, in discussion with the BBC's unparalleled range of experts across the world, analyses the prospects for the Middle East on the anniversary of the October 7th attacks on Israel, examines Russia's recent advances in their war in Ukraine and looks at the state of democracy in Tunisia after its president wins re-election.

(Photo: Israeli soldiers operate at a location given as southern Lebanon on 6 October, 2024. Credit: Reuters)

SAT 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp38mrq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 12:06 World Questions (w3ct5yyk)

Mexico

Claudia Sheinbaum, Mexico's first female President takes office while protests still rage over changes to the constitution. World Questions explores the challenges she faces with a sharply divided panel facing questions from around the country.

Does scrapping the national police force and putting the army on the street, mean a safer Mexico? Will forcing the country's judges to fight for election loosen the grip of the drug cartels? Is it time to ban bullfighting for good? What is the future for relations with the USA? Jonny Dymond presents a deeply felt debate from a country undergoing change.

The Panel

Arturo Avila, Spokesperson for the governing Morena Party in the Chamber of Deputies

Denise Dresser, writer and Professor of Political Science at Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México

Vanessa Ramero, independent legal consultant and analyst

Jorge Triana, former deputy leader of PAN, the largest

opposition party in the Chamber of Deputies

Producer

Charlie Taylor

SAT 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp38rhv)

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SAT 13:06 Newshour (w172zb93cxn6lzt)

Israel targets the Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza

We ask whether Israel is now implementing the so-called generals plan - the mass expulsion of civilians and the creation of a military zone in the north? The World Food programme says no food has been able to enter northern Gaza since October the first. The Hamas-run health ministry says forty nine Palestinians have been killed in the north in the past twenty four hours. We hear from Gaza's Civil Defence and from our correspondent in Beirut.

Also on the programme: How the Russian opposition leader, Alexei Navalny foretold his death in prison in diaries he wrote while detained; and the blessing scam - cash to protect your loved ones from evil spirits.

(Picture: Palestinians flee areas in northern Gaza Strip following fresh Israeli evacuation order Credit: REUTERS/Dawoud Abu Alkas)

SAT 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp38w7z)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w172zbn1hk805cf)

Live Sporting Action

Lee James presents live commentary from the Women's Super League as title challengers Arsenal take on reigning champions Chelsea. We'll also review the women's football season so far with the former England and WSL striker Natasha Dowie. We'll take stock of the Premier League season so far as well and talk about the international football window.

The Sportsworld team will talk about the Women's T20 World Cup and hear from Scotland Cricket CEO Trudy Lindblade on the challenges and progression in Scottish cricket.

The WNBA finals are also underway, it's the final round of the women's rugby union WXV with hosts Canada and England going head-to-head for the title and one of the biggest boxing fights this year between Artur Beterbiev and Dmitry Bivol. Plus, the final of the Shanghai Masters tennis.

Photo: Guro Reiten of Chelsea is challenged by Leah Williamson of Arsenal during a Pre-Season Friendly between Chelsea FC Women and Arsenal Women at Audi Field on August 25, 2024 in Washington, DC. (Credit: Chelsea FC via Getty Images)

SAT 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp39c7h)

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SAT 18:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqht22kmt)

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SAT 18:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4cdpzqhw)

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SAT 18:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct5dgl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 today]

SAT 18:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wf0)

The drone that started a riot

The Euro 2016 qualifier between Serbia and Albania in October 2014 was politically charged between the two nations. But the opening exchanges in Belgrade had passed without major

incident, until a drone carrying a flag appeared in the sky above the pitch, with violent breaking out on and off the pitch.

Albania's captain Lorik Cana and football reporter Nick Ames speak to Jack Butcher about that infamous night in the Serbian capital.

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

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

(Photo: Serbia's Stefan Mitrovic grabs a flag with Albanian national symbols flown by a drone during the football match between Serbia and Albania in Oct 2014. Credit: Andrej Isakovic/AFP via Getty Images)

SAT 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp39gzm)

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SAT 19:06 World Questions (w3ct7gjs)

Question Time US election special

With less than a month until the election, the BBC's flagship political debate programme Question Time broadcasts from the key swing state of Pennsylvania. The programme hears directly from American voters as they get the chance to put their questions to a panel of politicians and prominent figures, holding them to account on the topics which matter most as they prepare to go to the polls.

On the panel, Republican and Democratic members of Pennsylvania's House of Representatives, Martina White and Malcolm Kenyatta; the British-American political commentator Mehdi Hasan; Bryan Lanza, who's an adviser to presidential candidate Donald Trump; and the BBC North American correspondent, Anthony Zurcher.

Chaired by Fiona Bruce, the debate was recorded at the National Constitution Centre in Philadelphia on 9 October 2024.

SAT 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp39lqr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qk1)

Canadian actor and writer Ins Choi

Nikki Bedi is joined by the Canadian actor and writer of Kim's Convenience Ins Choi, and by cultural critic Arifa Akbar. They discuss Demi Moore's role in the controversial body horror film The Substance.

Mexican stars Gael García Bernal and Diego Luna talk about their new Spanish language TV series La Máquina.

And the Jamaican author Marlon James explains how working for an advertising agency in his early career informed his art.

Also filmmaking titan Francis Ford Coppola discusses the hopeful message behind his epic new sci-fi drama Megalopolis.

And, the Australian writing duo and stars of the hit comedy TV series Colin from Accounts on surrendering their egos...

Photo: Ins Choi in Kim's Convenience. Credit: Danny Kaan

SAT 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp39gqw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 21:06 Newshour (w172zb93cxn7kyv)

WFP warns of low supplies in northern Gaza

As an Israeli military offensive in northern Gaza continues, the UN agency says no new food has arrived since the start of October. Meanwhile, residents, who have been asked to evacuate the area by the IDF, hesitate as Hamas tells them to stay. We hear from one woman who is staying put for now, and from the former IDF general who addresses rumours circulating about a siege on the area.

Also on the programme: We hear tributes for Alex Salmond, the former first minister of Scotland who has died at the age of sixty nine; and Spanish scientists say they have found the final resting place of Christopher Columbus.

(Picture: Displaced Palestinians take shelter in a stadium, in Gaza City. Credit: REUTERS/Dawoud Abu Alkas)

SAT 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp39v70)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 22:06 The Documentary (w3ct78fy)

US local news 2024: On the front page frontline

Gary O'Donoghue meets local newspaper editors in America to hear about the challenge of reporting during a divisive presidential election campaign.

In Kansas, Gary visits Eric Meyer, the owner and editor of the Marion County Record. In August 2023 the paper's offices, and the home of its 90-year-old owner, Eric's mother Joan, were raided by the town's five person police department. The following day Joan died. Such a raid on a newspaper is rare in America, and this was picked up nationally. A year later, the police chief Gideon Cody has been charged with interference with judicial process.

Gary hears how local media has become part of the culture wars. Local papers find themselves reporting on, and caught up in, divisive political battles over local institutions such as the school, police, municipality. A "good old fashioned newspaper war" has been playing out in Westcliffe, Colorado, where Gary meets Jordan Hedberg, editor of the Wet Mountain Tribune. In the same town, the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel, promises "a different view from the same mountains".

Gary also hears about how trust in local news, which has traditionally played a big part in local politics, is being eroded. According to recent analysis from Pew Research trust in local newspapers is at its lowest in recent years and there is a clear party divide, with Democrats 16 points more likely than Republicans to have at least some trust in the information they get from local news outlets (79% versus 63%).

(Photo: The first edition of the Marion County Record since its newsroom in central Kansas was raided by police. Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4cdq06hd)

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SAT 22:32 This Is Africa (w3ct5y5j)

Buffalo Souljah

Buffalo Souljah is an award-winning reggae dancehall artist from Zimbabwe who has been making music since he was eight years old. It all started when he was chased by baboons.

He relocated to Johannesburg to progress his musical career and became a six-time winner at the prestigious Channel O Music Video Awards – the only Zimbabwean to have achieved this. Since then, he's collaborated with numerous artists from Zimbabwe and all over Africa, including Winky D, Nasty C, Gemini Major, and Samini.

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SAT 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqhr235cg)

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SAT 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4cdq0b7j)

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SAT 23:32 Assignment (w3ct5mtb)

Singapore: Drugs, rehab, execution, part 1

Singapore's drug laws are severe. The penalties for trafficking illegal narcotics include the death penalty. The government argues its zero-tolerance policy is effective, and a deterrent to those tempted to traffic or consume drugs. If you are caught using any illicit narcotic in Singapore, including cannabis, you may find yourself in compulsory rehab. In the first of a two-part series, presenter Linda Pressly is given access to the state's

austere Drug Rehabilitation Centre, where drug users spend months before being released back into the community under surveillance.

Producer/presenter: Linda Pressly
Producer in Singapore: Reeta Raman
Sound mix: James Beard
Production co-ordinator: Gemma Ashman
Editor: Penny Murphy

(Image - New inmates of Singapore's Drug Rehabilitation Centre are given identical kit when they arrive, including clothes and a rush mat to sleep on. Credit - Singapore Prison Service)

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SUN 00:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rc6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]

SUN 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4cdq0fzn)

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SUN 00:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct5dgl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

SUN 00:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wf0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3b6gd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 01:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xhw)

Can anyone broker peace in the Middle East?

With Lebanon, Gaza, and Israel all under fire and a death count running into tens of thousands, the Middle East has never been in a more dangerous position.

The United States has been a big diplomatic influence on attempts at peace negotiations in the Middle East.

The last major attempt at peace negotiations was in the spring of 2024 when the US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken visited the region to try and broker a ceasefire.

But despite the efforts of not just the US, but Egypt, Qatar and Europe, there has been no agreement to cease hostilities.

What would bring all the different parties to the negotiating table? And is there any country or organisation credible enough that will be listened to by all parties?

This episode of The Inquiry asks: Can anyone broker peace in the Middle East?

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Producer: Louise Clarke
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Editor: Tara McDermott
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Production support: Jacqui Johnson

(Image: Getty/FADEL ITANI)

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SUN 01:32 World Of Secrets (w3ct793m)

Al Fayed, Predator at Harrods

Al Fayed, Predator at Harrods: 3. Paris

Work trips to "the city of lights" turn dark, as the extent of

Mohamed Al Fayed's power and control becomes clear. Staying in the historic Villa Windsor in Paris should have been a dream come true, but the women are left terrified.

This season of World of Secrets is about sexual abuse. And this episode contains some of the most graphic descriptions. For a list of organisations in the UK that can provide support for survivors of sexual abuse, go to bbc.co.uk/actionline.

Presented by Cassie Cornish-Trestrail and Shaimaa Khalil, and produced by Neal Razzell and Sally Abrahams. The editor is Matt Willis. It's a Long Form Audio production for the BBC World Service.

Special thanks to series consultant, Keaton Stone, director Erica Gornall and executive producer, Mike Radford.

SUN 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3bb6j)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqhtr23jlv)

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

SUN 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4cdq0pgx)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 02:32 Health Check (w3ct5t96)

Micro RNA wins Nobel

The discovery of Micro RNA has won the Nobel Prize for medicine. We learn more about what micro RNA is, how it contributes to gene regulation, and what that means for our health.

Also on the programme, there has been an outbreak of Marburg virus in Rwanda, and the pharmaceutical company Gilead is making a revolutionary HIV medication available to countries that need it most. But does this good news story have an unexpected downside. We learn more on Health Check.

SUN 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3bfyn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 03:06 World Questions (w3ct5yyk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3bkps)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sjb)

Brazil's rainforest in flames

Pascale Harter introduces stories from Brazil, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Singapore and Vietnam.

A combination of Brazil's worst drought season ever, a continued race for land and resources, and deliberate arson has made for a record number of forest fires in the Amazon region this year. The air is full of smoke, the water has dried from many river courses and huge areas of earth are now parched and burned. Ione Wells reports from the border of Amazonas and Rondonias states in the west of Brazil.

The Democratic Republic of Congo is one of the world's most biodiverse countries, but decades of war and deforestation have led to the degradation of its environment too. The Upemba National Park - once the largest nature reserve in Africa - in Haut-Katanga province has lost much of its larger wildlife. Hugh Kinsella Cunningham describes travelling there with a group of scientists trying to see what's survived - and what could be brought back.

Singapore has a zero-tolerance policy on illegal drugs, and is one of only a few countries that continues to execute people convicted of drug trafficking. For those caught using illicit narcotics, the punishment can also be severe - though there's also a strong focus on recovery. Linda Pressly meets some former users going through compulsory rehab treatment in state-run centres.

And William Lee Adams tells the story of a very personal journey. While filming a travel documentary in Vietnam - the first time he'd been back to the country in 20 years - he also took some time to lay his elder brother's ashes to rest at his family's temple in Ho Chi Minh City.

Image: Aerial view of the fires that hit Brasilia National Park in summer 2024. Photo credit: Jaqueline Lisboa/WWF-Brazil/PA Wire

SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4cdq0xz5)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:32 Trending (w3ct5y9k)

The curse of the blessing scam

Female con artists are exploiting superstition and family love to swindle women with Chinese heritage living in the west. The blessing scam is an elaborate piece of criminal street theatre which over the last few months has claimed victims across North America and the UK.

It begins with an apparently random meeting with a stranger in the street, and very quickly escalates from there.

Victims are tricked out of their money and possessions, after being terrified into believing that a relative's life is threatened by evil spirits. And they're left wondering: how did that happen? Are the criminals just master manipulators, or could something even more sinister be involved?

Now a social media activist is fighting back and is trying to put the crooks out of business.

Presenter: Elaine Chong

Producers: Ed Main and Marta Pausilli

Additional reporting: Austin Landis

Editor: Flora Carmichael

SUN 04:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wf0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

SUN 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3bpfx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqhtr23wv7)

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SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4cdq11q9)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct78fy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:06 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3bt61)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 06:06 Weekend (w172zcx5rnqb22w)

Israel continues its offensive against Hezbollah in Lebanon

Three villages were hit in central and northern Lebanon as Israel continues its offensive against Hezbollah. At least fifteen people have been killed.

Also in the programme, fit to do the top job? US democratic nominee Kamala Harris 'health report says, she has the 'physical and mental resilience' required.

Joining presenter Paul Henley to discuss all this and more, Roxane Farman-Farmaian, a professor of international politics and specialist on the Middle East at the University of Cambridge, and Seyi Rhodes, a journalist based in London.

(Photo: Thick smoke rises over Beirut's southern suburbs from a generator that caught fire, according to residents, as seen from Baabda, Beirut, Lebanon, October 12, 2024. REUTERS/Louisa Gouliamaki)

SUN 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3bxy5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 07:06 Weekend (w172zcx5rnqb5v0)

Israel intensifies its bombardment campaign on Lebanon

There have been further deaths, in exchanges between Israel and Hezbollah, in Lebanon. At least fifteen people are reported to have died in different parts of the country.

After Hurricane Helene, described as the "worst hurricane in a century", and Hurricane Milton struck Florida, more than two and a half million homes and businesses remain without power. Some worry over how hurricanes have affected the property market the US state .

And disabled sport has received a huge boost, in recent years, with the growing prominence of the international paralympic movement. We focus on amputee football and, in particular, that played by women.

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and specialist on the Middle East at the University of Cambridge, and Seyi Rhodes, a journalist based in London.

(Photo: People gather at the site of an Israeli military strike on Barja, south of Beirut, Lebanon, 12 October 2024. STRINGER/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

SUN 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3c1p9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 08:06 Weekend (w172zcx5rnqb9l4)

Israel denies accusations it is deliberately targeting UN buildings

Lebanon's health ministry says at least fifteen people have been killed by Israeli airstrikes in the country. Three villages hit were in central and northern Lebanon. Hezbollah says its fighters have been engaged in heavy clashes with Israeli troops in the south.

And for a century, zombies, human beings who return from the dead, have appeared in dozens of films. A new exhibition in Paris looks at how the Zombie myth extended around the world from Haiti. And it investigates a strong connection to the African slave-trade.

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(Photo: A machinery clears rubble at a site of an Israeli strike, amid ongoing hostilities between Hezbollah and Israeli forces, in Beirut, Lebanon, October 12, 2024. REUTERS/Emilie Madi)

SUN 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3c5ff)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sjb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today]

SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4cdq11jpt)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xnd)

How much water should I drink?

Do you know how much you should drink?

Many global guidelines recommend approximately 2 litres a day for women and 2.5 litres a day for men, including food.

But scientists say there is actually huge variation in how much each of us need as individuals.

Ruth Alexander speaks to Professor John Speakman at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland, who explains why your age, sex, weight, and other environmental factors such as air temperature, humidity and altitude all make a difference.

Dr Nidia Rodriguez-Sanchez, senior lecturer at the University of Stirling in Scotland, explains why our bodies need water and what happens if we drink too little, or too much.

That happened to Johanna Perry in the UK, she tells Ruth what happened when she drank too much water whilst running the London Marathon in 2018.

Presented by Ruth Alexander.

Produced by Beatrice Pickup.

(Image: a woman holding a plastic bottle of water. Credit: Getty Images/ BBC)

SUN 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3c95k)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5twl)

Keeping men healthy

How can people get much needed health services as they go about their daily lives? We're back in Kenya where we visit a barbers shop that offers mental health advice and support alongside the trim and shave. And we check out a truck stop just outside Nairobi where long distance drivers can not only grab some food but also get access to medical care they wouldn't otherwise have the time to seek out.

Presenter: Myra Anubi

Producers: Richard Kenny, Claire Bates
Editor: Jon Bithrey
Sound mix: Hal Haines

SUN 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4cdq1nfy)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69j4)
The wolf salute

The Grey Wolves, a Turkish far-right political movement, is getting increasing attention worldwide. So is their hand gesture, depicting a wolf's head. But what makes them so controversial? Selin Girit from BBC Turkish explains.

Plus, an album of previously unheard recordings by the famous Pakistani performer Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan has just been released, 34 years after those songs were first captured on tape. Ahsan Yunus from BBC Urdu has been to Real World Records to find out more.

Produced by Alice Gioia and Caroline Ferguson.

Music tracks: Ya Gaus Ya Meeran, Ya Allah Ya Rehman and Aaj Sik Mitran Di. Performed by Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan & Party. From the album: Chain of Light, released by Real World Records.

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

SUN 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3cdxp)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqhtr24mb0)
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SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4cdq1s62)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:32 Trending (w3ct5y9k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct5tqr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

SUN 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3cjnt)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rc6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]

SUN 12:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4cdq1wy6)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:32 The Documentary (w3ct7hm0)
Special: Young Leaders Trying to Change the World

We are at the One Young World Summit in Montréal with four young delegates from across the world. In a live panel, we put BBC correspondent's questions to them and ask, what would be different if they were in charge?

Presenter: Holly Gibbs.

SUN 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3cndy)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 13:06 Newshour (w172zb93cxn9hwx)
Israeli Prime Minister tells UN to withdraw from south Lebanon

The Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has made a direct appeal to the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to remove UN peacekeepers from areas in south Lebanon where Israeli forces are fighting Hezbollah. Our reporter is with Israeli troops as they enter a Hezbollah-controlled village in southern Lebanon. We also hear from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

Also on the programme: We revisit the 1920s jazz-scene in Berlin, before the Nazis; and we hear from the US campaign trail in Las Vegas.

(Picture: Israeli military strike hits a commercial market in Nabatieh, Lebanon Credit: stringer/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

SUN 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3cs52)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5ws9)
Is the climate on the ballot at the US election?

The southern US state of Georgia has received billions of dollars in investment in clean technology, creating tens of thousands of jobs at solar power factories and electric vehicle factories. It is also on the front-line of extreme weather - facing the threat of hurricanes, heatwaves and drought. So will voters in this swing state be considering climate change when they cast their ballots for the US presidential election in November? And how are politicians in Georgia talking about the issue. Jordan Dunbar takes a road trip across the state to find out.

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

Presenter: Jordan Dunbar
Producer: Beth Timmins
Sound Mix: Tom Brignell
Editor: Simon Watts

Photo: Atlanta, Georgia (Getty Images)

SUN 14:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4cdq24fg)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:32 Happy News (w3ct5sq4)
The Happy Pod: Kylie thanks fans who got her through cancer

Pop superstar Kylie Minogue tells us how the love and support of fans around the world helped her breast cancer recovery. Also: the penguin post office; making plastic from onion peel; and learning happiness from dogs.

Presenter: Alex Ritson. Music composed by Iona Hampson.

(Photo: Singer Kylie Minogue)

SUN 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3cwx6)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 15:06 Sportsworld (w172zbn1hk8360n)
Live Sporting Action

Sportsworld this Sunday is live from Anfield with action from the Women's Super League. Former England international Lindsay Johnson joins Delyth Lloyd and Maz Farookhi for full commentary as Liverpool take on Manchester City. They also look ahead to the Madrid derby in Liga F, with both teams going into the game with 100% records.

There will be the latest from the Women's T20 cricket World Cup, the final of the Shanghai Masters tennis, and reaction from the undisputed light-heavyweight fight between Artur Beterbiev and Dmitry Bivol.

Plus, Sportsworld's Mani Djazmi will have all the big stories as international football again takes centre stage.

Photo: Alanna Kennedy of Manchester City is challenged by Sophie Roman Haug of Liverpool during the Barclays Women's Super League match between Liverpool FC and Manchester City at Prenton Park on March 30, 2024 in Birkenhead, England. (Credit: Getty Images)

SUN 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3dcwq)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqhtr25191)
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SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4cdq2r53)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:32 The Coming Storm (w3ct7017)
The Coming Storm

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Gabriel Gatehouse dives back into the labyrinthine rabbit warren of American conspiracy theories to explore how millions of Americans have become convinced their democracy has been highjacked by a sinister Deep State cabal. Where did this story come from? And what are the prospects for the survival of the American political system?

SUN 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3dhmV)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q2f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 on Saturday]

SUN 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3dmcz)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 21:06 Newshour (w172zb93cxnbgvy)
Israeli tanks 'forced' into UN base

The UN peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon, known as UNIFIL is demanding explanations from Israel after two tanks drove through the gates of one of their compounds in southern Lebanon earlier today. We hear from UNIFIL's spokesperson Andrea Tenenti.

Also on the programme: a moment of history in marathon running today. Kenyan runner Ruth Chepngetich is the first woman to run a marathon in under two hours and ten minutes; and new research on the remains of Christopher Columbus suggests he was a Sephardic Jew from Spain.

(Picture: An Israeli soldier drives through southern Lebanon, as part of an incursion during hostilities between Hezbollah and Israel. Credit: REUTERS/Artorn Pookasook)

SUN 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3dr43)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5ws9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 today]

SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4cdq33dh)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v13)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

SUN 22:50 Over to You (w3ct5ttb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

SUN 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3dvw7)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqhtr2628k)
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SUN 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4cdq374m)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69j4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:32 today]

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MON 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3dznc)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 00:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sjb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4cdq3bwr)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 00:32 Trending (w3ct5y9k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 on Sunday]

MON 00:50 More or Less (w3ct5tqr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

MON 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf9xp3dymn)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 01:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cb5oz)
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MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp079x1)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 01:32 Discovery (w3ct5rn7)

The Beaches

A top secret little-known mission that changed the outcome of World War II. Not Alan Turing's Enigma code-breaking mission but a daring foray, conducted behind enemy lines on the shores of Normandy. Harrison Lewis and wetland scientist Christian Dunn re-enact one of the most remarkable feats of the Second World War and discover the intricate details of the daring but forgotten science that underpinned D-Day.

MON 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf88ydk2cs)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cb8s3)

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MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp07fn5)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 02:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rhq)

What's the fairest voting system?

2024 is the biggest election year in history. From Taiwan to India, the USA to Ghana, by the end of the year almost half of the world's population will have had the chance to choose who governs them.

But there are a huge number of possible voting systems – and listener James wants CrowdScience to find out which is the fairest.

To do so, we create a fictional country called CrowdLand to try out different electoral systems. Presenter Caroline Steel consults mathematician David McCune and political scientists Eric Linhart and Simon Hix, and we hear from listeners around the world about how they vote in their respective countries. Can we find the perfect voting system for CrowdLand?

Contributors:

Prof David McCune, William Jewell College, USA
Prof Eric Linhart, University of Technology Chemnitz, Germany
Prof Simon Hix, European University Institute, Italy

Actors:

Charlotte Bloomsbury
Ross Virgo

Presenter: Caroline Steel

Producer: Florian Bohr

Editor: Cathy Edwards

Production Co-ordinator: Ishmael Soriano

Studio Manager: Donald MacDonald

(Image: Hand of a person casting a vote into the ballot box during elections, Thailand Credit: boonchai wedmakawandvia Getty Images)

MON 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf88ydk63x)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 03:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5twl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp07kd9)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 03:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v13)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

MON 03:50 Over to You (w3ct5tth)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

MON 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf88ydk9w1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cbj8c)

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MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp07p4f)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct5x03)

Women causing a stir in the tea business

Women make up a large proportion of the workforce in the global tea industry. But despite their crucial role, women in the tea sector often face lower wages and limited access to leadership positions. Datschiane Navanayagam speaks with two tea entrepreneurs to learn more about running tea businesses.

Susie Walker-Munro from the UK runs Kinnettes Tea Garden in Angus, Scotland, where she grows cold-tolerant tea plants. She began experimenting with tea cuttings on her farm in 2007 and has since collaborated with other women to create an all-female tea garden collective.

Tea has always been central to Esha Chhabra's life, from her upbringing in India to her family's move to the US, where the tradition of making loose leaf tea was preserved. She co-founded Alaya Tea in 2019, a brand focused on sustainable farming and ethical sourcing from small farmers.

Produced by Emily Naylor

(Image: (L) Susie Walker-Munro credit Ashley Coombes. (R) Esha Chhabra credit Alaya Tea.)

MON 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf88ydkfm5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 05:06 Newsday (w172zkb78bmck8r)

Hezbollah drone attack kills at least four Israeli soldiers

A drone attack by the Lebanese militants Hezbollah has killed at least four Israeli soldiers and injured more than sixty others at a military base in northern Israel. Israel has continued to strike southern Lebanon. We'll hear from medical staff on both sides of the border.

The head of the United Nations has said attacks on UN peacekeepers in Lebanon may constitute a war crime. We'll hear from a spokesman for the UN force.

Southern Africa has suffered months of drought, with consequences for food supplies. Twenty-seven million people face hunger.

And we'll hear from Africans prepared to make the risky Atlantic crossing to the Canary Islands in a desperate bid to gain entry to Europe.

(Pic: Ramat Gan, Israel; Credit: Reuters)

MON 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf88ydkkc9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 06:06 Newsday (w172zkb78bmcp0w)

Four Israeli soldiers killed in Hezbollah drone attack

The Lebanese militant group Hezbollah has killed four Israeli soldiers in a drone attack on an army base in northern Israel, many more have been left injured. We'll look at what this deadly attack means for the conflict between Israel and Hezbollah.

We'll hear from the frontline in Ukraine. The city of Pokrovsk is strategically important for Kyiv's forces but brutal fighting in recent months means it's now under threat with morale amongst defending troops suffering.

Today we have a special report looking at the increasing numbers of Africans risking weeks out at sea in their bid to gain access to Europe.

And could Britain or Sweden become major wine producers? We'll hear how climate change is posing a major challenge to the industry.

(Pic: Ramat Gan, Israel; Credit: Reuters)

MON 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf88ydkp3f)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 07:06 Newsday (w172zkb78bmcss0)

Hezbollah launches drones at Israeli military base

We'll have the latest on the conflict in the Middle East. Israel says that a Hezbollah drone attack has killed four people south of Haifa and left many others injured.

Ahead of the US presidential election we speak to people in China to get a perspective on how they see their country's growing rivalry with the United States and potential impact of November's vote.

Mariko Oi will be joining us for the business news and telling us about Japan's new Prime Minister who's making headlines for his comments about the country's central bank.

And we'll hear from migrants from Africa who are taking the risky route to Europe by travelling to the Canary Islands in the Atlantic Ocean.

MON 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf88ydksvk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t06)

Marietje Schaake: Is Silicon Valley too powerful?

Stephen Sackur speaks to the former MEP Marietje Schaake, who is now a cyber expert at Stanford University. Her book, *The Tech Coup*, suggests the world's failure to properly regulate digital technology threatens individual rights and democratic freedom worldwide. Is it too late to change course?

MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0853y)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z71)

How can night shifts be made safer for women in India?

People have been participating in mass rallies in India seeking justice for a young medical trainee who was raped and murdered in a hospital.

It's put a spotlight once again on women's safety at work - particularly for those women doing night shifts.

There are laws to protect women from sexual harassment in the workplace, but campaigners say it can be slow to get justice.

So what more can be done to improve women's safety and encourage female participation in the workforce? We talk to some night shift workers about their experiences.

(Picture: Activists and medical professionals shout slogans during a protest march to condemn the rape and murder of a doctor. Credit: Getty Images)

Presented and produced by Devina Gupta

MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yh7)

The Sunflower Movement

Between 18 March and 10 April 2014, more than 500,000 people in Taipei, Taiwan, protested against a new trade deal with China.

It was one of the largest social movements in Taiwanese history.

Rachel Naylor speaks to Brian Hioe, one of the demonstrators, who stormed Parliament and occupied it for 23 days.

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: Protesters at the rally in Taipei on 30 March 2014. Credit: Lam Yik Fei via Getty Images)

MON 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf88ydkxlp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cc400)

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MON 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp088w2)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 09:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rhq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

MON 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydl1bt)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n2b)
Technology and artificial intelligence

We start with the world's first general purpose electronic computer, the ENIAC, built in 1946 by a team of female mathematicians including Kathleen Kay McNulty. We speak to Gini Mauchly Calcerano, daughter of Kathleen Kay McNulty, who developed ENIAC.

Then we hear about the man who invented the original chatbot, called Eliza, but did not believe computers could achieve intelligence. We speak to Miriam Weizenbaum, daughter of Joseph Weizenbaum, who built Eliza chatbot.

Following that, Dr Hiromichi Fujisawa describes how his team at Waseda University in Japan developed the first humanoid robot in 1973, called WABOT-1.

Staying in Japan, the engineer Masahiro Hara explains how he was inspired to design the first QR code by his favourite board game.

Finally, Thérèse Izay Kirongozi recounts how the death of her brother drove her to build robots that manage traffic in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Max Pearson presents a collection of the week's Witness History episodes. Our guest is Zoe Kleinman, the BBC's technology editor.

(Photo: Robots manage traffic in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo. Credit: Federico Scoppa/AFP)

MON 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydl52y)
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MON 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60ccch8)
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MON 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp08jcb)
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MON 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dlv)
A week on the open Atlantic, hoping to reach Europe

The BBC's Africa Eye has been following one man's journey as he travels hundreds of miles on the open ocean in the hopes of reaching Europe. Mouhamed is one of a growing number of people attempting to travel from Senegal to Spain's Canary Islands.

The journey is ten times longer than the boats crossing the Mediterranean, taking days and sometimes week across parts of the Atlantic Ocean. It is also riskier and more lethal.

You can watch the full documentary 'Dark Waters: Africa's Deadliest Migration Route' - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajX6NaVks3w>

Caitriona Perry speaks to Blanca Munoz and Efreem Gebreab who followed Mouhamed's journey for the BBC's Africa Eye.

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Assistant editor: Sergi Forcada Freixas

Senior news editor: Sara Wadeson

MON 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydl8v2)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nqp)
The Holocaust survivor who became a TikTok star

Lily Ebert, who has died at the age of 100, was just a teenager

when war broke out across Europe. Born into a large Hungarian-Jewish family, she was deported to Auschwitz concentration camp after Germany invaded Hungary in 1944. She survived the ordeal, along with two of her younger sisters. All three went on to build lives after the war; marrying, having large families – but never speaking of the horrors they had experienced. But after suffering a bereavement in the 1980s, Lily started to revisit her experiences – and began to speak out. At the age of 97, with the help of her great-grandson Dov she became an unlikely TikTok star, sharing her story with a new generation of followers online. In 2021 Lily and Dov spoke to Emily Webb about Lily's experiences during the war – and the viral tweet that brought her internet fame.

82-year-old former travel agent Caroline Thomas works as a 'casualty simulator' in the UK. She acts the part of an injured or distressed person during training exercises for emergency services such as medics and fire brigades. Like on a film set, Caroline's work involves staging emergency scenarios using realistic makeup, fake limbs, special effects, and a big dose of theatrics to make it all believable.

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Photo: Lily Ebert and Dov Forman
Credit: Tereza Červeňová

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MON 13:32 The Conversation (w3ct5x03)
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MON 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydljbb)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 14:06 Newshour (w172zb93r5yjt9)
China holds new round of war games around Taiwan

Taiwan's president Lai Ching-Te has been holding emergency meetings with security chiefs, as China has conducted what are thought to be its biggest war games yet around the self-governing island. The Chinese government has always insisted that Taiwan is part of its own territory. But last Thursday, in a speech in Taipei marking Taiwan's National Day, President Lai insisted that Beijing had "no right to represent" the island. Taiwan's key ally, the United States, said China's actions were unwarranted and risked escalation.

Also in the programme: a Hezbollah drone attack killed four Israeli soldiers at an Israeli army base south of Haifa. Meanwhile, in Gaza, Hamas-run authorities say an Israeli attack on a school used as a shelter killed 22 people on Sunday, including 15 children; and a NASA spacecraft on the hunt for the extra-terrestrial is due to blast off today.

MON 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydl2g)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t06)
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MON 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp090bv)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zym)
China-Europe rivalry heats up at Paris motor show

The Paris Motor Show is dominated by talk about electric vehicles - how do European brands compete against cheaper Chinese competition?

The UK gathers global investors to show Britain is open for business - but is Keir Starmer's administration going to attract what it needs?

Also, Roger Hearing is talking to one of the winners of this year's Nobel prize for Economics.

And we'll hear about the dangers for women in India who work at night.

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MON 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydlr1t)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj8gdh7dwy)
Dozens killed in Israeli strikes in Gaza

More than 60 people are said to have been killed in Israeli air strikes on Gaza over the past 24 hours. We hear from residents in Gaza and get more details from BBC Arabic.

There's been a rare Israeli attack on northern Lebanon. Eighteen people are reported to have been killed in a Christian-majority region. Our Middle East regional editor explains.

We also hear from Israelis who have decided to leave the country.

Nigeria will boycott their 2025 Africa Cup of Nations qualifier in Libya on Tuesday after their players were left stranded at an airport overnight. We explain what happened and hear from fans.

We speak to our colleague who has gained access to the secretive world of the migrants hoping to reach Europe via the dangerous crossing between West Africa and Spain's Canary Islands.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Presenter: Funeral for Palestinians killed in Israeli attack on Nuseirat camp in central Gaza, Deir Al Balah - 14 Oct 2024. Credit: MOHAMMED SABER/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

MON 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydlwkcq)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj8gdh7jn2)
Spacecraft blasts off to hunt alien life on a distant moon

A spacecraft that will hunt for signs of alien life on one of Jupiter's icy moons has blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida. We speak to a space expert about the mission.

More than 60 people are said to have been killed in Israeli air strikes on Gaza over the past 24 hours and 18 eighteen people in Lebanon are reported to have been killed in a Christian-majority region. We get more from our Middle East experts.

We also hear from Israelis who have decided to leave the country.

Pokémon maker Game Freak has confirmed it was the victim of a data leak after information appeared online over the weekend. We speak to a gaming reporter about what happened.

We find out why the South Korean K-pop star Seunghan has left his band RIIZE.

Presenter: Luke Jones

(Photo: NASA's SpaceX Europa Clipper Launch, Cape Canaveral, USA - 14 Oct 2024. Credit: CRISTOBAL HERRERA-ULASHKEVICH/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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MON 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp09hbc)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w40)
2024/10/14 GMT

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

MON 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydm7t3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5s5jb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp09m2h)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct5rn8)

The Life Scientific: Dr Nira Chamberlain

When does a crowd of people become unsafe? How well will the football team Aston Villa do next season? When is it cost-effective to replace a kitchen? The answers may seem arbitrary but, to Nira Chamberlain, they lie in mathematics. You can use maths to model virtually anything.

MON 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydmck7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 21:06 Newshour (w172zb93r5yk716)

Israeli strike on a residential building in northern Lebanon kills 21

Lebanon says the number of people killed in a presumed Israeli airstrike in northern Lebanon has risen to twenty-one. The strike hit Aitou, a Christian-majority village in the mountains near Tripoli. We hear from the Lebanese Red Cross.

Also in the programme: a former Stasi officer sentenced for murder; and NASA's Europa Clipper mission successfully blasts off.

(Picture: Lebanese army soldier stands near destroyed vehicles at a site damaged by an Israeli air strike in the Christian-majority region of Aitou in north Lebanon, the Lebanese health ministry said, October 14, 2024. Credit: Reuters)

MON 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydmh9c)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 22:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t06)

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MON 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp09vkr)

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MON 22:32 The Conversation (w3ct5x03)

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MON 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydmh1h)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cdtft)

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MON 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp09z9w)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct600w)

Can China's New Stimulus Efforts Revive Its Economy?

China says it's introducing a range of bold policies aimed at reviving its economic growth, including measures to strengthen capital markets and stabilise the real estate sector. But detail is thin on the ground - and that's having an effect on global markets.

Ed Butler hears from the World Bank as its latest report shines a light on the 26 poorest countries in the world, highlighting the severe challenges they face, from poverty to limited access to essential services.

Plus there are tributes to Lilly Ledbetter - a trailblazer for equal pay in the US, with President Biden saying she never stopped fighting for all Americans to be paid what they deserve.

TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2024

TUE 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydmqsm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n2b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydmvjr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfpjhqz3pm)

Winning the Nobel prize for economics

We hear from a Nobel prize winner - James Robinson - who has received his award today for research into why poor nations stay poor, and others thrive.

We get the latest from the US election campaign trail with our reporter Monica Miller, as the focus turns to Pennsylvania.

We also remember Lily Ledbetter, the US equal pay pioneer, who's just died at the age of 86.

Ed Butler is joined by Maggie McGrath, the editor of Forbes Women, who is in New York, and Karen Percy, freelance business reporter in Australia.

TUE 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydmz8w)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cf5p6)

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TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0bbk8)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:32 Assignment (w3ct5mtc)

Singapore: Drugs, rehab, execution, part 2

Singapore's drug laws are severe. The penalties for trafficking illegal narcotics range from a prison term to execution. The government argues its zero-tolerance policy towards drugs, including cannabis, is an effective deterrent to those tempted to get involved in this illicit trade. Since March 2022, when executions resumed in Singapore after Covid, twenty people have been hanged - all but one of them for drug-related offences. In the second of a two-part series, Linda Pressly explores how the law on trafficking is applied, meets the sister of a man who was hanged after a heroin conviction, and learns that it is also illegal for a Singaporean to consume drugs overseas.

Producer/presenter: Linda Pressly
Producer in Singapore: Reeta Raman
Sound engineer: Neil Churchill
Production co-ordinator: Gemma Ashman
Editor: Penny Murphy

(Photo: Singapore's Minister for Home Affairs and Law, K Shanmugam, is an advocate for his nation's application of the death penalty in drug trafficking cases. Credit: Singapore MHA)

TUE 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydm310)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nqp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Monday]

TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yhf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydm6s4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cfff5g)

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TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0b1j)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct5t18)

Mia Lehrer and the LA River

The Los Angeles river has been a concrete channel since the 1930s, when the US Army Corps of Engineers decided to concrete over the original river for flood mitigation. Ever since then, the river has been regularly used as a symbol of dystopia and was the backdrop in a famous scene in *The Terminator*.

However, landscape architect and Studio-MLA founder Mia Lehrer (FALSA, Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects) wants to transform its reputation and revitalize the river, as it remains a waterway shared by millions. This will not be an easy task, however, as the river itself is still the property of the US Army Corps, and the river course crosses numerous bureaucratic boundaries at both the local and state level.

Presenter Alan Weedon meets Mia as she describes her vision to breathe new life into an American icon.

Presented and produced by Alan Weedon for the BBC World Service.

TUE 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydmhj8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 05:06 Newsday (w172zkb78bmgg5v)

Google signs nuclear power deal

Google has signed a deal to meet the surging electricity demand for artificial intelligence, by using small nuclear reactors.

There's increasing criticism of Israel as it intensifies its control of northern Gaza. The UN human rights office says Israel appears to be set on cutting the region off from the rest of the Strip. We'll also hear from Aya in Gaza about her life under the constant risk of death from Israeli shelling despite moving six times.

We'll look at the role that improved running shoe technology is playing in increasing athletes performances.

With the discovery of the Mpox disease in Zimbabwe, we'll look at how the virus has spread from the Democratic Republic of Congo to neighbouring countries.

(Pic:Zenica, Bosnia & Herzegovina; Credit: Reuters)

TUE 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydmng8d)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 06:06 Newsday (w172zkb78bmgkxz)

Google turns to nuclear power

Google is going nuclear. The tech giant has signed a deal to use small nuclear reactors to provide the power for Artificial Intelligence.

Israel is launching further military operations in northern Gaza, but with tens of thousands of civilians still living there, there are fears of a humanitarian disaster.

African countries are racing to launch satellites in space. Experts say the reduction in costs has opened up the market.

Devastating floods in recent weeks with five hundred people dead in Chad

And we'll hear from the Witches of Bucha, a group of volunteer women in Ukraine helping their country fight against Russian invasion.

(Pic: Las Vegas, Nv, United States; Credit: Reuters)

TUE 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydm10j)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 07:06 Newsday (w172zkb78bmgpp3)

Google signs nuclear deal to power data centres

Google has announced that it intends to develop small scale nuclear reactors. The technology giant is getting into the electricity generation business because of the massive future power demands of artificial intelligence computers.

There are increased concerns about the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip. We'll hear from 23-year-old Aya who has been filming her daily life over the past year.

We'll have the latest on the fighting in Lebanon where Hezbollah and Israel continue intense clashes on the ground and air and missile strikes.

Leaders from India, Russia, Pakistan and Iran meet for a summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

In Chad, weeks of heavy rain has caused extensive flooding with over five hundred people killed.

(Pic: Zenica, Bosnia & Herzegovina; Credit: Reuters)

TUE 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydnprn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tww)

The pioneering TV news service

TV BRA in Norway is a unique media organisation. Their fortnightly national news show is presented by reporters who have learning disabilities or are autistic.

Through interviews with politicians and other authority figures the station aims to hold the powerful to account, while also changing the way that people with learning disabilities are seen.

We join them in their flashy new studio in Bergen where the journalists share some of their best stories and tell us about their aspirations for the future.

Presenter: Myra Anubi
Reporter/producer: William Kremer
Editor: Jon Bithrey
Sound mix: Andrew Mills

(Image: In the studio of TV Bra, William Kremer/BBC)

TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0c211)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zj2)

Man City v Premier League

We look into the implications of what has been described as sport's 'trial of the century'

If Manchester City are found guilty of breaching the English Premier League's financial rules - allegations Manchester City and the club strongly deny - the team could face relegation, while the Premier League risks serious reputational damage.

Produced and presented by Alex Capstick

(Manchester City celebrate winning the 2023/24 Premier League title. Credit: Getty Images)

TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ymy)

The Rose Revolution in Georgia

In November 2003, the people of Georgia ousted veteran president Eduard Shevardnadze.

Protestors stormed the parliament building in the capital Tbilisi, holding flowers in their hands.

It would become known as the Rose Revolution.

In 2011, Nino Zuriashvili, who was one of the protestors, spoke to Damien McGuinness.

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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: A Georgian woman holding flowers smiles as special forces leave without fighting. Credit: Sergey Supinski/AFP via Getty Images)

TUE 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydnths)

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TUE 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cg0x3)

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TUE 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0c5s5)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 09:32 Assignment (w3ct5mtc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

TUE 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydn7x)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 10:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qk1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

TUE 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydp201)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cg8dc)

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TUE 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0c8f)

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TUE 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6fbf)

America and... the war in Ukraine

Could the US election result threaten support for Kyiv? Since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, the United States has led the world in providing aid to Kyiv, with contributions totalling more than \$175bn. But agreeing additional assistance in Congress has become increasingly difficult, with the attention of the Republican right fixed on domestic priorities. So, as November's presidential election approaches, what could victory for either Kamala Harris or Donald Trump mean for the trajectory of the war?

For the latest in a series of episodes about how the impact of the US election will be felt worldwide, Sumi Somaskanda is joined by the BBC's Ukraine correspondent, James Waterhouse, and news correspondent, Will Vernon. They discuss how delays to US aid have directly affected the war on the ground, and what we know about the policy positions of the candidates for the White House.

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Assistant editor: Sergi Forcada Freixas

Senior news editor: Sara Wadeson

You can find more of this series in our feed - just look for episodes titled 'America and...'

TUE 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydp5r5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5p57)

The bullet that ended our friendship

When Paul Rousseau met Mark in the first year of university in the US, they quickly became best friends. They moved in together, and spent most of the next four years in each other's company. But Paul did not know that Mark had been keeping a collection of guns in his bedroom. In April 2017 one of Mark's guns accidentally went off, the bullet passing through two walls before striking Paul in the head. In the months and years that followed, Paul had to deal not only with his brain injury, but also the devastating impact the event had on his friendship with Mark.

Presenter: Shahidha Bari
Producer: Rebecca Vincent

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(Photo: Paul Rousseau. Credit: Alina Kay)

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TUE 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydpf7f)

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TUE 14:06 Newshour (w172zb93r5ym8qd)

Gaza: A year of trying to survive

A powerful audio diary from Gaza: Two Gazans film a year under attack by Israel. Aya and Khalid's stories are two of four featured in a new BBC World Service and Storyville documentary, Life and Death in Gaza. The film, and the radio documentary, form part of a group of programmes on BBC, marking one year on from 7 October and the war between Israel and Hamas.

Also on the programme: Why North Korea is blowing up roads next to South Korea; why Google wants to go nuclear; a big advance in treatment for cervical cancer.

And Al Pacino explains why, at the age of 84, he has decided to publish his memoirs.

(Photo: Khalid and his son. Credit: BBC)

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Google aims to achieve limitless energy

Google has signed a deal to use small nuclear reactors to generate the vast amounts of energy needed to power its artificial intelligence (AI) data centres. We find out why IT giant is aims to achieve limitless energy.

Also, today the world's biggest car bosses are meeting in Paris - and China's EV pioneers are bullish about the future despite the threat of tariffs...

And the World Bank has just released a report focusing on the 26 poorest countries globally. We asked Ayhan Kosi, the World Bank's Deputy Chief Economist, what challenges world currently facing?

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TUE 16:06 BBC OS (w172zhj8gdhb9t1)

Israel carries out multiple airstrikes in Lebanon

Israel has carried out multiple airstrikes in Lebanon. Lebanon says at least 21 people were killed in a rare Israeli strike in the north. It's now been two weeks since Israel launched its invasion of Lebanon. More than a quarter of Lebanon is now under Israeli evacuation orders, according to the UN refugee agency. We hear from people living there and get the latest from our correspondent in Beirut.

The BBC's Africa correspondent Mercy Juma reflects on her time in the job as she prepares to move on to a new chapter in her career. Most recently she's been at the forefront of our coverage of the ongoing Sudan conflict, and travelled to eastern Chad several times, to speak to people displaced by the war.

We speak to the people behind a new BBC documentary called 'Life and Death in Gaza', which follows the stories of four people in Gaza over the past year of war.

And we get the latest from our reporter in Delhi where the government has imposed a complete ban on the manufacturing, sale, storage and use of all types of firecrackers in the capital until the new year. The measure which was issued by the Delhi Pollution Control Committee is aimed at combating the worsening air quality in the capital.

Presenter: Mark Lowen

(Picture: Displaced children draw at a school turned into shelter in Beirut, amid the ongoing hostilities between Hezbollah and Israeli forces, Lebanon October 15, 2024. Photo Credit: REUTERS/Mohamed Azakir)

TUE 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydpstg)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj8gdhbfk5)
Libya criticises Nigeria over football match

We get the latest on the row between the Libyan Football Federation and its Nigerian counterpart. It's after Nigeria returned home before their Africa Cup of Nations 2025 qualifier in Benghazi - due to take place on Tuesday.

The United Nations has described the situation in northern Gaza as "desperate". It's been delivering the first food aid allowed into the area in more than two weeks. We'll get the latest on the situation there from our correspondent in Jerusalem.

We speak to our entertainment reporter after one of K-Pop's biggest stars told a parliamentary committee in South Korea about a culture of bullying and harassment within the K-Pop entertainment industry.

And after the new Joker movie - Joker: Folie a Deux - has plunged from the top of the North American box after flopping in its opening weekend, we hear from people who have seen it and find out from our reporter why it's being described as "depressingly dull".

Presenter: Mark Lowen

(Picture: Soccer Football - Africa Cup of Nations - Semi Final - Nigeria v South Africa - Stade de la Paix, Bouake, Ivory Coast - February 7, 2024

Nigeria's William Troost-Ekong celebrates scoring their first goal. Photo Credit: REUTERS/Siphwe Sibeko/File Photo)

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TUE 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w8j)
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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 (w172zgf8ydp4q6)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:06 Assignment (w3ct5mct)
[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0dhzl)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wmt)
The minerals tech can't do without

Does the tech you use depend too much on a few critical minerals? When a hurricane temporarily disrupted mining in the small town of Spruce Pine, the tech world was concerned. We find out why the location, in North Carolina, USA, is so important, and discover where a range of rare manufacturing materials can be found across the globe. Are they critical links in a supply chain that can be broken by natural disasters or political decisions?

Also on Tech Life this week:

An AI tool designed to protect athletes from online abuse during the Olympics - how well did it perform? And what tech does an explorer take into the jungle?

Presenter: Chris Vallance
Producer: Tom Quinn

(Photo: An image of a human hand holding pure quartz crystals. Credit: Getty Images)

TUE 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydpq8gb)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 21:06 Newshour (w172zb93r5yn3y9)
US letter demands Israel allow humanitarian aid into Gaza

The US has sent a strongly worded letter to Israel demanding it allows humanitarian aid into Gaza, after deliveries dropped by more than 50 per cent in the six months since the Israelis promised to do better.

We ask one of Congress's strongest supporters of Israel whether Washington should be prepared to cut arms supplies if Benjamin Netanyahu's government fails to comply.

Also in the programme: we hear from the British climber who's conquered the world's 14 highest peaks - in her twenties; and cinema legend Al Pacino tells us how he nearly didn't make the final cut of The Godfather.

(IMAGE: U.S. Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken speaks during a ministerial meeting of the Foreign Ministry Channel for Global Health Security, Friday, Sept. 27, 2024, in New York / CREDIT: Heather Khalifa/Pool via REUTERS/File Photo)

TUE 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydpq6g)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 22:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5wmm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

TUE 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0drgv)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 22:32 In the Studio (w3ct5t08)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

TUE 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydpqhy1)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60chqbx)
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

TUE 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0dw6z)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct609x)
IMF warns of rising global debt

The IMF says the debt held by countries is likely to exceed \$100tn by the end of this year. How concerned should that figure make us?

And while Ed Butler finds out why it's been a bad day for chips (the computer ones), it's been a good one for (authentic) wine - as French police have uncovered a multi-billion dollar fake wine racket. The suspects are accused of creating counterfeit labels of renowned French vineyards, allowing them to sell bottles for thousands of dollars.

WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2024

WED 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydpmpq)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 00:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qk1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

WED 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydpqrfv)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfpbjr20lq)
IMF Rings Alarm on \$100 Trillion Debt Surge

Ed Butler is joined by Stefanie Yuen Thio, joint managing partner at TSMP Law in Singapore and Sergio Guzman, director at Colombia Risk Analysis in Colombia.

We explore the IMF's prediction that global sovereign debt will exceed \$100 trillion by the end of the year.

We also look into reports that biotech firm 23andMe may be on the brink of collapse. Once a tech industry favourite, the company now faces legal challenges and questions about its business model.

Plus, we follow Kamala Harris on her campaign trail in Georgia, where she's focused on energising Black and Latino voters.

WED 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydpq5z)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cj2l9)
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WED 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0f7gc)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 02:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5ws9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydpqz3)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5p57)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Tuesday]

WED 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ymy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydr3p7)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cjb2k)
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WED 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0fgym)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 04:32 World Of Secrets (w3ct793n)
Al Fayed, Predator at Harrods

Al Fayed, Predator at Harrods: 4. Surveillance state

Security cameras were everywhere - in Harrods and in a luxury apartment used by staff. There's an atmosphere of paranoia. Vanity Fair magazine was investigating the rumours swirling around Mohamed Al Fayed. Would the truth about him be exposed, even as potential witnesses say they were intimidated?

This season of World of Secrets is about sexual abuse, and includes descriptions which some listeners might find distressing. For a list of organisations in the UK that can provide support for survivors of sexual abuse, go to bbc.co.uk/actionline.

Presented by Cassie Cornish-Trestrail and Shaimaa Khalil, and produced by Neal Razzell and Sally Abrahams. The editor is Matt Willis. It's a Long Form Audio production for the BBC World Service.

Special thanks to series consultant, Keaton Stone, director Erica Gornall and executive producer, Mike Radford.

WED 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydr7fc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 05:06 Newsday (w172zbnk78bmkc2y)
US gives Israel 30 days to boost Gaza aid

The letter, sent on Sunday, amounts to the strongest known written warning from the US to its ally and comes amid a new Israeli offensive in northern Gaza.

We will look at the impact of climate change on farming and food supplies in Nigeria.

And we'll hear from a university in California which is making climate change a compulsory subject of all graduate students.

(Pic: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken speaks at a press conference; Credit: Reuters)

WED 06:00 BBC News (w172zgnfb8ydr5h)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 06:06 Newsday (w172zbnk78bmkgv2)
US concerned about situation in Gaza

Israel is reviewing the letter, an Israeli official was reported as saying, adding the country "takes this matter seriously" and intends to "address the concerns raised".

The first group of migrants stopped in international waters by the Italian authorities is arriving this morning in Albania for asylum processing. This deal, which has been called controversial, was signed by the 2 countries last year.

(Pic: A Palestinian boy pulls a small cart past the rubble of houses in Khan Younis; Credit: Reuters)

WED 07:00 BBC News (w172zgnfb8ydrxmx)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 07:06 Newsday (w172zbnk78bmkll6)
US warns Israel of military aid cuts

A UN official has said that Gaza is in a state of "constant peak emergency". Israel has previously said it is targeting Hamas operatives and not stopping the entry of aid.

The first ship with migrants crossing the Mediterranean on boats arrives in Albania from Italy for processing in what is seen as a controversial move. We hear from the opposition in Italy.

(Pic: Israeli tanks take position at the Israel-Gaza border; Credit: Reuters)

WED 08:00 BBC News (w172zgnfb8ydrlnr)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t4q)
Ali Abbasi: Is censorship a growing cross-cultural problem?

Stephen Sackur speaks to the Iranian-Danish film director Ali Abbasi. His new movie *The Apprentice*, about Donald Trump's early years in business, has enraged team Trump. He's also made powerful enemies inside Iran. Is censorship a growing cross-cultural problem?

WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0fy4)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zn1)
US Election: Meet the retailers

We get the views of three American retailers - how do they see the economy and what do they want from the next US president?

We hear from a department store owner in Indiana, a bookshop owner in Texas and a snack company based in New York City.

Produced and presented by Ed Butler
Additional production by Matt Lines

(Image: A shop owner holding an open sign. Credit: Getty Images)

WED 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yq6)
Fleeing Afghanistan alone as a child

In 1999, Waheed Arian left his family in Afghanistan to seek refuge in the UK. He was just 15.

He was escaping violence, poverty and the threat of being recruited as a child soldier.

He tells Vicky Farncombe about how a dream of one day becoming a doctor sustained him.

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: Dr Waheed Arian as a child. Credit: Dr Waheed Arian)

WED 09:00 BBC News (w172zgnfb8ydrqdw)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbnqj60cjt6)
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WED 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0g2p8)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 09:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5ws9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 10:00 BBC News (w172zgnfb8ydrv50)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 10:06 World Questions (w3ct5yyk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

WED 11:00 BBC News (w172zgnfb8ydrvx4)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbnqj60ck59g)
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WED 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0gb5j)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6drc)
Could conspiracy theories and AI impact the US election?

How disinformation and advanced technology might influence the 2024 vote. Why do people fall for online conspiracy theories, and what happens when disinformation shapes real-world events?

On this episode, Lucy Hockings is joined by the BBC's disinformation and social media correspondent, Marianna Spring, to explore how conspiracy theories and the rise of AI could shape the upcoming election in the United States. They discuss the role disinformation played in the 2020 vote, leading to real-world consequences, and how these conspiracies continue to undermine the US election system today. They also examine the growing influence of AI in generating and spreading false narratives, and what this could mean for the upcoming presidential race.

You can listen to Marianna Spring's series 'Why Do You Hate Me? USA' on BBC Sounds, or wherever you get your podcasts.

Producers: Pete Ross and Alix Pickles

Sound engineer: Mike Regaard

Assistant editor: Sergi Forcada Freixas

Senior news editor: Sara Wadson

WED 12:00 BBC News (w172zgnfb8ydr2n8)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5pd0)
The fraud: Holding the powerful to account, with accounting

When he was six, Jim's Dad gave him an accounting book for Christmas and taught him to keep meticulous accounts of his outgoings of sweets and football cards. Jim tells reporter Taqwa Sadiq that it was a skill he took with him through life. So in 1993 when he was working as a reporter in Michigan and he heard that the governor had frozen the local government's ability to write cheques, Jim thought this might be a story for him. With his, by now, detailed knowledge of bookkeeping and accounts Jim spotted a discrepancy; soon he had revealed massive fraud at the heart of the local legislature. He won a Pulitzer prize for his investigation and even the man who ended up being sentenced to six years in prison as a result of the story, congratulated him on his work.

In February 2019, Nupur Gupta was teaching at a yoga retreat in Goa when she got into difficulty in the sea. A Hungarian man called Attila Bosnyak who happened to be on the same yoga retreat was passing the beach, saw her in trouble and sprang into action. A dramatic rescue followed and a strong bond was formed between Nupur and Attila. That could have been the end of the story but instead it was the start of an on-going romantic relationship. This interview was first broadcast in 2021. They are now married with a little baby girl.

If you have a story about a wonderful partnership in your life we'd love to hear it, it could be romantic, or a best friend, a dog who's rescued you or even a guitar from which you can never be separated. We're seeking out the origin stories of beautiful relationships. Email us at outlook@bbc.com or send a message or voice note on WhatsApp: + 44 330 678 2707.

Presenter: Mobeen Azhar

WED 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5yq6)
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WED 13:00 BBC News (w172zgnfb8ydr6dd)
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WED 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbnqj60ckdsq)
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WED 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0gkns)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 13:32 World Of Secrets (w3ct793n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

WED 14:00 BBC News (w172zgnfb8ydrsb4j)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 14:06 Newshour (w172zbnqj60ck5mh)
Israeli airstrikes resume in Lebanon

Israeli warplanes pounded the city of Nabatiyeh in south Lebanon today. The Lebanese health ministry said six people were killed, there, in strikes on municipal buildings, with a local mayor reported dead. The United Nations has warned of a catastrophic humanitarian crisis in Lebanon as huge numbers of people are displaced.

Also in the programme: A BBC reporter returns to his home and birthplace in Sudan which is in the midst of a civil war; and we hear from the first visitors to a new museum celebrating the wonders of ancient Egypt.

(Picture: Civil defence members of the Islamic Health Authority work at a site damaged by an Israeli strike in Qana, southern Lebanon on October 16, 2024. Credit: REUTERS)

WED 15:00 BBC News (w172zgnfb8ydrsfwn)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t4q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

WED 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0gt5l)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct60d5)

Albania receives first asylum seekers from Italy

The first people to be intercepted at sea by the Italian navy under a controversial migration deal with Albania are on their way to the Balkan nation to have their asylum claims processed. If rejected they will be sent back to countries deemed safe.

Also, in the programme, we look at the slow down in sales luxury goods firms have been reporting and the corresponding slump in their share prices.

And why Australia plans to ban "dynamic pricing" amid rising anger from fans faced with soaring prices as they try to buy in-demand tickets to see their favourite band?

And how opening of the Great Egyptian Museum (GEM) will boost the tourism in Giza?

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WED 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydskms)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj8gdhf6q4)

Israel kills mayor in southern Lebanon

The mayor of the southern Lebanese city of Nabatieh was among six people killed on Wednesday in Israeli strikes. An eyewitness described the situation as "frantic terror", saying at least nine violent air strikes had targeted the city within the span of 30 minutes. The eyewitness, a local of the city, said one of the air strikes had hit Nabatieh's municipality building where the mayor was attending a crisis cell meeting to deal with the humanitarian situation in the city. Our Middle East editor Mike Thompson brings us the latest.

A row between the governments of India and Canada is continuing to worsen over the assassination of an Indian Sikh separatist on Canadian soil in June 2023. Both countries have expelled the top envoys of the other governments. Our reporter in Toronto, Nadine Yousif, tells us more.

In Nigeria, a fuel tanker exploded in the north of the country, killing at least 104 people. One hundred other people who were injured in the explosion have been taken to hospital in the nearby town of Ringim in Jigawa state, many of them are in a critical condition. The BBC's Chris Ewokor speaks to us from Abuja.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky has been setting out his "victory plan" to his country's parliament. He believes – if the plan were implemented now – it could end the war with Russia by 2025. Ukraine's Vitaly Shevchenko explains the plan for us.

Presenter: Mark Lowen

(Picture: A view of a damaged site after an Israeli strike in Nabatieh. Credit: Reuters)

WED 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydspx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj8gdhfbg8)

State of the Middle East war

The Lebanese health ministry has confirmed that six people were killed in Israeli air strikes on the city of Nabatieh on Wednesday morning, adding that 43 were injured. The BBC's Wyre Davis describes the state of play in the Middle East conflict.

The annual Victoria's Secret fashion show, one of the sultriest shows on the international fashion circuit which began in 1995, returned on Tuesday night. It was cancelled five years ago after its 2018 show drew low ratings as well as criticism that it was sexist, outdated and lacked diversity. Aiyana Ishmael, Associate Editor of teenVOGUE, Lauren Sherman, fashion correspondent at New York-based Puck News and author of "Selling Sexy, Victoria's Secret and the Unraveling of An American Icon" and Alex Badia, Style Director for Women's Wear Daily, all join us to give us their reaction to the catwalk.

Thomas Tuchel has been named as the new manager of the England men's football team. The German becomes the third non-British permanent manager of the men's team after Sven-Goran Eriksson and Fabio Capello. We hear from fans who gives us their opinion.

Albania has accepted the first migrants from Italy under a new deal signed off by Italy's far-right prime minister Giorgia Meloni. Rome wants to process thousands of asylum seekers abroad and Italy is the first EU country to divert migrants

outside the bloc. It has built two reception centres in Albania. Vladimir Karah, a reporter for Balkan Insight - an investigative website in Tirana, gives us the latest.

Presenter: Mark Lowen

(Picture: Smoke billows after an Israeli air strike on Dahieh, a southern suburb of Beirut, Lebanon. Credit: EPA)

WED 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydst41)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5pd0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

WED 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5yq6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

WED 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydsxw5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbj60cl48h)

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WED 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0h94k)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5wbs)

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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 (w172zgf8ydt1m9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 20:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5ws9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0hdwp)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct5t97)

Rapid malaria diagnoses

Can rapid diagnostic tests make a difference in the fight against malaria? A new study tries to quantify the real-world difference these tests are making.

Also on the show, what can we learn from a single documented case of a medical anomaly: like the recent study of a break dancer presenting with a thickened skull. And Claudia learns to surf – all in the name of health.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond
Producer: Margaret Sessa-Hawkins

WED 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydt5cf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 21:06 Newshour (w172zb93r5yr0vd)

Zelensky announces "Victory Plan" for Ukraine

Key elements include a formal invitation to join NATO, the lifting by allies of bans on long-range strikes with Western-supplied weapons deep into Russia, a refusal to trade Ukraine's territories and sovereignty, and the continuation of the incursion into Russia's western Kursk region.

Also on the programme: we hear from a doctor in Nabatieh, one of the towns in southern Lebanon which has been under attack by Israel; and we meet one of the scientists who has helped to discover how to grow replacement human skin in a laboratory, a discovery which has the potential to help victims of serious burns.

(Picture: President Zelensky addresses the Ukrainian Parliament in Kyiv. Credit: Ukrainian President's Office)

WED 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydt93k)

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WED 22:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t4q)

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WED 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0hncy)

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WED 22:32 World Of Secrets (w3ct793n)

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WED 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydttdvp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbj60clm80)

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WED 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0hs42)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct60gf)

Migrant workers struggle amid Lebanon's conflict

We hear of the plight of vulnerable women in Lebanon—domestic workers who've been cast out by their employers as the crisis in the country deepens.

The US' Federal Trade Commission tells Ed Butler how it plans to enforce new rules requiring American businesses to make it as easy to cancel subscriptions and memberships as it is to sign up to them.

We'll also look at Ethiopia's bold leap into the financial markets with its first-ever IPO, aiming to raise \$255 million and lay the foundation for a stock exchange.

And Amazon dives into the nuclear energy race, joining AI giants in a quest for dominance in the energy sector.

THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER 2024**THU 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydtjlt)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 00:06 World Questions (w3ct5yyk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

THU 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydtmby)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfphjr4xht)

Italy criminalises paid surrogacy abroad

Ed Butler discusses why Italy has decided to criminalise couples who pay for a surrogate birth. Elsewhere in the U.S., we find out from retailers what they want to hear from the new incumbent in the White House. And finally, have you ever found yourself unwittingly paying for a subscription that you thought was free. We are joined throughout the programme by Yoko Ishikura, Professor Emeritus at Hitotsubashi University in Japan and Allie Garfinkle, Senior Finance Reporter at Fortune based in L.A.

THU 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydt532)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbj60clzhd)

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THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0j4cg)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 02:32 The Documentary (w3ct78h6)

The children's hospital of Entebbe

Until 2021, Uganda had only four paediatric surgeons and just a few children's hospital beds for the entire country. In 2020, the mortality rate for children under five was 43 per 1,000 births, compared to three per 1,000 in the UK.

The Children's Hospital of Entebbe, funded by the Italian NGO Emergency and designed by world famous architect Renzo Piano, was established in 2021 to change the situation.

Ugandan journalist Lulu Jemimah visits the hospital, on the shore of Lake Victoria, to ask whether one hospital is enough to reset the future for Uganda's children. Lulu meets children and

young people who would have died, or had their lives severely limited, without intervention at this hospital

The hospital also aims to be a pathfinder, to demonstrate to governments across Africa how a future with better healthcare is possible. The plan is for Emergency to eventually hand over the hospital to Ugandan staff and authorities, but taking over the running costs will be a huge challenge for the government.

Presenter: Lulu Jemimah
Producer: Amanda Hargreaves
Sound engineer: Joel Cox
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(Photo: The Children's Hospital of Entebbe - child post-op check-up. Credit: Laura Salvinelli/Emergency)

THU 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydtwv6)
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THU 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5pd0)
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THU 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yq6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydv0lb)
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THU 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cm6zn)
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THU 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0jcvq)
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THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xnf)
Housemates

Did you share a flat, house or kitchen as a student or professional? Is it the shared meals and conversation that stay with you, or the piles of dirty dishes and missing food?

This week Ruth Alexander has a look around shared kitchens all over the world.

We hear the good, bad and dirty – and give advice on how to build cooperation in your shared kitchen. Ruth hears from a former housemate what she was really like to share with, as well as a surprise revelation about her unappetising meal of choice.

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

Presented by Ruth Alexander.
Produced by Hannah Bewley.

(Image: five students sat on sofas in their shared living space eating a meal they have cooked together. Credit: BBC)

THU 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydv4bg)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 05:06 Newsday (w172zkb78bmn801)
US 'monitors' Israel's actions in northern Gaza

The first aid in two weeks has gone into northern Gaza after US gave Israel 30 days to boost humanitarian access, or risk having some military assistance cut off.

The British musician and former member of One Direction --Liam Payne-- has died in Argentina.

President Zelensky lays out how he thinks Ukraine's war against Russia can be won. He needs to convince his nation - and the Western countries providing weapons.

(Pic: A boy looks on at the site of an Israeli strike on tents sheltering displaced people at Al-Aqsa hospital; Credit: Reuters)

THU 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydv82l)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 06:06 Newsday (w172zkb78bmn8r5)
Liam Payne of One Direction, dies in Argentina

Fans have been gathering outside the hotel to mourn the death of the singer - lighting candles, singing One Direction songs and holding a moment of silence.

The US has said it's monitoring Israel's actions in northern Gaza to ensure it's not carrying out what it calls "a policy of starvation".

(Pic: Singer Liam Payne poses for photographers; Credit: Reuters)

THU 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydvctq)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 07:06 Newsday (w172zkb78bmnhh9)
Fifty aid trucks enter northern Gaza

The US increases its pressure on Israel to allow aid into Gaza - and in particular the north of the territory. It wants to avoid what it calls a policy of starvation.

Tributes are pouring in for the singer and former member of the boy band One Direction, Liam Payne, who has died aged 31, having apparently fallen from a hotel balcony in Argentina.

(Photo: People sit outside their tent at the site of an Israeli strike. Credit: Reuters)

THU 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydvkhv)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xhx)
What's the succession plan for Murdoch's empire?

A court room in the US State of Nevada provided the setting for the recent hearing between media mogul Rupert Murdoch and his children, over who will inherit his empire on the 93 year old's death.

The succession battle, worthy of the TV drama Succession, which was partly inspired by the Murdoch dynasty, was played out behind closed doors and it's unlikely that the decision, when it comes, will be made available to the public.

Murdoch's News Corp owns hundreds of newspapers and media outlets around the world. It includes the right-leaning Fox News in the US, which gave Donald Trump a major platform in the run-up to the 2016 Presidential election, as well as widely read newspapers like the Sun in the UK.

Speculation over who is most likely to take control of the multi-billion dollar business currently centres around the eldest son Lachlan Murdoch, the sibling most closely aligned to his father in terms of their vision for the future. But at this point the outcome all depends on whether legally such a takeover can happen.

So, on this week's Inquiry, we're asking 'What's the succession plan for Murdoch's empire?'

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Editor: Tara McDermott
Technical Producer: Nicky Edwards
Broadcast Co-ordinator: Jacqui Johnson

(Image: Reuters/Mike Segar)

THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0jv7)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zck)
The growth of grief tech

We look at a growing trend using artificial intelligence (AI) to 'connect' people to loved ones who have died.

The grief tech sector, also called "death tech", is now valued at more than £100bn globally, according to tech news website TechRound.

We hear from the people using technology, from the businesses building it, and we find out about the ethical challenges they face.

Is it going too far?

Produced and presented by Isabel Woodford

(Image: Woman looking at her phone in the dark. Credit: Getty Images)

THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ykp)
Dyke and Dryden: Cosmetic kings

In 1969, a new sound began to dominate the airwaves in the UK, reggae.

This was terrible news for two Jamaican men, Len Dyke and Dudley Dryden who were making their money selling 'slices of home' records on market stalls in London.

They had been pushed out by big labels but being true businessmen, they established themselves in an area with little-to-no commercial competition - black women's haircare.

Little did they know they were entering the market when black beauty was about to get a whole new look that would make them millions.

It was the dawn of the Jerry Curl. This was a new product that could chemically change the texture of afro hair making it straighter and shinier.

Rudi Page, Dyke and Dryden's former marketing manager tells Anoushka Mutanda-Dougherty how the business became so successful that they started supplying products in Ghana and Nigeria as well as the whole of the UK.

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

(Photo: Rudi Page. Credit: Rudi Page)

THU 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydv9z)
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THU 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cmtq9)
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THU 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0jzc)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 09:32 The Documentary (w3ct78h6)
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THU 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydv823)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 10:06 The Explanation (w3ct6pm6)
The Media Show: ISIS Prisons Museum

The ISIS Prisons Museum was established in 2017 when a group of journalists, filmmakers and activists entered deserted Islamic State prisons to collect evidence. We talk to two journalists behind the project as their archive launches to the public. Amer Matar is Director of the ISIS Prisons Museum, Robin Yassin-Kassab is its Chief English Editor, and Yvonne McDermott Rees is Professor of Law at Swansea University.

Also on the show, the journalist who received an apology from Anne Hathaway. Kjersti Flaar reveals why the Hollywood actor got in touch after her "cringeworthy" interview went viral.

Presenters: Katie Razzall and Ros Atkins
Producer: Simon Richardson
Assistant Producer: Lucy Wai

THU 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0k3bh)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 10:32 The Coming Storm (w3ct7018)
The Coming Storm

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Gabriel Gatehouse dives back into the labyrinthine rabbit warren of American conspiracy theories to explore how millions of Americans have become convinced their democracy has been highjacked by a sinister Deep State cabal. Where did this story come from? And what are the prospects for the survival of the American political system?

THU 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydvvt7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cn26k)

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THU 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0k72m)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dtm)

How damaged is Hezbollah?

Israel's assassination of Hassan Nasrallah, the long-standing leader of Hezbollah, represented a major escalation in its war with the Lebanese militant group. With the region on the brink of a widening conflict, we look at how Israel's attacks on Hezbollah's leadership have potentially weakened the organisation, and what that could mean for the course of the war.

Host Katya Adler asks the BBC's security correspondent Frank Gardner how the conflict between Hezbollah and Israel escalated and what each actor might do next.

Producers: Tom Kavanagh, Alice Aylett Roberts, Peter Goffin and Beth Timmins

Sound engineers: Jonny Hall and Mike Regaard

Assistant editor: Sergi Forcada Freixas

Senior news editor: Sara Wadeson

THU 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydvzkc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nyg)

Joy 2.0: From retired teacher to battle rapper

When Joy France, a school teacher from Manchester, hit her mid-50s, she decided she wanted to shake things up a bit. What began with a commitment to try new things led her to find performance poetry and later to the unlikelyst of places: the world of battle rap. At 61, she made her debut, earning her the title of the 'world's oldest battle rapper'. Today, she continues to perform and battle internationally, with no intention of stopping. She told Mobeen Azhar about finding her creativity -- and her voice.

A documentary about Joy's journey into rapping has been made called Joy Uncensored.

Voice of Baceprot, or V.O.B. as they prefer to be known, are three young women who are making waves in the world of metal music. They've been on, it's fair to say, a meteoric rise over the last few years after getting together in a small rural town near Garut in Indonesia. They've caught the attention of some of the biggest names in rock with their viral covers of metal tracks and growing numbers of original songs, and have been touring the world since their first trip to Europe in 2021. Outlook's Gaia Caramazza spoke to them in 2023.

Producer: Zoe Gelber
Presenter: Mobeen Azhar

(Photo: Joy France with rap battler Hulk in 2019. Credit: John Bolloten)

THU 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5ykp)

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THU 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydw39h)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cn9pt)

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THU 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0kgkw)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 13:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xnf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

THU 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydw71m)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 14:06 Newshour (w172zb93r5yt2jl)

An Israeli strike on school in Northern Gaza

At least 22 people have been killed in Israeli raid on school in Northern Gaza. Also on the programme, Israel says it may have been killed Yahya Sinwar, the leader of Hamas and the architect of the bloody October 7th attacks; and, Liam Payne, singer in the boy-band One Direction has died aged 31.

(Photo: Palestinians gather to receive food cooked by a charity kitchen, amid Israel-Hamas conflict, near the ruins of houses destroyed during the Israeli offensive, in Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip August 26, 2024. REUTERS/Mahmoud Issa/File Photo)

THU 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydwbsr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 15:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xhx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

THU 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0kq24)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct6034)

TSMC profits surge driven by strong AI-related demand

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. (TSMC) reports a 54% increase in Q3 net profit. The company estimated its capital spending in the current quarter would more than double to around \$11.5 billion and that the budget was likely to increase further next year, as it expects healthy demand for its products.

In the closing weeks of the US election, we hear from business-owners...

Also, we find out why announced Hong Kong government announced new regulations to phase out subdivided flats smaller than eight square metres.

And clocks about to change for many of us - but is there an economic case for ditching daylight saving time?

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THU 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydwjgw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj8gdh3m7)

Israel 'checking possibility' it killed Hamas leader

Israel says it's "checking the possibility" that it killed Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar in Gaza, but adds it is not confirmed. Sinwar is believed to be a key figure in the planning and execution of the 7 October attacks on Israel last year. We get the latest and analysis from our Middle East regional editor and BBC Arabic.

After Italy passed into law a bill to extend the country's ban on surrogacy to couples who seek it abroad, we speak to an Italian couple who have used a surrogate to have a baby.

We get reaction from fans of the One Direction star Liam Payne and have the latest on the investigation into his death in Argentina on Wednesday.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Hamas leader Yehya Al-Sinwar looks on as Palestinians Hamas supporters take part in an anti-Israel rally over tension in Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa mosque, in Gaza City October 1, 2022. Credit: Mohammed Salem/Reuters)

THU 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydw190)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj8gdh3m7)

Israel 'increasingly confident' Hamas leader killed in Gaza

Israel's security cabinet has been told it's very likely the Hamas leader, Yahya Sinwar, has been killed. Sinwar is believed to be a key figure in the planning and execution of the 7 October attacks on Israel last year. We speak to our security correspondent about today's developments and what this might mean for the war in Gaza and the future of Hamas.

The US ambassador to the UN Linda Thomas-Greenfield told the Security Council the US was watching to ensure Israel's actions in Gaza do not amount to a "policy of starvation". We hear from a resident in Gaza.

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(Photo: Israeli army 'checking possibility' it has killed Hamas leader Sinwar, Gaza - 10 Mar 2021. Credit: MOHAMMED SABER/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

THU 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydwq14)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5nyg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

THU 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5ykp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

THU 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydwts8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cp15l)

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THU 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0l61n)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w68)

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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 (w172zgf8ydwjyd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 20:06 The Documentary (w3ct78h6)

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THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0l9s)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 20:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vdf)

Marvels of life and death

The "dewilding" effects of fish farming and mariculture are in the spotlight this week. Farmed fish can impact marine ecosystems in several ways, and surprisingly one of those is the effect it has on consumer perceptions of the impact of eating farmed fish, as researchers Becca Franks of NYU and Laurie Sellars at Yale suggest.

Meanwhile, Manu Prakesh and colleagues at Stanford University in the US have found a remarkable plankton that can traverse the depths of the oceans by ballooning to five times its size, giving clues as to how an important carbon sink actually works. And Monika Bright at the University of Vienna has found animals and tubeworms living in the very rock below volcanic hydrothermal vents. Life finds a way...

...But not always. 445 million years ago the second worst mass extinction event wiped out countless species of life on earth. But why? This week astronomer Chrysa Avdellidou of Leicester University and colleagues say they have found the origin for a famous meteor event that also happened around that time.

Presenter: Roland Pease
 Producer: Alex Mansfield
 Production co-ordinator: Andrew Rhys Lewis

(Image: Aerial view of seagulls following a fishing trawler.
 Credit: Felix Cesare via Getty Images)

THU 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydx28j)
 The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 21:06 Newshour (w172zb93r5ytxrh)
 Israel confirms killing of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar

Yahya Sinwar, who topped Israel's most-wanted list, was a key figure believed to have been behind the 7 October attacks. The Israeli Defence Force tells us how the operation was carried out.

Also in the programme: With new questions about the likelihood of a hostage deal, we speak to one man whose brother-in-law is still being held captive; and a Palestinian journalist tells us about the mood in Gaza after Sinwar's killing.

(Photo: Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar attends a press conference after Hamas announced his victory in Gaza, 10th March, 2021. Credit: Mohammed Sabar/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

THU 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydx60m)
 The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 22:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xhx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

THU 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0lk91)
 The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 22:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xnf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

THU 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydx9rs)
 The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cpj53)
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THU 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0lp15)
 The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct605d)
 ECB cuts interest rates

The European Central Bank has cut interest rates to 3.25% to prevent a significant slowdown in the Eurozone's economy.

Leanna Byrne hears from businesses around the continent to find out how they're responding to their country's economic challenges.

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FRI 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydxhfx)
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FRI 00:06 The Explanation (w3ct6pm6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0lss9)
 The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct5yc2)
 Israel's Middle East strategy

This week John Simpson, in discussion with the BBC's unparalleled range of experts across the world, analyses Israel's long-term strategy in the Middle East, examines whether the US Government will force Google to break up and looks at the terrifying ordeal of migrants trying to cross from Africa to Europe.

(Photo: An Israeli soldier stands at the entrance to a tunnel in the Gaza Strip, September 13, 2024. Credit: Reuters/Amir Cohen)

FRI 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydxk81)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfphjr7tdx)
 China awaits crucial growth figures

Leanna Byrne looks ahead to China's third quarter growth figures.

Beijing's target for this year is 5% but most analysts say it will be missed, despite the recent announcement of a number of fiscal stimulus measures.

Leanna is joined throughout the programme by James Mayer, Bloomberg's Senior Reporter who specialises in the Chinese Economy, and Hayley Woodin, Editor in Chief of Business in Vancouver in Canada.

FRI 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydxp05)
 The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cpwdh)
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FRI 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0m18k)
 The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wmt)
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FRI 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydxsr9)
 The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nyg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Thursday]

FRI 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ykp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydxshf)
 The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cq3wr)
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FRI 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0m8rt)
 The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tfr)
 The dead are not dead

In certain cultures in Uganda and across Africa, a belief exists where departed husbands return as ethereal entities to engage in intimate encounters with their living partners. To ward off this phenomenon, women are required to perform Enkumbi.

Ugandan presenter Daniel Leinhardt sets out to investigate this belief and its impact, including the role it may play in subjugating women. He from couples who see the Enkumbi rituals as something they still must perform, and women who think it's old fashioned nonsense but who still harbour the doubt of 'what if it's not?'

Daniel has friends and family who practise and believe in the Enkumbi rituals. As he learns their history he realises that at the heart of this strange story is a serious question. Is this belief system about subjugating women? In posing this question he meets those fighting for women's rights in the framework of secretive, often ancient belief structures.

(Photo: Locals from the community gather with others from the Batwa tribe and the family for the funeral of a local woman who died of cancer. Credit: In Pictures Ltd/Getty Images)

FRI 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydy17k)
 The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 05:06 Newsday (w172zbf8ydx4x4)
 Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar killed by Israel

Israel has killed the leader of Hamas, Yahya Sinwar, a major blow to the group and a big boost to Israel's military campaign in Gaza. But does it bring the end of the war any closer? We'll talk to a former head of Israel's military intelligence.

A state in Australia has lowered the age of criminal

responsibility from twelve to ten. The move has been criticised by rights groups, who say the country's indigenous population is most likely to be affected.

NASA has unveiled the spacesuit its astronauts will wear on a new moon mission.

We'll head to Kenya to find out about the impeachment of the deputy president.

And our Africa Daily segment will look at why only ten percent of the people who need hearing aids in Africa actually have them.

(Pic: Gaza, Palestinian Territories; Credit: Reuters)

FRI 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydy4zp)
 The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 06:06 Newsday (w172zbf8ydx4x4)
 Israel says Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar killed

The Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, says the death of the Hamas leader, Yahya Sinwar, does not mean the end of the war in Gaza.

Western leaders have welcomed the killing of Sinwar; the US president Joe Biden called it a good day for Israel, for the US and for the world.

Former One Direction members pay tribute to their friend Liam Payne who died in Argentina on Wednesday night, aged thirty-one.

The government in Ivory Coast disbands all student unions following killings of two students.

And Australian rights groups denounce the move of one state to returning to jailing children as young as ten.

(Pic: Yahya Sinwar; Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

FRI 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydy8qt)
 The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 07:06 Newsday (w172zbf8ydx4x4)
 Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar dead

Israel has killed the leader of Hamas, Yahya Sinwar, a major blow to the group and a big boost to Israel's military campaign in Gaza. Some Israeli hostages are still being held by Hamas. So, is Sinwar's killing cause for celebration? We'll speak to the father of a man who was held hostage by the group. And we'll get the latest on the humanitarian situation in Gaza.

We'll find out more about the investigation into the death of former One Direction singer Liam Payne.

NASA has unveiled the spacesuit its astronauts will wear on a new moon mission - and it comes with a little style.

We'll find out why Italy's Prime Minister is heading to Lebanon, and get an overview of the Middle East conflict with out International Editor

And we'll hear about whether an arms embargo on Haiti will be renewed.

(Pic: Yahya Sinwar; Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

FRI 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydydgy)
 The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5svp)
 Seyed Hossein Mousavian: How vulnerable is Iran?

Stephen Sackur speaks to former Iranian nuclear negotiator Seyed Hossein Mousavian. Now in exile in the US, he is an advocate for dialogue between Iran and the West. With Israel poised to strike, having already delivered severe blows to Tehran, how vulnerable is Iran?

FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0mrrb)
 The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z2j)
 Business Daily meets: F1's James Vowles

We meet the Team Principal at Williams Racing - who says he's determined to restore one of Formula 1's most historic teams to its former glory.

From facing rejection early in his career to working with Honda, Brawn GP and Mercedes, James Vowles recounts his journey in the sport.

He is now focussed on transforming Williams, who have not claimed a championship since the late 1990's.

Presenter: Theo Leggett
Producer: Amber Mehmood

(Image: James Vowles at Williams Racing HQ in Oxfordshire)

FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yf5)
Eight years trapped on the Suez Canal in Egypt

After the Six Day War in June 1967, the Suez Canal in Egypt was closed.

It meant 14 ships from eight different countries, including the United States, Bulgaria and France, were trapped in an area called the Great Bitter Lake.

They would remain there for eight years, and would become known as the 'yellow fleet'.

Two of the ships were the MS Melampus and MS Agapenor.

Former assistant steward, Phil Saul, worked on both and was in charge of looking after the engineers and officers.

He speaks to Megan Jones.

His book is called *Skinning Out: My time at sea and jumping ship in New Zealand*.

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(Picture: Catering crowd on the Melampus. Credit: Phillip Saul)

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FRI 09:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vdf)
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FRI 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydyzmz6)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q2g)
TV made me do it

Spoiler alert! At the end of the fourth season of *Emily in Paris*, the protagonist sets off to go to Rome. In response, the French President Emmanuel Macron has promised that "we will fight hard" to keep Emily in Paris in France. Why does he care so much? A recent study suggests that 38 per cent of all visitors to Paris name the show as one of the reasons for visiting. Inspired by this factoid, we started thinking about the ways in which TV can influence us.

We examine how *Star Trek* inspired mobile phones – and the outfit of one of our panelists. Plus, we find out more about the impact Dana Scully from *The X Files* had on a generation of girls. And what does psychology say about fandom?

But how can science influence the films? We speak to Dr Adam Rutherford, a geneticist, broadcaster, and, importantly, scientific advisor for movies. What does that last role involve? Which films get the science right? And is scientific accuracy important for a Hollywood blockbuster?

Also in the programme, we hear about the mysterious recent earthquakes in Ethiopia, and *Unexpected Elements* listeners with visual impairments get in touch to share the secrets of what they can see inside their heads. And finally, we take a look at the surprising connection between cricket and statistics.

Presenter: Marnie Chesterton with Andrada Fiscutean and Christine Yohannes
Producer: Florian Bohr with Alice Lipscombe-Southwell and Anna Charalambou
Sound engineer: Cath McGhee

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FRI 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dww)
Why thousands of UK prisoners are being freed early

There is an overcrowding crisis in UK prisons. There are also problems with gang violence, drug abuse, self harm and a record number of weapons now being made in jails. To deal with the chronic overcrowding, the UK government has begun releasing thousands of prisoners early in England and Wales.

Katya Adler is joined by senior UK correspondent Sima Kotecha to talk about her time inside one of Britain's most notorious jails as they examine how the prison system in England and Wales has been stretched to breaking point.

Producers: Alice Aylett Roberts and Eleanor Sly

Sound engineers: Matt Dean and Mike Regaard

Assistant editor: Sergi Forcada Freixas

Senior news editor: Sara Wadeson

FRI 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydywgg)
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FRI 12:06 Outlook (w3ct699d)
Outlook Mixtape: It's never too late to be a battle rapper – or a TikTok star

As a boy growing up in Sudan, Abdelaziz Baraka Sakin stole a book of horror stories by Edgar Allan Poe from under his brother's pillow. Those stories made him want to be a writer. But under the government of President Omar al-Bashir, being a writer was a dangerous business. Baraka faced detention and harassment and though he went on to win major literary prizes, he also earned the unwanted title of Sudan's first-ever banned writer.

When Paul Rousseau met Mark in the first year of university in the US, they quickly became best friends and moved in together. But Paul did not know that Mark had been keeping a collection of guns in his bedroom. In April 2017 one of Mark's guns accidentally went off, the bullet passing through two walls before striking Paul in the head. In the years that followed, Paul had to deal not only with his brain injury, but also the devastating impact the event had on his friendship with Mark.

When Joy France, a school teacher from Manchester, hit her mid-50s, she decided she wanted to shake things up a bit. What began with a commitment to try new things led her to the unlikelyst of places: the world of battle rap. At 61, she made her debut, earning her the title of the 'world's oldest battle rapper' and continues to perform and battle internationally.

Lily Ebert, who has died at the age of 100, was just a teenager when war broke out across Europe. Born into a large Hungarian-Jewish family, she was deported to Auschwitz concentration camp after Germany invaded Hungary in 1944. She survived and later moved to Britain where she had a large family, never speaking of the horrors she had experienced. But in the 1980s, Lily started to revisit her experiences – and began to speak out. At the age of 97, with the help of her great-grandson Dov she became an unlikely TikTok star, sharing her story with a new generation of followers online. This interview was first broadcast in 2021.

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FRI 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0ncgz)
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FRI 13:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tfr)
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FRI 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydz3yq)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 14:06 Newshour (w172zb93r5ywfzfp)
With Hamas leader Sinwar dead, what now?

With the Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar dead, what now for the conflict in Gaza? An Israeli minister tells us it brings a hostage release closer, but in its first statement since the killing, Hamas sounds defiant. One close observer of the group tells us that the Israeli Prime Minister will not get his way.

We hear reaction from across the region and from the US.

Also in the programme: South Korea's intelligence service confirms the transfer of thousands of North Korean troops to Russia, to help fight Ukraine.

(IMAGE: A person holds a sign with a reference to Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar, after Israeli military said they have killed him, as families and supporters of hostages kidnapped during the deadly October 7, 2023 attack, protest to demand their immediate release, amid the ongoing conflict in Gaza between Israel and Hamas, in Tel Aviv, Israel, October 17, 2024 / CREDIT: REUTERS/Violeta Santos Moura)

FRI 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydz7pv)
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FRI 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5vvp)
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FRI 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0nlz7)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zt3)
Why is China's economic growth slowing?

Beijing has stepped up efforts to boost its economy after reporting the slowest pace of growth in a year and a half.

Plus, why are we seeing a spike in tanker crashes in Nigeria?

And the Russian parliament has passed the first stage of a law to ban so-called "propaganda of childlessness" including large fines.

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FRI 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj8gdhm0jb)
Hamas confirms killing of Yahya Sinwar

A top Hamas official has given the group's first official confirmation that its leader, Yahya Sinwar, has been killed by Israel. Khalil al-Hayya said that Sinwar died in combat and that his death would only strengthen Hamas. He also said that Israeli hostages would not be freed until Israel ended its offensive in Gaza. We speak to our Middle East experts and get reaction from across the region.

We've been hearing from Mexicans about how violence in the country affects their lives and today bring together two journalists to share the challenges they face.

South Korea's spy agency has presented detailed evidence which it says shows that North Korea has begun sending troops to help Russia's war against Ukraine. We get more from our Europe regional editor.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Protesters, mainly Houthi supporters, stand near a screen displaying Senior Hamas official Khalil al-Hayya during a rally to show support to Lebanon's Hezbollah and Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, in Sanaa, Yemen October 18, 2024. Credit: Khaled Abdullah/Reuters)

FRI 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydz63)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj8gdhm48g)
Yahya Sinwar: Your questions answered

A senior Hamas member has confirmed their leader was killed in combat, but says his death will only strengthen the group. Our Chief International Correspondent Lyse Doucet answers audience questions about the death of Yahya Sinwar and what this might mean for the war in Gaza and for the Israeli hostages in Gaza.

Final campaigning is taking place in Moldova, ahead of Sunday's presidential election and a referendum on whether to change the constitution to make joining the European Union a national objective.

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We look at how social media has been helping to revive book reading among young people.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: A person that Israeli army says is Hamas chief Sinwar is seen in Tal Al-Sultan, in this screengrab from a handout video obtained on October 17, 2024. Credit: Israel Defense Forces/Handout via REUTERS)

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FRI 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5yf5)
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FRI 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf8ydzqpc)
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FRI 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cry2p)
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FRI 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0p2yr)
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FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w1r)
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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 (w172zgf8ydzvfh)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rc7)
Living alongside Mexico's drug gangs

When she was sworn in as Mexico's new president, Claudia Sheinbaum pledged to tackle the country's drug gangs.

In the past couple of months, local civilian groups have reported hundreds of deaths and disappearances due to them.

Hosts Mark Lowen and Krupa Padhy hear from those who just want to go about their lives and jobs in safety, but are being

caught in the crossfire and sometimes even targeted.

Rosa is a 15-year-old student and would like to leave it all behind but feels for now she must co-exist with constant fear.

"This is going to sound weird," she said. "I have a metal baseball bat here with me in my bed. I know it's not exactly going to protect me from someone who has a gun, but at least it gives me some sort of sense of safety."

We also hear from two women in Mexico's Sinaloa state, whose loved ones are among "the disappeared". They describe how they continue to wait for news, years after they last saw them. And two journalists share the dangers and threats that go with reporting on organised crime.

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FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0p6pw)
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FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rhr)
Why do my armpits smell?

While there is a myriad of deodorants, shower gels and perfumes helping us stay fresh and fragrant today, that hasn't always been the case. How did humans stay clean in the past, or did they not care so much? And is there an evolutionary reason for human body odour in the first place?

These are questions that CrowdScience listener Sarah has pondered on trips in her camper van, when she wants to keep clean, but washing isn't always convenient.

In search of answers, presenter Anand Jagatia delves into the sweaty details: where body odour comes from, why some people's armpits don't smell, and whether this heady stink serves any purpose. Could our natural odour really help to attract a partner, or is it just a smelly bacterial by-product?

Anand explores the intriguing mystery of human pheromones, and hears how for hundreds of years, Europeans were terrified of washing.

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(Image: Girl sweating smelly armpit, Taiwan Credit: PonyWang via Getty Images)

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The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 21:06 Newshour (w172zb93r5yxtnl)
Who's likely to be the next leader of Hamas?

Since Israel announced on Thursday that it had killed the leader of Hamas, Yahya Sinwar, people have been wondering who could replace him. We speak to a political scientist who monitors the militant group.

Also in the programme: we analyse reports that North Korea has sent troops to help Russia in its war with Ukraine; and a new project that aims to combat addiction with the use of virtual reality.

(Photo: Houthi supporters hold up placards showing late Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar during a rally in Sana'a, Yemen, 18th October 2024. Credit: Yahya Arhab/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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FRI 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zwc)
Cuba's energy blackout

The Cuban government has declared an energy emergency after a massive power cut led to the failure of supplies across the entire country. The total blackout came after the Antonio Guiteras power plant in Matanzas - the largest on the island - went offline. The government had already suspended all non-essential public sector services in an effort to conserve supplies. President Miguel Diaz-Canel blamed the decades-long US embargo against his country for the problem.

Meanwhile, in China, what do latest GDP figures mean for the country's economy? Results show the slowest growth since early 2023, but officials remain upbeat about future growth. We examine what's contributing the country's sluggish economy. Also, the global food industry is growing rapidly - some estimates say its now worth more than \$10 trillion. But there are growing concerns about how healthy some of that food is. The UN has stepped in, detailing what they want global food producers to do about food labelling.

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