

## SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2024

**SAT 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf0fb0f)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 00:06 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

**SAT 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf0g54)**

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**SAT 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfphjrbqb0)**

Cuba's energy blackout

The Cuban government has declared an energy emergency after a huge power cut led to the failure of supplies across the entire country. The blackout came after the Antonio Guterres 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, latest GDP figures show the slowest growth since early 2023. Rahul Tandon examines what's contributing the country's sluggish economy. The global food industry is growing rapidly - some estimates say it's 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.

Also, families of fentanyl victims in the US have asked their government to place tariffs on China - for what they say is its role in the opioid crisis. They have submitted a petition seeking trade countermeasures that include tariffs on a range of Chinese merchandise.

Rahul is joined by Katia Dmitrieva, Bloomberg Asia Economics Correspondent, and Andy Uhler - Journalism Fellow at the University of Texas Energy Institute and Columbia University's Center on Global Energy Policy.

**SAT 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf0kx8)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60css9l)**

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**SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0py5n)**

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**SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct5wh9)**

Abtaha Maqsood on a first World Cup, Shane Warne and representation

As India and England fail to reach the last four of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup, the inquest into their exit begins. Alison Mitchell, Jim Maxwell and Charu Sharma discuss where it all went wrong, and ask if anyone can stop Australia

defending their title.

Scotland returned from their first ICC Women's T20 World Cup and leg spinner Abtaha Maqsood joins the team to talk about her experience of playing in the tournament for the first time, what she's been able to learn from facing the top-ranked teams in the world, and why being a role model is so important to her.

Plus, we find out more about the garden shed invention which changed the shape of spin bowling. Matthew Pryor, son of the inventor Henry, joins the team explain how Merlyn came to be and how it's helped teams master the conditions in the sub-continent.

Photo: Abtaha Maqsood of Scotland warm-up prior to the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 warm-up match between Pakistan and Scotland at The Sevens Stadium on September 28, 2024 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. (Credit: ICC via Getty Images)

**SAT 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf0pnd)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 03:06 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.

Presenter: India Rakusen  
Producer: Zoe Gelber

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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty Images)

**SAT 03:50 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.

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.

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

**SAT 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf0tdj)**

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**SAT 04:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q2g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 today]

**SAT 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf0y4n)**

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**SAT 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60ct4jz)**

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**SAT 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0q9f1)**

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**SAT 05:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct5dgm)**

You are wanted

It's a girl! Bucking the trend of wanting a son, Shakti was keen to have a daughter, but explains that in India there's a lot of cultural pressure to have a son. When she was growing up, people were always asking her parents if they were going to try for a boy - making her feel unwanted. Now, Shakti writes to her daughter explaining just how much she is loved.

Letter writer: Shakti

Please send Namulanta your letter. Go to [www.bbcworldservice.com/deardaughter](http://www.bbcworldservice.com/deardaughter) and click on "Send us your letters".  
#DearDaughter

**SAT 05:50 More or Less (w3ct5tqs)**

Nobel Prize: Why are some countries so much richer than others?

The question of why some countries are rich and some poor has been described as the most important question in economics.

Perhaps that is why the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics to Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson and James Robinson for their work on the importance of institutions in the economic fortunes of nation states.

Tim Harford explains the economic theory that underpins their award.

Presenter: Charlotte McDonald  
Reporter: Tim Harford  
Producer: Bethan Ashmead Latham  
Series producer: Tom Colls  
Production co-ordinator: Katie Morrison  
Sound mix: Giles Aspen  
Editor: Richard Vadon

Image: The door to the Swedish Academy is pictured ahead of the announcement of the laureate of the 2024 Nobel Prize in Literature in Stockholm, Sweden (Photo by JONATHAN NACKSTRAND/AFP via Getty Images)

**SAT 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf11ws)**

Untitled

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 06:06 Weekend (w172zcx63y109sm)**

Israel said to have killed dozens in Gaza's Jabalia refugee camp

Dozens of people are reported to have been killed in fresh Israeli airstrikes and artillery fire on the Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza. Israeli forces have been intensifying their offensive on the camp in recent weeks, saying they're attempting to root out Hamas fighters who had regrouped there. Cuba is experiencing a nationwide blackout after its main energy plant failed, knocking out electricity to around 10m people. The Cuban president, Miguel Diaz-Canel, has blamed the decades-long US embargo against his country for preventing much needed supplies and replacement parts from reaching the island.

And for more than fifty years, Al Pacino has been giving compelling performances in such classic films as The Godfather series, Heat and The Scent of a Woman for which he won an Oscar. To his mum though, Al Pacino was always Sonny Boy, and that's the title he's chosen for his autobiography.

To discuss this and more, Patricia Cumper, writer, playwright and theatre director and also, Oli Brown, an expert on environmental change and conflict and a visiting professor at the Paris Institute of Political Studies.

**SAT 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf15mx)**

Untitled

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 07:06 Weekend (w172zcx63y10fjr)**

Israel's offensive in northern Gaza intensifies

Two days after the announcement of the killing of the Hamas leader, Yahya Sinwar, Israel's offensive against the Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza has been intensifying. We get the latest.

Ruth Chepngetich smashed the women's marathon world record in Chicago on Sunday, bringing the record down by almost two minutes, but it follows the killing of a number of elite female athletes from east Africa in recent years. Our reporter looks into the darker side of Kenyan athletics.

Before the advance of literacy and modern technology, some Italian communities relied on cantastorie, wandering story-singers, also known as troubadours, to get the latest news. These travelling artists would write and perform songs about everyday struggles or shocking events. They are now a vanishing breed. We go to Sicily to meet one of the country's last cantastorie. To discuss this and more, Patricia Cumper, writer, playwright and theatre director and also, Oli Brown, an expert on environmental change and conflict and a visiting professor at the Paris Institute of Political Studies. CREDIT: Smoke rises following an Israeli strike in Jabalia refugee camp on 18/05/2024/ Reuters

**SAT 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf19d1)**

Untitled

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 08:06 Weekend (w172zcx63y10k8w)**

North Korea reportedly sending troops to fight with Russia in Ukraine

Ukraine has demanded a strong reaction from its allies following reports by South Korean intelligence that North Korea has sent troops to help with the Russian war effort. We speak to Jenny Town, director of the Korea programme for the Washington-based thinktank The Stimson Centre.

A two-week study of a shipwreck thought to be the 235-year old L'Aurore is currently underway off the coast of the east African state of Mozambique. The ship was used during the slave trade but became a mass grave in 1789 after 331 people died due to crew failing to release slaves in the lower deck when a storm hit the boat.

We ask one of the archaeologists on the team, Celso Simbine, what they are trying to achieve with their research.

Our guest Patricia Cumper, writer, playwright and theatre director discusses in the current debate in the UK over a potential new law on assisted dying while Oli Brown, an expert on environmental change and conflict, comments on the latest comic-book about how global warming is drastically changing our planet.

**SAT 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf1f45)**

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**SAT 09:06 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.

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

[Photo: María Isabel Cruz Bernal, Credit: María Isabel Cruz Bernal]

**SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0qsdk)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SAT 09:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v14)**

How do you take your tea?

Tea drinking is a very serious business around the world - what's your ritual? We hear from poet Ian McMillan about his. Plus, what China wants from the upcoming US election and a haircut that might change your life.

**SAT 09:50 Over to You (w3ct5ttc)**

Al Fayed's behaviour uncovered by World of Secrets

Al Fayed, Predator at Harrods is the latest investigative mini-series in the World of Secrets slot. We put your feedback to the series editor Matt Willis and ask him how interviewees now felt able to discuss upsetting accusations of sexual abuse. Warning: the following discussion involves the topic of sexual abuse which some listeners might find distressing.

Plus, how a listener feels the 5th Floor fell short with its analysis on Mexico's first female president.

Presenter: Rajan Datar  
Producer: Howard Shannon

A Whistledown production for BBC World Service

**SAT 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf1jw9)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 10:06 Sportshour (w3ct5qb9)**

Finding her voice again: Inside Formula 1 with Jennie Gow

As the Formula 1 Drivers' Championship heats up as the drivers head to Austin for the United States Grand Prix, it will also be a significant weekend for F1 broadcaster Jennie Gow. She tells Sportshour's Caroline Barker how she has had to learn to write and speak again after a stroke in December 2022 and shares her love for F1 ahead of the release of her new book 'How to Read F1'.

Ultra-endurance bike rider Lael Wilcox chats about her journey around the world after setting the new world record for the fastest woman to circumnavigate the globe by bike and also reveals how she missed a message from tennis legend Billie Jean King.

Adriana Brownlee shares what it means to become the youngest ever female climber to summit the world's tallest mountains at the age of 23 and why it all stems from a piece of primary school homework she did when she was eight.

Zdeno Chara explains why he has no plans to slow down even after retiring from professional ice hockey. After 24 seasons in the NHL, he is now ready to take on one of his toughest challenges yet – the Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii.

And – Miles Myerscough-Harris shares what it's like photographing and filming the world's biggest sporting events with vintage cameras dating back to the 1800s.

Image: Jennie Gow during practice ahead of the F1 Grand Prix

of Monaco at Circuit de Monaco on May 24, 2024 in Monte-Carlo, Monaco.(Photo by Vince Mignott/MB Media/Getty Images)

**SAT 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf1nmmf)**

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**SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zjbq60ctw0r)**

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**SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0r0wt)**

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**SAT 11:32 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

**SAT 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf1sck)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 12:06 The Documentary (w3ct78hp)**

An end to Aids?

Over the four decades since the pandemic took off, we've seen around 40 million people worldwide killed by HIV. Today, around the same number of people are living with the virus, and many of them are long-term survivors. In 2015, an end to the pandemic by 2030 was adopted as one of the ambitious UN Sustainable Development Goals and signed up to by all member states.

Sue Armstrong and Noerine Kaleeba report on the impressive progress made in controlling the spread of HIV and ask whether the goal of an end to the Aids pandemic by 2030 is really possible.

A Ruth Evans production for BBC World Service

(Photo: Ugandan citizens march for World Aids Day in Kampala, Uganda, 1 December, 2022. Credit: Nicholas Kajoba/Getty Images)

**SAT 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf1x3p)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 13:06 Newshour (w172zb93r5yzrln)**

Dozens reported killed in the latest Gaza strike

Dozens of Palestinians are reported to have been killed in the latest Israeli strikes in north Gaza. The UN agency UNRWA tells us civilians are suffering in the camp, and unable to get out. We also hear from the Israeli Defence Forces.

Also in the programme: Cuba goes dark as its main power plant fails; and we hear from undecided voters in the US.

(Picture: Palestinians inspect the site of an Israeli strike on a school sheltering displaced people, amid the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict, at Beach refugee camp in Gaza City October 19, 2024. Credit: Reuters)

**SAT 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf20vt)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w172zbn1vtks9z8)**

Live Sporting Action

Lee James presents live commentary from the Premier League, where Manchester United host Brentford in another crucial game for Erik ten Hag. Former Brentford manager Mark Warburton and the former Tottenham, Newcastle and Cameroon defender Sebastien Bassong will be with us to preview that game and all the other matches in the Premier League on Saturday.

We'll review game four of the WNBA Finals, where Minnesota Lynx and New York Liberty are battling it out for the title and preview the start of the NBA season with defending champions

Boston Celtics kicking off the campaign against a new-look New York Knicks next week.

We'll also be in Austin for the United States Grand Prix as Formula One gets back underway after a month break for the final six races of the season and preview the final of the Women's T20 World Cup.

Plus, with the nominees for this year's BBC Women's Footballer of the Year announced, we'll talk about the five players up for the prize.

Photo: Rasmus Hojlund of Manchester United in action with Ethan Pinnock of Brentford during the Premier League match between Manchester United and Brentford FC at Old Trafford on October 07, 2023 in Manchester, England. (Credit: Manchester United via Getty Images)

**SAT 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf2hvb)**  
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**SAT 18:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cvq7n)**  
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**SAT 18:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0rw3q)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SAT 18:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct5dgm)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 today]

**SAT 18:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wfl)**  
Agnes Keleti: The world's oldest living Olympian

Hungarian Agnes Keleti is the world's oldest living Olympian at 103. Her gymnastics career was interrupted by the war when she was forced to flee Nazi persecution in Budapest because of her Jewish faith.

She was the most successful athlete at the 1956 Summer Olympics, winning four golds and two silvers.

Ashley Byrne speaks to Agnes' nephew John Bence who watched his aunt as a teenager. This is a Made in Manchester production for the BBC World Service.

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

Recent episodes explore the forgotten football Women's World Cup, the plasterer who fought a boxing legend, international football's biggest ever beating and the man who swam the Amazon river. We look at the lives of some of the most famous F1 drivers, tennis players and athletes as well as people who've had 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: Agnes Keleti, photographed aged 95, makes a split in front of Hungarian gymnasts. Credit: Peter Kohalmi/AFP via Getty Images)

**SAT 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf2mlg)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 19:06 The Evidence (w3ct6qzk)**  
Would you get sick for science?

Human challenge trials are when volunteers are deliberately infected with diseases to help find vaccines or cures. In this episode, Claudia's expert panel, including Chris Chiu of Imperial College London, Shobana Balasingam of Wellcome and Kondwani Jambo of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine look at what these trials have accomplished, how safe they are, and the long and oftentimes complicated history behind the practice.

**SAT 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf2rbl)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qk2)**  
Film director Sean Baker

Nikki Bedi and film critic Guy Lodge celebrate some of the international filmmakers from this year's London Film Festival.

She's in conversation with the maverick American director Sean Baker and the star of his new film Anora, Mikey Madison.

Icelandic filmmaker Rúnar Rúnarsson talks about his portrait of grief, When the Light Breaks.

US director Neo Sora discusses his near-future, Tokyo-set, movie Happyend.

And director Roshan Sethi draws on his Indian heritage for his gay rom-com A Nice Indian Boy.

(Photo: Sean Baker Credit: Francois G. Durand/Getty Images)

**SAT 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf2w2q)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 21:06 Newshour (w172zb93r5z0qkp)**  
Fresh Israeli airstrikes on Lebanon

Beirut hit by heaviest strikes in more than a week after Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's home was targeted by a drone from Lebanon. He has accused Hezbollah of trying to assassinate him.

Also in the programme: How could Elon Musk affect the US election results? And, we hear from one of Italy's last cantastorie - the wandering story tellers.

(Photo: Smoke billows after an Israeli air strike on southern suburb of Beirut, Lebanon. Credit: STRINGER/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

**SAT 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf2ztv)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 22:06 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  
A Bespoke Media production for BBC World Service

(Photo: The Children's Hospital of Entebbe - child post-op check-up. Credit: Laura Salvinelli/Emergency)

**SAT 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0sc37)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SAT 22:32 This Is Africa (w3ct5y5k)**  
Wado

Valentino Agunu, artist name Wado, is breaking new ground for Afrobeats. He is an Italian with Nigerian parentage, and along with Justin Owusu, also Italian, but with Ghanaian parents, Wado is recording Afrobeats songs in Italian mixed with English and Pidgin, and using music as a way of talking about life as a person with African heritage in Italy.

One of the topics Wado has spoken out about is the difficulty of obtaining Italian citizenship, even for immigrants born in Italy, as he was. Wado describes the challenges he has faced, but also says his cultural mix is a blessing because it has given him a unique identity as an artist

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**SAT 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0sgvc)**  
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**SAT 23:32 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)

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**SUN 00:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct5dgm)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

**SUN 00:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wfl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

**SUN 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf3c27)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 01:06 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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(Image: Reuters/Mike Segar)

**SUN 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0sqbm)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 01:32 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](http://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 (w172zgf8yf3gtc)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbgj60cwp6p)**  
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

**SUN 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0sv2r)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 02:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dx0)**  
US election: The big issues ahead of the vote

Sumi Somaskanda and Anthony Zurcher respond to questions about the upcoming US election. In this collaboration between The Global News Podcast, The Global Story, and Americast, Oliver Conway presents listener questions on the key topics shaping the vote.

**SUN 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf3lkh)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 03:06 The Documentary (w3ct78hp)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

**SUN 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf3q9m)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sje)**  
Israel, Gaza and a wish list for the future

Pascale Harter introduces stories from the Middle East, the US state of Georgia and the town of Copacabana in Bolivia.

Israel's war on Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon goes on – but where might it end? Jeremy Bowen has been talking to young Israelis and Palestinians about how they see their future – and he was struck by their near-total lack of trust.

The partisan divisions of American politics are often on show in the southern swing state of Georgia. Debate over climate change can be particularly rancorous. Jordan Dunbar recently met church leaders and Republican politicians trying to keep conversation going about green energy – even if they have to

use different words.

And on the shores of Lake Titicaca, Rebecca Root witnesses a ritual embodying Bolivia's mix of indigenous Andean and Christian belief systems. Outside one of the country's oldest churches, vans, cars and buses line up each morning for a priest's blessing – meant to protect both passengers and vehicles on the road.

Producer: Polly Hope  
Editor: Richard Fenton-Smith  
Production Coordinator: Katie Morrison

Image: Girls walk past destroyed buildings in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip (Photo by BASHAR TALEB/AFP via Getty Images)

**SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0t20)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 04:32 Trending (w3ct5y9l)**  
Yami Baito: Inside Japan's dark part-time jobs

A wave of criminal activity in Japan has been blamed on social media. Yami baito – literally meaning "dark part-time jobs" in Japanese – refers to job ads posted by criminal gangs on social media and encrypted messaging platforms including Telegram. Jobseekers are blackmailed or enticed with the promise of getting rich quick to commit a range of crimes from scamming elderly people to, at its most extreme, armed robbery. Japanese police have attempted to crack down on yami baito by taking down these ads and launching public awareness campaigns. But BBC Trending explores evidence that these recruiters are still operating online. We hear from someone who got sucked into yami baito, and a criminal mastermind in charge of recruitment, as we go inside the world of Japan's dark part-time jobs.

Presenter/producer: Dan Hardoon  
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Editor: Flora Carmichael  
Additional reporting: Yi Ma  
Voiceovers: Charles Nishikawa, Richard Okada

**SUN 04:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wfl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

**SUN 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf3vr1)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbgj60cx1g2)**  
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**SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0t6b4)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct78hb)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 22:06 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf3ysw)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 06:06 Weekend (w172zcx63y136pq)**  
Israeli strikes hit northern Gaza's city of Beit Lahia

There've been further Israeli air strikes in northern Gaza, with the Hamas-run civil defence agency saying at least 73 people have been killed in the town of Beit Lahia. Israel said it was checking the reports, but believed the casualty numbers published by the Hamas media office were exaggerated. We talk to Noga Tarnopolsky, a journalist based in Jerusalem...

In Georgia, thousands are expected to attend a pro-European march in the capital, Tbilisi, on Sunday. It comes as Georgians vote next Saturday in parliamentary elections, with pro-Western opposition parties facing off against a ruling party accused of democratic backsliding and shifting towards Russia. Saba Brachvili, from the Civil Society Foundation, explains the significance of that demonstration.

Also on Sunday, some key elections are being held in Moldova where people are voting both in a presidential election and a referendum on enshrining the country's path to European Union membership. We speak to the Moldovan journalist Paula Erizanu, who is following these elections. To discuss this and more, Simon Robinson, an executive editor at Reuters, and Maria Margaronis, who is a writer and broadcaster. CREDIT: Beit Lahia in May 2024 / REUTERS

**SUN 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf42k0)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 07:06 Weekend (w172zcx63y13bfv)**

At least seventy-three people have reportedly been killed in Beit Lahia

Israel has conducted further strikes in northern Gaza, where local reports say that more than 70 people have been killed. There are serious doubts in the United States about whether all voters will accept the results of next month's presidential election. Donald Trump and his running mate JD Vance continue to cast doubt on the result four years ago. And those doubts about voting have in extreme cases inspired threats and harassment against elections volunteers. The BBC's Mike Wendling has been speaking to some of them in rural Wisconsin.

Also, Booktok, a community on the social media network TikTok, which allows book readers to share opinions on books and get recommendations from others, has become so popular that its owners have announced that they're going to publish real physical books. We speak to Rachel Craw, a writer from New Zealand, who has been picked for publication.

To discuss this and more, Simon Robinson, an executive editor at Reuters, and Maria Margaronis, who is a writer and broadcaster. CREDIT: Palestinians inspect the site of an Israeli strike on a house, in Beit Lahia on 20/05/2024 Reuters

**SUN 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf4694)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 08:06 Weekend (w172zcx63y13g5z)**  
Voters in Moldova are going to the polls

Voters are going to the polls to elect a new president but also to decide in a referendum whether the constitution of this small Eastern European country should include the ambition of joining the EU. Our Eastern Europe correspondent Sarah Rainsford reports on the elections in Moldova.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky this week presented details of his so-called "victory plan". One key element is a formal invitation to join NATO. As Ukraine enters its third winter of war with Russia, we speak to Tim Willasey-Wilsey, a former senior British diplomat, who argues that Ukraine is facing "impending betrayal" by the West.

And a week ago the award-winning British photojournalist Paul Lowe was found stabbed to death on a hiking trail in California. He covered conflicts, including the 1990s war in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and later taught photojournalism in Sarajevo and London. We speak to Ron Haviv, one of his colleagues at the VII Academy, which teaches journalism.

To discuss all this and more, Simon Robinson, an executive editor at Reuters, and Maria Margaronis, who is a writer and broadcaster.

CREDIT: A voter casts a ballot at a polling station, as the country holds a presidential election and a referendum on joining the European Union, in Chisinau, Moldova October 20, 2024/ REUTERS

**SUN 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf4b18)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sje)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today]

**SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0tp9n)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 09:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xfn)**  
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](mailto: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)

**SUN 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf4fsd)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 10:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5twm)**

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)

**SUN 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0t1s)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 10:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69j5)**

Who runs Russia's African Initiative?

What do a graffiti festival, a first aid training and a football match have in common? These are all events set up by African Initiative, a Russian media organisation which defines itself as 'an information bridge between Russia and Africa'. Olaronke Alo and Maria Korenyuk from the BBC Disinformation Unit have been investigating this organisation and its activities in the Sahel region in Africa. Plus, how do you milk a scorpion? Umer Draz Nangiana from BBC Urdu has been spending time with scientists in Pakistan who catch scorpions to study their venom.

Produced by Alice Gioia, Caroline Ferguson and Hannah Dean.

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

**SUN 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf4kjj)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cxrxv)**

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**SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0tssx)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 11:32 Trending (w3ct5y9l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

**SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct5tqs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

**SUN 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf4p8n)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 12:06 The Evidence (w3ct6qzk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:06 on Saturday]

**SUN 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf4t0s)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 13:06 Newshour (w172zb93r5z2nhr)**

Hamas-run ministry says 87 killed in Gaza

Health officials say eighty seven Palestinians were killed in overnight Israeli strikes on an area of northern Gaza where people remain buried under the rubble. Israel has disputed the number of dead.

Also in the programme: Moldova holds two crucial votes; and India's spate of airplane bomb hoaxes.

(Picture: Fatima Abedrabbo, a displaced Palestinian woman who fled Jabalia due to an Israeli military operation, prepares dough, amid the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict, in Gaza City October 19, 2024. Credit: Reuters)

**SUN 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf4xrx)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 14:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wsb)**

Your questions answered: The value of trees, "black" oxygen,

AI's carbon footprint

In this episode, Climate Question listeners take over the programme again with their head-scratchers. Graihagh Jackson and her panel ponder the impact of deforestation and marvel at the beauty of sequoia trees, which can live for more than 1000 years. There are also questions on the carbon cost of generative AI, the discovery of "black" oxygen in our oceans and deep-sea mining. Plus, which animal has the biggest carbon footprint?

If you've got a query, email us at [theclimatequestion@bbc.com](mailto:theclimatequestion@bbc.com) or leave a Whatsapp message on +44 8000 321 721

Panel  
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Caroline Steel, Presenter of Crowdsience, BBC World Service

Producer: Osman Iqbal  
Sound mix: Gareth Jones and Tom Brignell  
Editor: Simon Watts

Photo: A sequoia tree (Getty Images)

**SUN 14:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0v919)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 14:32 Happy News (w3ct5sq5)**

The Happy Pod: The teenager faster than a calculator

Meet the 14-year-old human calculator. Aaryan Shukla has won the Mental Calculation World Cup twice and holds world records.

Also, the breakthrough treatment which can cut the risk of dying from cervical cancer and we go to the twin capital of the world.

(Photo: Aaryan Shukla holds up his Guinness World Records certificate. Credit: Aaryan Shukla Human Calculator)

**SUN 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf51j1)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 15:06 Sportsworld (w172zbn1vtkwbmh)**

Live Sporting Action

The Premier League returns after the international break, and Sportsworld has full commentary of a blockbuster meeting between two of the sides in the top four, as Liverpool take on Chelsea at Anfield. There will also be updates and reaction from the day's early game as champions Manchester City go to Wolves.

Italy's Serie A is the focus on this week's EuroStars, as the team delve into the big football stories across Europe, while there will also be the latest from the Women's Super League.

Plus, there'll be regular updates from the final of the Women's T20 World Cup, and a look ahead to Sunday's Formula 1 US Grand Prix.

Photo: Virgil van Dijk of Liverpool scores a goal which is later disallowed by VAR for offside during the Carabao Cup Final match between Chelsea and Liverpool at Wembley Stadium on February 25, 2024 in London, England. (Credit: Getty Images)

**SUN 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf5jkh)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cyqww)**

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**SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0vwry)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 19:32 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?

**SUN 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf5n7p)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q2g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 on Saturday]

**SUN 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf5rzt)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 21:06 Newshour (w172zb93r5z3mgs)**

Lebanese soldiers killed in Israeli strike

The Lebanese army says that three soldiers have been killed after a military vehicle was hit by an Israeli air strike.

Near the border, UN peacekeepers say their watchtower was bulldozed by the Israeli army.

Also in the programme: Moldova takes part in presidential elections, and also decides on the country's relationship with the European Union; Cuba - already suffering power blackouts - braces itself for a storm that could hit the island's main electricity generators; and what Japan's doing about its abandoned homes.

(Photo shows Lebanese army soldiers and people stand at the site of an Israeli strike in the town of Baaloul, Lebanon October 19, 2024. Credit: Abou Taleb Maher/Reuters)

**SUN 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf5wqy)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 22:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wsb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 today]

**SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0w80b)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 22:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v14)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

**SUN 22:50 Over to You (w3ct5ttc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

**SUN 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf60h2)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cz6wd)**

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**SUN 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0wcrq)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 23:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69j5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:32 today]

**MONDAY 21 OCTOBER 2024****MON 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yf6476)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 00:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sjc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

**MON 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg4qp0whhl)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 00:32 Trending (w3ct5y9l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 on Sunday]

**MON 00:50 More or Less (w3ct5tqs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

**MON 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf8yb6qb37h)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 01:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqj60cz6wd)**

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**MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb0ghw)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 01:32 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 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qb6zm)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8p3fey)**

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**MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb0180)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 02:32 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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Editor: Cathy Edwards

Sound engineer: Emma Harth

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

**MON 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qbbqr)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 03:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5twm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Sunday]

**MON 03:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb0q04)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 03:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v14)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

**MON 03:50 Over to You (w3ct5ttc)**

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The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8p3nw6)**

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**MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb0tr8)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct5x04)**

Feel the fear: Women directing horror movies

What happens when women bring traditional folklore into the horror genre and subvert it? You get award-winning feature length films, Iranian vampires and Mayan werewolves to name a few examples. Ella Al-Shamahi is joined by Iranian-American filmmaker Ana Lily Amirpour and Mexican filmmaker Gigi Saul Guerrero to discuss how to create horror on screen.

Ana Lily Amirpour's award-winning debut feature film, *A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night*, is a Persian-language Western-horror. It follows a skateboarding vampire who wears a chador and haunts the fictional Iranian ghost-town of Bad City. Feminist readings have interpreted the vampire as a vigilante who preys on men that disrespect women. Ana's later films have included big stars such as Kate Hudson, Suki Waterhouse, Jason Momoa and Keanu Reeves.

Gigi Saul Guerrero is known by fans as La Muñeca Del Terror, which means *The Horror Babe*. She gained recognition for *La Quinceañera*, a horror series based on the Mexican traditional celebration of a girl's fifteenth birthday. Her film *Culture Shock* follows a Mexican woman who crosses the border into the US in hope of finding the American dream. What she finds instead is an American nightmare. Gigi's work often draws from Mesoamerican folklore and Mexican tradition.

Producer: Elena Angelides

(Image: Gigi Saul Guerrero. Credit: Luchagore Productions.

And Ana Lily Amirpour. Credit: Gilbert Flores/Variety/Getty Images)

**MON 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qb170)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 05:06 Newsday (w172zgbk7mly4pwl)**

Israeli military targets bank it links to Hezbollah

Israel has carried out more air strikes in Beirut and southern Lebanon, including on branches of a bank accused of supporting Hezbollah. We'll get the latest from Beirut.

In northern Gaza, rescuers are still recovering people from the rubble of buildings destroyed in an Israeli strike on Saturday night. We'll speak to a humanitarian worker there.

We'll speak to Colombia's Environment Minister as a global biodiversity summit gets underway for nations to provide significant investment in a fund set up to conserve and restore nature.

A high ranking leader from Sudan's paramilitary forces has defected and joined the army, according to reports. We'll get the latest.

And a new BBC World Service documentary launches today asking whether an end to AIDS is possible.

(Pic:Baabda, Lebanon; Credit: Reuters)

**MON 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qbpz4)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 06:06 Newsday (w172zgbk7mly4tmq)**

Israel carries out airstrikes across Lebanon

Israel has carried out another round of airstrikes across Lebanon, this time targeting branches of a bank it says has been financing Hezbollah. The Israeli army said residents had been told to evacuate. We'll be going live to Beirut.

Still in the region we'll be heading to the West Bank where olive harvest is due to start under continued tensions and conflict.

A civil lawsuit against the world's largest mining company over Brazil's worst environment disaster starts later today in London.

The president of Moldova blames an unprecedented assault on democracy for the poor showing of her pro-European camp in Sunday's elections. We'll hear from our correspondent on what some have called Russian influence on the 'No' side.

We'll hear from Maricopa County, Arizona where with two weeks to go till the US election, abortion ranks high on voters' minds.

And we'll find out how big the illicit trade of alcohol is in Somalia.

(Pic: Dahieh in southern Beirut; Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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(Pic: Deir Qoubel, Lebanon; Credit: Reuters)

**MON 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qbygd)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5f07)**

Frank Skinner: What unites his many sides?

Stephen Sackur speaks to stand-up comedian, and broadcaster Frank Skinner, who also happens to be a writer on poetry, religion and much more. Football and sex were, and are, the staples of much of his humour, but he's never been a one-trick pony. What unites his many facets?

**MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb19qs)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z72)**

What is new in the auto industry?

Theo Leggett reports on the latest trends and concerns preoccupying the automobile industry at this year's Paris Motor Show. Chinese electric vehicle manufacturers have established that they can manufacture vehicles more cheaply than their European counterparts, and now they are looking to move into that market. Theo hears from Chinese and French car manufacturers about what this will mean for consumers.

China is not the only country selling EVs to European consumers, a big American name is reviving a classic brand with a new electric offering. And in a city where driving and parking is always a challenge, Theo checks out the latest solution – a tiny car produced by a toy manufacturer.

Producer/presenter: Theo Leggett

(Photo: visitors browsing the manufacturer displays at the Paris Motor Show 2024. Credit: Nathan Laine/Getty Images)

**MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yhg)**

The fight to stop skin lightening in India

In 2013, Emami, an Indian beauty and wellness company, put out an advert for their skin lightening product 'Fair and Handsome'.

It features billionaire blockbuster actor Shah Rukh Khan telling a young man that he can get more attention and live a better life if he uses the product.

Kavitha Emmanuel who was campaigning to end colourism in India, saw the advert and decided to petition against it.

She managed to gather 20,000 signatures and went to the Emami headquarters to ask them to take it down.

Kavitha tells Anoushka Mutanda-Dougherty how she handed out boxes of dark chocolate with 'Dark and Handsome' written on them, to make her point.

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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: Women with lightening cream on. Credit: Getty Images)

**MON 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qc26j)**  
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**MON 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb1fgx)**  
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**MON 09:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5hrh)**  
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**MON 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qc5yn)**  
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**MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n2c)**  
Flower revolutions

We hear about the Sunflower Movement in Taiwan in 2014. Brian Hioe, an activist who occupied Parliament in Taipei, recalls the events.

We hear from Nino Zuriashvili, one of the protesters at the Rose Revolution in Georgia in 2003. And Prof Kasia Boddy, author of *Blooming Flowers: A Seasonal History of Plants and People* explains how flowers have been used as symbols in political history.

Plus, the Afghan refugee who fled as a 15 year old. Waheed Arian, a doctor and former Afghan refugee describes his perilous journey.

We look at the Yellow Fleet of ships, which were stranded in the Suez Canal for eight years. Phil Saul, who looked after the engineers and officers on board the MS Melampus and MS Agapenor in the Suez Canal, recounts his experiences.

Finally, the story of the British afro hair care institution Dyke and Dryden. We hear from Rudi Page, the former marketing manager for Dyke and Dryden's afro hair products.

Presenter: Max Pearson

(Photo: An activist taking part in the Sunflower Movement in Taipei on 21 March 2014. Credit: Mandy Cheng/AFP)

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**MON 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb1nz5)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dlw)**  
Why are there millions of empty homes in Japan?

Abandoned houses – or "akiyas" – have become a symbol of the crisis facing Japan's population. But a wave of young foreign bargain hunters has started snapping up some of these abandoned homes, inspired by viral DIY videos and social media influencers.

Lucy Hockings speaks to the BBC's Tokyo correspondent Shaimaa Khalil, who has been to meet some of the people bringing akiyas back to life.

Producers: Peter Goffin, Alix Pickles and Alice Aylett Roberts

Sound engineer: Mike Regaard

Assistant editor: Sergi Forcada Freixas

Senior news editor: Sara Wadeson

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**MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nqq)**  
The cricket star who learned to fly

Barbados-born Ricky Elcock had twin ambitions as a boy – to become a cricketer and fly airplanes. His father was, like Ricky, cricket-mad – but on the question of him becoming a pilot his answer was emphatic: black people don't fly planes. Ricky's talents as a fast bowler won him many plaudits and a scholarship to come to England. Before long he was playing at the top of the sport, but the stresses on his body meant he kept breaking down. When those injuries threatened to end his career completely, Ricky looked to disprove his dad and make history in the skies.

Ricky's autobiography is called *Balls to Fly*.

Presenter: Asya Fouks  
Producer: Edgar Maddicott

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(Photo: Ricky in action for Middlesex. Credit: Courtesy of Ricky Elcock)

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**MON 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb1xgf)**  
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**MON 13:32 The Conversation (w3ct5x04)**  
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**MON 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qcny5)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 14:06 Newshour (w172zb943g89jf4)**  
Wave of Israeli strikes hit banks in Lebanon

The Al-Qard al-Hassan bank has been under US sanctions since 2007, with the US saying it allows Hezbollah to bypass banking systems. Meanwhile the US Middle East envoy Amos Hochstein has arrived in Beirut in an attempt to find a negotiated end to the war between Hezbollah and Israel.

Also on the programme: the UN's humanitarian co-ordinator in Lebanon talks about the situation on the ground; and we head to Moldova, the eastern European country which has voted by a tiny margin in favour of joining the European Union.

(Image: A poster depicting late Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah is seen outside a damaged branch of 'Al-Qard al-Hassan', a financial institution linked to Lebanon's Hezbollah, amid the ongoing hostilities between Hezbollah and Israeli forces in Tyre, Lebanon, on 21 October 2024. Credit: Reuters/Aziz Taher)

**MON 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qcsp9)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct507)**  
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**MON 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb24yp)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zyn)**  
Cuba's double whammy

Essential businesses and schools in Cuba remain closed until Wednesday as Hurricane Oscar makes landfall. Much of the island is in midst of a massive power failure.

Also, a \$47 billion civil case has opened in court in London

over who's responsible for Brazil's worst-ever environmental disaster, when a mining dam collapsed in 2015.

And Jim O'Neill who coined the term 'BRICS' expresses concern the group of countries which is meeting in the Russian resort of Kazan 'no longer knows what it stands for'

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**MON 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qcxf)**  
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**MON 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj8tnt0khs)**  
US envoy's push to end Israel-Lebanon conflict

President Biden's special envoy to Lebanon says all parties are working on producing a formula that brings an end to the Israel-Hezbollah conflict "once and for all." We have the latest on Amos Hochstein's visit to Lebanon.

Overnight attacks in Lebanon by Israel targeted branches of a financial institution accused of helping Hezbollah purchase weapons. We explain what is known about the bank's operations and links to Hezbollah.

We look at the role of Fethullah Gulen in Turkish politics. The cleric accused of masterminding a coup attempt in 2016 had died aged 83.

We tap into the conversation about the monarchy among Australians who have been reacting to an interruption of the speech by King Charles at the Australian parliament.

We talk about the battle in the US presidential race that is taking place online. Our disinformation and social correspondent has been exploring whether "Swifties" could sway the result.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: US envoy Amos Hochstein visits Lebanon for ceasefire talks, Beirut - 21 Oct 2024. Credit: WAEL HAMZEH/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

**MON 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qd15k)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj8tnt0p7x)**  
New US military aid package for Ukraine

The US has announced a further \$400m package of military aid for Ukraine. It will be used for more ammunition, weapons and equipment. Our Kyiv correspondent has the latest on Lloyd Austin's visit in the capital amid concerns by Ukraine about implications for American support, were Donald Trump to win next month's presidential election.

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The president of Moldova has warned that a surprisingly tight referendum on EU membership featuring allegations of Russian vote-buying is a wake up call on defending democracy. We speak to our Europe correspondent.

More than 100 professional women footballers have signed an open letter urging Fifa to drop the Saudi oil giant Aramco as a sponsor, calling it a "punch in the stomach" to the sport.

The US rapper ASAP Rocky is reportedly in talks to buy English fourth division football club Tranmere Rovers. We bring reaction from fans and speak to our reporter.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

**MON 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qd4xp)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5nqq)**  
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**MON 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5yhg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**MON 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qd8nt)**  
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**MON 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8p5h24)**

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**MON 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb2my6)**

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**MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w41)**

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

**MON 20:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qdddy)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sjc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

**MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb2rpb)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct5rn9)**

The Life Scientific - Conny Aerts

Many of us have heard of seismology, the study of earthquakes; but what about astero-seismology, focusing on vibrations in stars?

Conny Aerts is a Professor of Astrophysics at the University of Leuven in Belgium - and a champion of this information-rich field of celestial research. Her work has broken new ground in helping to improve our understanding of stars and their structures.

It hasn't been an easy path: Conny describes herself as always being "something of an outlier" and she had to fight to follow her dream of working in astronomy.

But that determination has paid off - today, Conny is involved in numerous interstellar studies collecting data from thousands of stars, and taking astero-seismology to a whole new level.

In an episode recorded at the 2024 Cheltenham Science Festival, Professor Jim Al-Khalili talks to the pioneering Belgian astrophysicist about her lifelong passion for stars, supporting the next generation of scientists, and her determination to tread her own path.

**MON 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qj52)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 21:06 Newshour (w172zb943g8bcn1)**

Israel targets Hezbollah's finances

Israel has carried out air strikes targeting branches of a financial association linked with Hezbollah in the southern suburbs of Lebanon's capital Beirut, as well as the south and east of the country. Also on the programme, how the US election is being viewed from Russia; and the global importance of fungi conservation.

(Photo: People stand near a damaged branch of 'Al-Qard al-Hassan', in the aftermath of Israeli airstrikes on Sunday that hit several branches of 'Al-Qard al-Hassan', a financial institution linked to Lebanon's Hezbollah, amid the ongoing hostilities between Hezbollah and Israeli forces, in Tyre, Lebanon, October 21, 2024. REUTERS/Aziz Taher)

**MON 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qdmx6)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 22:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t07)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**MON 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb305I)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 22:32 The Conversation (w3ct5x04)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

**MON 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qdrnb)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8p5z1n)**

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**MON 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb33xq)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct600x)**

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Israel claims a bunker under a Beirut hospital holds hundreds of millions of dollars belonging to Hezbollah. The hospital has been evacuated.

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**TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n2c)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]

**TUE 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qf04I)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfpvt1r89g)**

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**TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8p6b9I)**

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**TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb3h53)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 02:32 Assignment (w3ct5mtd)**

Singing in Gaza

Amid the rubble, in makeshift tents, children in Gaza are singing and practising the violin, guitar and traditional instruments such as the oud. The sessions are organised by the local branch of the Palestinian national music conservatory, which still operates, outside its damaged premises, despite the destruction of teachers' and students' homes. Why - and how - do they go on singing? And what does music mean to them now?

Tim Whewell reported from Gaza in 2015 on the rescue of the territory's only concert grand piano after a previous war. Now, he finds out how musicians he met then are living and working through this war. He learns about a boy who started playing the violin after he lost his hand in an airstrike. And he finds out about the second near-miraculous survival of the grand piano.

Sound engineer: Rod Farquhar  
Production co-ordinator: Gemma Ashman  
Editor: Penny Murphy

(Photo: Mohammed Abu Aideh lost his hand in an airstrike but now plays violin. Credit: Jaber Thabet/Edward Said National Conservatory of Music)

**TUE 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qf7mv)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nqq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Monday]

**TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yhg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Monday]

**TUE 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qfccc)**

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**TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8p6ks9)**

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**TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb3qnc)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct5td9)**

Jonny Banger's bootlegs

Sports Banger is a fashion house, rave organisation, and London community centre run by Jonny Banger. The cornerstone of their work is bootleg T-shirts which mix satire and humour with a sportswear aesthetic.

One of Sports Banger's best-known t-shirts features two very different and well-known brands - the Nike and the UK's National Health Service. In 2020, this simple T-shirt became highly-coveted. Selling out in minutes on limited runs during the height of the UK's COVID lockdowns, Jonny Banger used the proceeds to set up a food bank in his neighbourhood, feeding 160 families every week for two years. Despite this blending of fashion and community action, Jonny doesn't refer to himself as an activist; he struggles to call himself an artist.

Poet Talia Randall meets Jonny in his studio - Maison de Bang Bang - at a turning point in his career. After a decade of DIY fashion shows, raves and viral T-shirts, Jonny is trying to figure out who he is, what to call himself and where he's going.

Producer/Presenter: Talia Randall

Executive producer: Kate Holland

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**TUE 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qfth43)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 05:06 Newsday (w172zbk7mly7lsp)**

Israel maintains bombardment of Lebanon

Israel has stepped up its attack on the finances of the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah. Israel says several underground vaults with hundreds of millions of dollars in cash and gold have been identified, including one under a Beirut hospital. Four people -- including a child -- were killed in Israeli airstrikes on Monday night. We'll go live to Beirut.

The United Nations aid agency operating in Gaza says the Israeli authorities are still preventing medicine and food from reaching people in the north of the territory. We'll talk to somebody in Gaza.

In Cuba, several provinces remain without power four days after the start of a nationwide blackout. The island has been battered by Hurricane Oscar.

And two dozen world leaders are gathering in Russia for a summit of the BRICS group, an alliance of emerging economies that the Kremlin hopes will challenge the West. (Pic: Beirut, Lebanon; Credit: Reuters)

**TUE 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qflw7)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 06:06 Newsday (w172zbk7mly7qjt)**

Lebanon says four dead in Israeli strike near Beirut hospital

Authorities in Lebanon say an Israeli airstrike close to Lebanon's biggest government hospital has killed four people. The wave of attacks has also forced planes flying from Beirut's international airport to use an alternative runway.

Conflict continues on in Gaza too with hospitals and homes damaged, millions displaced and a rising humanitarian crisis. There are efforts to bring some light for many children who were injured in the war by teaching them music.

With less than two weeks to go before the US elections, we report from one of the battle ground states, Pennsylvania where Elon Musk has been offering cash incentives in support of Donald Trump.

(Pic: Baabda, Lebanon; Credit: Reuters)

**TUE 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qfpmc)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 07:06 Newsday (w172zbk7mly7v8y)**



Israeli airstrikes hit close to major hospital in Beirut

Authorities in Lebanon say an Israeli airstrike close to Lebanon's biggest government hospital has killed four people - including a child.

The people of Moldova on Monday narrowly voted 'yes' in a referendum to secure the country's membership of the European Union. We'll speak to the country's former Foreign Minister.

And Russian president Vladimir Putin is hosting a BRICS summit, a group of emerging economies, with Moscow saying this meeting highlights the failure of Western attempts to isolate Russia.

**TUE 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qfvch)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 08:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5twn)**  
Fixing elections - for the better

2024 has been called a record breaking year for elections, with billions of people eligible to take part in all types of votes. But how can we make sure people can vote safely and securely?

We visit Australia's Northern Territory to see how voting takes place in incredibly remote communities. We also find out how a group of eminent women in Uganda is combating violence and intimidation during elections. And we hear how Estonia operates one of the most high-tech elections in the world.

Presenter: Myra Anubi  
Producers: Katie Solleveld, Richard Kenny  
Australia reporter: Laetitia Lemke  
Sound mix: Hal Haines  
Editor: Jon Bithrey

(Image: Illustration of voter putting ballot in box, Getty Images)

**TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb46mw)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zj3)**

US election: Meet the neighbours

The US presidential election on 5 November 2024 will have major consequences for its neighbours, Canada and Mexico. Trade, immigration, and diplomatic relations all hinge on the election's outcome.

This episode explores how the two countries are preparing for either a Donald Trump or Kamala Harris presidency. From business owners and farmers to international trade specialists, we learn what is at stake for North America's economies.

Presenter: Sam Gruet  
Production: Sam Gruet and Megan Lawton

(Photo: Canadian farmer Dave Braden who produces organic grass-fed beef from his 50-acre Ontario farm. Credit: Megan Lawton)

**TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ymz)**

I found the first dinosaur remains in Antarctica

Argentinian geologist Eduardo Olivero became the first scientist to find the remains of a dinosaur in Antarctica in 1986. But digging in frozen ground is not easy, so recovering them took several trips over a decade.

Eduardo had to work with discretion and hide the fossils a couple of times to prevent other scientists from taking away his discovery. It was later proven the dinosaur is a new kind of Ankylosaurus that now carries his name: Antarctopelta oliveroi.

He speaks to Stefania Gozzer about the challenges he faced working below freezing point in Antarctica and the friendly rivalries that rise in such a remote environment.

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(Photo: Eduardo with the first remains he found in Antarctica. Credit: Eduardo Olivero)

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**TUE 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8p75hy)**

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**TUE 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb4bd0)**

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**TUE 09:32 Assignment (w3ct5mtd)**

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**TUE 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qg2vr)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 10:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qk2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

**TUE 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qg6lw)**

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**TUE 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8p7f06)**

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**TUE 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb4kw8)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6fbg)**

America and... Migration

How might Donald Trump or Kamala Harris try to tackle immigration to the US? People crossing the southern border has become a hot button topic in the next month's election. Former president Donald Trump's forceful policies have helped him motivate a base of loyal supporters. Whereas Vice-President Harris has had just weeks to convince Americans that she has a plan. What do we know about their policies, how they differ and what impact they would have?

Sumi Somaskanda speaks to our Mexico, Central America and Cuba correspondent, Will Grant. He explains why so many people are leaving the region and how the next president might impact its southern neighbours. And our politics reporter in Washington DC, Bernd Debusmann, helps us separate the facts from the headlines on one of the election's most contentious political issues.

You can listen to our other special episodes looking at the impact the US election might have around the world here:

America and... the World: <https://link.chtbl.com/gqWrGSMt>

America And... the war in Ukraine:  
<https://link.chtbl.com/9pQYuDqP>

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**TUE 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5p58)**

After doomsday: I outgrew a cult and became a professor

Jerald Walker grew up in the predominantly white, Worldwide Church of God – a doomsday cult that convinced its followers the world would end in 1972. Raised by blind, African American parents and under the cult's strict teachings, which preached racial segregation and an imminent apocalypse, Jerald's life was dominated by fear, isolation, and the belief that his future didn't exist.

When the promised doomsday never came, Jerald and his family were left grappling with shattered beliefs. As his life unravelled, Jerald fell into addiction and crime, struggling to escape the mental and emotional grip of the cult. But through education, an extraordinary teacher and a passion for writing, he found a path to redemption.

Presenter: Asya Fouks  
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(Photo: Jerald Walker Short text description of photo. Credit: Samuel Williams)

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**TUE 14:06 Newshour (w172zb943g8dfb7)**

Lebanon says 13 killed as Blinken arrives in Israel

Lebanese officials say an Israeli airstrike near the country's biggest hospital has killed at least 13 people and injured more than 50.

Also on the programme: we speak to the man accused by the Moldovan government of trying to bribe people to vote against joining the European Union; and new research into a huge meteorite that hit the Earth about three billion years ago says it may have caused the biggest tsunami in the history of our planet.

(Photo: US Secretary of State Antony Blinken disembarks an aircraft as he arrives in Tel Aviv. Credit: Reuters)

**TUE 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qgpld)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 15:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5twn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**TUE 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb51vs)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct607p)**

Putin opens key trade summit

Leaders of the ten key BRICS nations gather in the Russian city of Kazan for the annual summit. It began eighteen years ago with Brazil, Russia, India and China. In 2010, South Africa joined. And most recently, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates were welcomed. Aiming to create what they believe is a more balanced global economy and reduce reliance on Western financial systems, we look at the impact they have on the global economy.

While IMF members are celebrating a slowdown in inflation, festivities are somewhat overshadowed by concerns about rising

levels of private and government debt. As its annual conference in Washington DC is getting under way, we hear their outlook for the world's major economies.

And with 13 days to go to the US election – we look at how border countries like Canada are viewing the prospect of a Harris or Trump presidency. Will it affect their livelihoods?

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**TUE 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qgthj)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj8tnt3gdw)**  
Russia hosts BRICS leaders

Russia is hosting delegates from more than 30 emerging economies for a summit which it says proves that the country is not isolated, despite Western countries' efforts. We connect with some of our BBC correspondents who cover BRICS member countries.

Thousands more have been displaced by the latest gang violence in neighbourhoods in Haiti's capital. We speak to people in affected areas.

We talk about Donald Trump's bid to court wrestling stars and fans as the presidential race between him and Kamala Harris enters the final 14 days.

Presenter: Mark Lowen

(Photo: Russian President Vladimir Putin and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi enter a meeting on the side-lines of the BRICS Summit in Kazan, Russia, 22 October 2024. Credit: Alexander Kazakov/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock )

**TUE 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qgy2n)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj8tnt3l50)**  
Blinken in Israel

The US Secretary of State is in Israel to reignite stalled ceasefire and hostages release talks between Israel and Hamas. Meanwhile Lebanon says 18 people were killed and dozens injured in an Israeli strike near Beirut's biggest hospital. Our US State Department correspondent has the latest on Antony Blinken's latest Middle East mission.

We also discuss the possibility of peace in Gaza and the wider Middle East with the BBC's International Editor Jeremy Bowen.

Russia is hosting delegates from more than thirty emerging economies for a summit which it says proves that the country is not isolated, despite Western countries' efforts. We speak to people in some BRICS member countries.

If you wanted to become a social media influencer, would you go to university to learn how to do it? American universities including Cornell, Duke and University of Southern California are now offering 'influencer studies' courses. We speak to students and a lecturer about what this actually involves in the classroom.

Presenter: Mark Lowen

(Photo: Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu meets US Secretary of State Blinken in Jerusalem, Israel, 22 Oct 2024. Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

**TUE 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qh1ts)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5p58)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

**TUE 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5ymz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**TUE 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qh5kx)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8p8cz7)**  
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

**TUE 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb5jv9)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w8k)**  
2024/10/22 GMT

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

**TUE 20:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qh9b1)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 20:06 Assignment (w3ct5mtd)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

**TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb5nlf)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 20:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wmv)**  
Do you use artificial intelligence at work ?

This week we're looking at artificial intelligence in the workplace - how are employers and employees using it ? An international survey provides some answers.

Also on Tech Life:

We bring you a technological solution to the problem of litter being left behind by climbers on Mount Everest.

Electric car manufacturers are rated on their human rights policies.

And find out how you can heat your home - with electric wallpaper.

Presenter: Graham Fraser  
Producer: Tom Quinn

(Photo: An abstract futuristic representation of the letters "AI". Credit: Getty Images)

Contact us: Tech Life would love to hear your stories, ideas and views about the programme. You can email us at [techlife@bbc.co.uk](mailto:techlife@bbc.co.uk) or contact us via WhatsApp on +44 330 123 0320.

**TUE 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qhf25)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 21:06 Newshour (w172zb943g8f8k4)**  
Ex-Abercrombie CEO arrested on sex trafficking charges

The former CEO of Abercrombie & Fitch and his partner have been arrested and charged with running a prostitution and international sex trafficking business. Also on the programme, after Moldova voted for pro-EU constitutional changes by only 0.16 of a percentage point, there are now accusations that there was meddling and interference in the referendum; and, Barack Obama is back on the campaign trail.

(Photo: Press conference with federal authorities on former Abercrombie & Fitch chief Mike Jeffries arrested on federal sex trafficking charges, New York, USA - 10 Oct 2024. SARAH YENESSEL/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

**TUE 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qhjt9)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 22:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5twn)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**TUE 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb5x2p)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 22:32 In the Studio (w3ct5t09)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

**TUE 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qhknf)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8p8yvr)**  
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**TUE 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb60tt)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct609y)**  
Former boss of Abercrombie and Fitch arrested

US police arrested former Abercrombie and Fitch boss Mike Jefferies on suspicion of sex trafficking  
Finance ministers and central bank chiefs from around the world gather in the US for the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank. We hear from the BBC's Faisal Islam  
And we hear about how the Americas largest trading partner, Canada, is feeling about the upcoming US election

**WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2024**

**WED 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qhs9k)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 00:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qk2)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

**WED 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qhx1p)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfpvt1v56k)**  
Countdown to the US election

Former president Donald Trump has held a rally in North Carolina  
US police arrested former Abercrombie and Fitch boss Mike Jefferies on suspicion of sex trafficking  
Finance ministers and central bank chiefs from around the world gather in the US for the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank. We hear from the BBC's Faisal Islam

**WED 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qj0st)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8p9764)**  
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**WED 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb6d26)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 02:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5wsb)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

**WED 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qj4jy)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5p58)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ymz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qj892)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8p9gpd)**  
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**WED 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb6mkg)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 04:32 World Of Secrets (w3ct793p)**  
Al Fayed, Predator at Harrods

Al Fayed, Predator at Harrods: 5. Silenced no more

Mohamed Al Fayed sells Harrods and retreats into a world of luxury villas and yachts. But will the women continue to stay silent about their allegations?  
Their stories weren't all heard before his death but now they come together to speak out.  
Would the past catch up with a man who had now been portrayed in The Crown, the drama about the reign of Queen Elizabeth II?

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](http://bbc.co.uk/actionline).

**WED 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qjd16)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 05:06 Newsday (w172z6k7mlybhps)**

Antony Blinken in Middle East

The US secretary of State Antony Blinken is again touring the Middle East, hoping the killing of the Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar could lead to a peace deal in Gaza

We hear from Sudanese billionaire Mo Ibrahim and his frustration about the devastating war in his country Sudan

Russia's leader Vladimir Putin is hosting a summit of the BRICS group of nations - and many other world leaders - to show he is not isolated despite the West's efforts

(Photo: Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu meets US Secretary of State Blinken in Jerusalem, Israel, 22 Oct 2024. Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

**WED 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qjhsb)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 06:06 Newsday (w172z6k7mlybmfX)**

Blinken urges for more aid to enter northern Gaza

Diplomatic efforts from the US to agree a ceasefire in Gaza continue, but the fighting - and the dying - continue. We'll hear from an aid organisation trying to get humanitarian supplies into northern Gaza.

The war in the Middle East has had a significant impact on US politics, and with the election less than 2 weeks away, questions remain as to how the ongoing conflict will influence outcomes at the ballot box.

King Charles and Queen Camilla will be in Samoa for the meeting of Commonwealth countries. But, not all national leaders will attend.

(Photo: Fifty-five Jordanian aid trucks cross into the northern Gaza Strip, Border With Gaza Strip, Israel, 21 Oct 2024. Credit: Abir Sultan/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock )

**WED 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qjmjg)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 07:06 Newsday (w172z6k7mlybr61)**

Blinken tells Israel time to end war is 'now'

America's top diplomat, Antony Blinken, has urged Israeli leaders to consider the killing of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar as an opportunity to attempt to secure the release of the remaining hostages and end the war in Gaza.

Questions remain as to whether the deal will include the release of the more than 100 hostages still held captive by Hamas. We hear from one man whose brother is still missing.

Also, a BBC report finds that Russians accused of crimes are offered a choice - go to war instead of court.

(Photo: Antony Blinken speaks to members of the media at Ben Gurion International Airport before departing for Riyadh. Credit Nathan Howard/Reuters)

**WED 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qjr8l)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t4r)**

John Bolton: Is America too divided to offer global leadership?

Stephen Sackur is in Washington DC to speak to Donald Trump's former national security adviser John Bolton. With the election looming, Bolton calls his former boss a danger to America. But he won't back Kamala Harris either. Is America too divided to offer global leadership?

**WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb73jz)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5znm)**

US election: Cross-border trade

In the second of a two-part series, we travel to the US-Canada border to find out what people, businesses and industries are thinking ahead of the US election. From one of North America's busiest border crossings, to Canada's energy capital, we hear from those who might be impacted by November's result.

South of the border, in Mexico, we hear how tension with China is benefitting America's closest neighbours.

Presenter: Sam Gruet

Producer: Megan Lawton

(Photo: A road sign in Fort Erie, Ontario points in the direction of the Peace Bridge crossing to New York. Credit: Getty Images)

**WED 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yq7)**

Ethiopia's 1984 famine

In 1984, Ethiopia suffered one of its worst ever famines.

A BBC news report from the area shocked the world - and led to a huge global fundraising campaign.

In 2014, Lucy Burns spoke to Dawit Giorgis, who was in charge of Ethiopia's internal relief effort during the crisis.

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: Starving children at Korem refugee camp. Credit: William F. Campbell/Getty Images)

**WED 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qjw0q)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 09:06 The Newsroom (w172z6k7mlybr2f1)**

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**WED 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb7793)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 09:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5wsb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

**WED 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qjzrv)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 10:06 The Documentary (w3ct78hp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

**WED 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qk3hz)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 11:06 The Newsroom (w172z6k7mlybr9x9)**

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**WED 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb7gsc)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6drd)**

Does Australia want the British monarchy?

King Charles's first visit to Australia since becoming the head of state has reignited the debate over cutting ties with the royals. His tour has been met with fanfare and protest; cheers and heckles — including by Senator Lidia Thorpe in

Parliament. So what do Australians think of the monarchy's role in their country? What would it take to become a republic? Is there still a place for the monarchy in Britain's former colonies?

On this episode Lucy Hockings speaks to the BBC's Australia correspondent Katy Watson and Royal correspondent Sean Coughlan.

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Senior news editor: Sara Wadeson

**WED 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qk783)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5pd1)**

Why I built a media empire in Afghanistan

Afghanistan has faced decades of war and political turmoil, but Saad Mohseni saw that the world often didn't take much notice. He wanted people both in and outside Afghanistan to be better informed, so decided to start the country's first privately-funded radio station. After years of Taliban rule, Armen FM's mix of male and female DJs, pop music and news was initially unpopular. But as Saad expanded further into TV and entertainment across South Asia, his media empire has become a household name. He reflects on 20 years of broadcasting, dealing with threats from the Taliban, and keeping Afghan women on air. Lulu Miller's father raised her to believe in a world ruled by chaos. Life, he said, had no inherent meaning. But a chance encounter with some preserved fish at a museum would make her think again – and send her on a journey to find what really makes humans tick in an uncertain world. She's written a book called Why Fish Don't Exist.

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**WED 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5yq7)**

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**WED 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qkc07)**

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**WED 13:06 The Newsroom (w172z6k7mlybrkdk)**

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**WED 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb7q8m)**

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**WED 13:32 World Of Secrets (w3ct793p)**

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**WED 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qkgrc)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 14:06 Newshour (w172zb943g8hb7b)**

WHO suspends polio vaccinations in Gaza

WHO has suspended its polio vaccination campaign in Gaza due to the ongoing violence.

Also in the programme: rape victim Gisele Pelicot takes the stand in the mass-rape trial in France; and the film-maker sentenced in absentia by Russia.

(Photo: Palestinian families leaving Jabalia camp in the north of Gaza Strip. Credit: Reuters)

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**WED 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct60d6)**  
EVs: Volvo CEO's warning

Will Bain speaks to the CEO of Volvo Cars, Jim Rowan, about China's investment in EV technology, which could put jobs around the world at risk.

More bad news today for the embattled US plane maker Boeing. It's announced losses of \$6.1 billion. Later today we'll find out if workers at Boeing have agreed to end six weeks of strike action over pay and conditions.

We find out why Turkey is interested in becoming a BRICS member, as Russia's President Vladimir Putin meets Turkey's leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan today.

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**WED 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj8tnt6c9z)**  
An attack at aerospace factory in Turkey

There have been reports of heavy gunfire and explosions at an aerospace factory in the Turkish capital, Ankara. The country's Interior Minister, Ali Yerlikaya has described it as a terrorist attack. We hear from an eyewitness and speak to our reporter from BBC Turkish.

Gisèle Pelicot - the woman at the centre of a mass rape trial that has shocked France - has told a court that shame is not for the victims of sex attacks, only the perpetrators. We speak a journalist covering the trial.

With just about two weeks left until Americans go to the polls, the race for the White House is heating up, with Donald Trump and Kamala Harris neck and neck. Our North America correspondent answers audience questions about the campaigning.

We speak to our reporter who has been investigating how Russian Ministry of Defence is widening its scope for recruitment to its army.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Policemen secure the area during a terror attack at (TUSAS) Turkish Aerospace and Aviation Center's headquarter in Ankara, Turkey 23 October 2024. Credit: NECATI SAVAS/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

**WED 17:00 BBC News (w172zggf6qkq7m)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj8tnt6h23)**  
Four killed in attack at Turkish aerospace firm

The Turkish government says a terror attack at an aerospace factory has killed at least four people and injured others. We have the latest from our reporters.

With about two weeks left until Americans go to the polls, the race for the White House is heating up, with Donald Trump and Kamala Harris neck and neck. Our reporter in Washington answers audience questions about the campaigning.

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The World Health Organisation has postponed a huge polio vaccination campaign in northern Gaza because of worsening violence. Our correspondent in the region gives more details about the situation in Gaza.

LeBron James and his 20-year old son Bronny have made history by becoming the first father-son duo to play together on the same team in an NBA game. We speak to a sports reporter in the US.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Relatives of employees of TUSAS wait outside as policemen secure the area during a terror attack at (TUSAS) Turkish Aerospace and Aviation Center's headquarter in Ankara, Turkey 23 October 2024. Credit: NECATI SAVAS/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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**WED 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb8khj)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct5t98)**  
Organ transplant in HIV+ patients

A new study from America looks at the safety of organ transplants between people with HIV. Its promising results raise the potential for expanding access to life-saving treatments.

This week's show also examines a surprising resurgence of scurvy, a disease often associated with historical poverty. Is the current cost of living crisis contributing to nutritional deficiencies? Plus, an update from the Africa CDC reveals encouraging news about the Marburg virus outbreak, but a grim warning about the spread of Mpox.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond  
Producer: Margaret Sessa Hawkins

**WED 21:00 BBC News (w172zggf6qkq7m)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 21:06 Newshour (w172zb943g8j5g7)**  
North Korean troops in Russia

The US and South Korea have said that about 3,000 troops from North Korea are now in Russia, raising concerns that they may fight in Russia war in Ukraine. Also on the programme, the World Health Organisation has postponed a huge polio vaccination campaign in northern Gaza because of worsening violence; and, a recently discovered piece of music written by a Polish prisoner whilst he was held in the Nazi concentration camp - Auschwitz.

(Photo: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un inspects the headquarters of the 2nd Corps of North Korean army, October 17, 2024, in this photo released by North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency. KCNA via REUTERS )

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**WED 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct60gg)**  
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The latest business and finance news from around the world, on the BBC.

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**THU 00:00 BBC News (w172zggf6qkq7m)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 00:06 The Documentary (w3ct78hp)**  
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**THU 01:00 BBC News (w172zggf6qkq7m)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfv1t1y23n)**  
Boeing workers prepare to vote on pay offer

Boeing workers vote on pay offer on Wednesday. Workers downed tools six weeks ago after rejecting initial pay offer. They've been offered a 35% pay increase, over the next 4 years.

Also, Tesla's share price jumps after its 3Q results beat market expectations. We hear from Stephen Moore, an economist and an advisor to Donald Trump's 2016 Presidential campaign. Plus we have a report about migrants on the US/Mexico border. And we hear why France is home to both haute cuisine and fast food.

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**THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb98z9)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 02:32 The Documentary (w3ct7973)**  
Caught at the Helm

Katy Fallon tells the story of the refugees and other migrants ensnared in Greece's legal crossfire. Greek authorities routinely prosecute those found near the controls of boats carrying people trying to reach Europe, but human rights monitors assert that it is vulnerable passengers, not real smugglers, who are ending up behind bars.

Katy reveals a system where chaotic trials last a matter of minutes but can result in prison sentences of hundreds of years. And she meets Akif Rasuli, a young Afghan man compensated for wrongful imprisonment after spending almost three years behind bars. Amid Europe-wide efforts to clamp down on irregular migration, are tough people-smuggling policies seeing the wrong people pay a heavy price?

(Photo: Migrants sit in a dinghy as they are towed by rescue teams off the coast of Greece. Credit: Reuters)

**THU 03:00 BBC News (w172zggf6qkq7m)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5pd1)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Wednesday]

**THU 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yq7)**  
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**THU 04:00 BBC News (w172zggf6qkq7m)**

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**THU 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8pdclh)**

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**THU 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yb9jgk)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xng)**

Living with water shortages

Water scarcity is an increasing problem on every continent, according to the United Nations.

Around half the world's population experiences severe water scarcity for at least part of the year, according to a report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Global warming and population growth is expected to make the situation worse, so what is it like to run a home or a business amid water shortages?

Ruth Alexander hears from households and businesses in Karachi, Pakistan and Bogota, Colombia, and finds out lessons from Cape Town, South Africa which was said to be approaching 'Day Zero' when the taps would run dry in 2018. Ruth explores whether desalination – harvesting drinking water from the sea - could ever offer a sustainable solution.

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

Produced by Rumella Dasgupta and Beatrice Pickup.

(Image: people queuing for water in Cape Town, South Africa in 2018. Credit: Bloomberg/Getty Images/BBC)

**THU 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf6q8m8y9)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 05:06 Newsday (w172zkb7mlyfdlw)**

Five dead in attack at Turkish aviation company

Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said that two attackers, a woman and a man, have been "neutralised", adding that the attack had most likely involved Kurdish rebel group the PKK.

UN Secretary Antonio Guterrez will meet Russia's President Putin at the Brics summit in Kazan. And Ukraine is not happy.

(Photo: A woman makes a call at the entrance of the headquarters of Turkey's aviation company TUSAS, following an attack. Credit: Reuters)

**THU 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf6q8m8y9)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 06:06 Newsday (w172zkb7mlyfdlw)**

Paris looks at ways to end the fighting in Lebanon

The US Defence Secretary Austin urged his Israeli counterpart, Yoav Gallant, to ensure the IDF took steps to ensure the safety of Lebanese troops and the UN peacekeeping mission.

The people of Gaza are suffering through their own humanitarian crisis - we hear from medical staff there about the challenges they are facing.

We are on the ground in Turkey for the latest on a bomb and gun attack that killed five people on Wednesday.

(Photo: A damaged branch of the Al-Qard Al-Hassan finance group that was targeted by an Israeli airstrike. Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

**THU 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf6q8m8y9)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 07:06 Newsday (w172zkb7mlyfn34)**

Unicef warns of risk of polio in war zones

Vaccinations campaigns have been hampered in Gaza and Sudan in particular. The UN says tackling the disease must be a global priority.

Turkish forces launch air strikes on Kurdish bases in Syria and Iraq, following an attack in Ankara, which Turkey blames on the Kurdish militant group the PKK. We go live to Ankara.

Why a controversial deal between the European Union and

Tunisia to handle migrants trying to cross the Mediterranean into Europe is again making headlines. We speak to the European Union Ombudsman.

(Photo: Palestinian child is vaccinated against polio during a vaccination campaign in Deir Al-Balah, central Gaza, 14 October, 2024. Credit: Ramadan Abed/Reuters)

**THU 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf6q8m8y9)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xhy)**

How might the next US President affect the war in Ukraine?

Ukraine's President Zelensky recently presented his 'Victory Plan' to end the war in Ukraine to both Kamala Harris and Donald Trump, the two candidates competing to be the next President of the United States of America. President Zelensky's view is that if his plan is supported by Ukraine's allies, then the war could be ended by next year.

But both US Presidential candidates, whilst in agreement that the war has to stop, have expressed a very different approach to how they would work towards that. And there are concerns from Ukraine that there will be a significant decrease in getting support in the future, regardless of who will be sitting in the White House. The United States is the top donor to Ukraine in terms of military, financial and humanitarian aid, but if their support did wane, it would mean Ukraine would have to become much more reliant on European backing. Whilst Europe has pledged much in terms of military support, it has yet to deliver everything it has promised. And there is the issue of Europe's political will and financial backing to fulfil its pledge. In light of this President Zelensky is hoping Europe too will be convinced by his 'Victory Plan' and perhaps act as an insurance plan to keep the US focus on this war.

So, on this week's Inquiry, we're asking 'How might the next US President affect the war in Ukraine?'

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(Image: BBC file photo)

**THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybb0g2)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zcl)**

Fixing water

In today's episode we look at some ingenious solutions to water related problems.

We start our aquatic journey by going on a tour of one of Victorian England's most important feats of engineering.

We discover a cheap and easy way to test for water quality, and learn about one of the biggest and most ambitious flood defence and general infrastructure projects in the world.

And we hear how a water and sanitation engineer in Nairobi, Kenya, is trying to prevent huge volumes of H2O being wasted in leaks.

(Image: The Octagon at Crossness Pumping Station, London. Credit: P. Scrimshaw)

Presented and produced by Elizabeth Hotson

**THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ykq)**

Bonga Kwenda: Music banned in Angola and Portugal

Star athlete, Jose Adelino Barceló de Carvalho, abandoned his career in 1972 to follow his one true passion, music.

After growing up under Portuguese colonial rule, he became an outspoken supporter of Angolan independence, and used the

pseudonym, Bonga Kwenda.

He was later forced into exile in Rotterdam, in the Netherlands, where he recorded his first album.

He went on to become a famous Angolan musician.

He speaks with Marcia Veiga.

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(Photo: Bonga Kwenda. Credit: Judith Burrows/Getty Images)

**THU 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf6q8m8y9)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8pdzb4)**

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**THU 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybb466)**

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**THU 09:32 The Documentary (w3ct7973)**

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**THU 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf6q8m8y9)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 10:06 The Explanation (w3ct6pm7)**

The Media Show: The king of reality TV

Andy Cohen is the executive producer behind the Real Housewives TV franchise. He tells Katie how it became a global phenomenon. Also in the programme, after Yulia Navalnaya's BBC interview, an assessment of Putin's crackdown on the media which her husband Alexei Navalny used to promote his message. Francis Scarr of BBC Monitoring explains.

Presenter: Katie Razzall

Producer: Simon Richardson

Assistant Producer: Lucy Wai

**THU 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybb7yb)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 10:32 The Coming Storm (w3ct7019)**

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 hijacked 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 (w172zgf6q8m8y9)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8pf6td)**

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**THU 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybbccp)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dtn)**  
Canada, India, and their diplomatic death spiral

Canada and India are locked in a fierce diplomatic row, after Canadian prime minister Justin Trudeau doubled down on allegations that senior Indian officials were involved in the murder of a Sikh activist on Canadian soil. Delhi has called the claims "preposterous", and last week the two nations expelled their top diplomats, as relations sank to a historic low. Such a rapid public escalation between democracies is considered largely unprecedented in modern diplomacy, so how are Canada's western allies reacting?

On this episode Caitriona Perry is joined by the BBC's South Asia correspondent Samira Hussain, and diplomatic correspondent James Landale. They examine the fallout, explain why the issue of Sikh separatism is so controversial in India, and consider the strategic dilemma the US and others are facing as they debate their own response.

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**THU 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qn456)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nyh)**  
A trunk, forgotten films and my mother's pioneering legacy

Nina Collins' mother Kathleen is a giant of African American cinema, as one of the first female black American directors her work, in particular her film *Losing Ground*, is essential viewing for any student of the genre. However it wasn't always like this, for years her films, plays and short stories languished in obscurity. It was only when her daughter Nina, poured her own money into publishing, restoring and showing her mother's works that their significance was appreciated more widely.

Nina had a fraught relationship with her mother, a childhood marked by divorce, mental illness and violence. And Nina's unsettled life in many ways mirrored her mother's. After her death Nina kept her mother's papers locked away, it wasn't until nearly 20 years later that she started to look through them, began to understand her mother better and build her legacy.

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Producer: Julian Siddle

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(Photo: Kathleen Collins and Ronald Gray on the set of *Losing Ground*. Credit: Courtesy of Milestone Films and Gary Bolling)

**THU 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5ykq)**  
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**THU 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qn7xb)**  
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**THU 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8pfg9n)**  
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**THU 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybbm5q)**  
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**THU 13:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xng)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

**THU 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qncng)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 14:06 Newshour (w172zb943g8l74f)**  
Immigration debate remains crucial in US election

Former president Donald Trump and vice president Kamala Harris have continued to attack each other as the US election draws closer. Immigration remains one of the major election issues and a top concern of American voters. In this special

edition of Newshour, James Menendez has been travelling from Mexico to the southern United States to find out what's driving the debate.

Also in the programme: Commonwealth leaders at their summit in Samoa are expected to defy the United Kingdom and debate ways of securing reparations for historical slavery; and we meet the director Tim Burton who is known for his eccentric and gothic filmmaking.

(File picture: Texas National Guard troops patrol the border for migrants in Eagle Pass, Texas on March 20, 2024. Credit: Kaylee Greenlee Beal/REUTERS)

**THU 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qnhdl)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 15:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xhy)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**THU 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybbvnm)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct6035)**  
More turbulence for Boeing

Boeing workers have been on strike for the past six weeks. Late yesterday, they rejected a new offer, which included a 35% pay rise over four years. Data suggests this is the most expensive strike in the US this year. Estimates are the strike has cost Boeing over \$8 billion, with that figure expected to rise further.

Two big economic summits are ongoing this week. The IMF warns against a global trade war. Meanwhile, in Russia, the BRICS conference is wrapping up and we examine the key takeaways from the summit. And we look ahead to Japan's snap election, which has been called by the country's new prime minister Shigeru Ishiba.

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**THU 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qnm4q)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj8tnt9872)**  
Push for slavery reparations conversation

The BBC has learnt that Commonwealth heads of government are preparing to defy the United Kingdom and agree plans to examine reparatory justice for the transatlantic slave trade. Downing Street insists the issue is not on the agenda for the summit of 56 Commonwealth countries, which begins in the Pacific island nation of Samoa on Friday. We get reaction from people in Commonwealth countries and speak to our UK political correspondent.

Turkey says its air force has killed nearly sixty PKK fighters in Syria and Iraq. The government was responding to what it called a terror attack in Ankara which it blames on the Kurdish group. We get more details from our reporter from BBC Turkish.

With less than two weeks to the US election, we bring together elections officials to share the challenges and abuse they have faced.

Presenter: Rob Young.

(Photo: British Prime Minister Keir Starmer attends a Welcome Reception and State Banquet at Apia Park during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Samoa. Picture date: Thursday October 24, 2024. Credit: Stefan Rousseau/Pool via REUTERS)

**THU 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qngwv)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj8tnt9cz6)**  
UN warns of catastrophic temperature rises

The United Nations has warned that attempts to rein in global warming are catastrophically off track. It says world temperatures are now set to rise by 3.1C degrees above pre-industrial levels this century - twice as high as the target. We speak to our climate expert.

One of the issues that's been prominent during the US election campaign is immigration into the country. We hear from our reporter who has spoken to people on both sides of the US-Mexico border.

We also bring together US elections officials to share the challenges and abuse they have faced.

In the UK families of footballers who died from the medical condition called Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy, a form of dementia, insist that it should become mandatory for anyone who's played contact sport to be checked for the disease when they die. Our sports correspondent explains.

Presenter: Rob Young.

(Photo: Thailand faces extreme weather with heat wave and thunderstorms, Bangkok - 28 Apr 2023. Credit: RUNGROJ YONGRIT/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

**THU 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qnmvmz)**  
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**THU 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5nyh)**  
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**THU 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5ykq)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**THU 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qndz3)**  
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**THU 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8pg5sf)**  
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**THU 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybcbnh)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w69)**  
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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 (w172zgf6n6qp347)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 20:06 The Documentary (w3ct7973)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

**THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybcgdm)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 20:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vdg)**  
Betelbuddy and Silk Road Cities

Betelgeuse, one of the brightest and most famous stars in the northern night sky, has varied in brightness with an elusive pattern ever since observations began. Many theories exist as to why it ebbs and flows with apparently two distinct rhythms - one shorter and another around 2000 days long.

But just recently two independent astronomical teams have unveiled papers suggesting the existence of an orbital companion circling the red giant. About the size of our own sun, the "Betelbuddy" may whizz round Betelgeuse, almost skimming its surface, every 2000 days. And why haven't we seen the Betelbuddy before? Because, from here, it would be a million times fainter than Betelgeuse itself, as one of the authors, and long-time Betelgeuse watcher, Andrea Dupree of Harvard and Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics explains.

Back here on earth, Omar Yaghi of Berkeley, University of California and colleagues have been designing a new material that can scrub carbon dioxide out of the air in minutes. They have patented this type of Covalent Organic Framework (COF) and are hoping to scale up production such that a few hundred tonnes deployed around our biggest cities could solve our CO2 crisis.

But then what do you do with all those gigatonnes of CO2? Maybe one thing would be to use solar power to convert it into plant food. Robert Jinkerson and colleagues describe in the journal *Joule* a proposal to transform global food production into "Electro-Agriculture", growing plants, fungi and algae on acetate made from solar energy. Their proposal would also shrink the global footprint of farming to allow more natural habitat.

And finally, Michael Frachetti of Washington University in St Louis has published an archaeological survey of two lost conurbations in the mountains of southern Uzbekistan that he

and colleagues rediscovered in the last few years. He argues that the scale and complexity of these dwelling, and their location over 2000m, way above normal agricultural altitude mean we need to reconsider these stops on what would have been the Silk Road, around 600-1000 CE, perhaps even pointing at a very early industrial economy.

Presenter: Roland Pease  
Producer: Alex Mansfield with Andrew Lewis

(Image: Orion sink to Kashimayrigadake. Credit: Getty)

**THU 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qp6wc)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 21:06 Newshour (w172zb943g8m2cb)**  
UN: The world is on its way to "catastrophic" climate change

The United Nations is warning that the world is on its way to "catastrophic" climate change, unless huge efforts are made to curb carbon emissions. It says the current goal of limiting warming to one-and-a-half Celsius above pre-industrial levels by the end of the century, will soon be dead. Current projections are closer to three degrees. We will speak to one of the authors of the UN report.

Former president Donald Trump and vice president Kamala Harris have continued to attack each other as the US election draws closer. Immigration remains one of the major election issues and a top concern of American voters. Newshour's James Menendez has been travelling from Mexico to the southern United States to find out what's driving the debate.

Also, grief and chaos for Palestinians as Israel predicts a 'sharp conclusion' in northern Gaza. We hear from a nurse, who filmed moments after an Israeli strike.

And why the Foreign Minister of the Bahamas believes reparatory justice from the UK for the slave trade will happen at some point.

(Photo: Drought destroys local farmer's harvest in Zambia, Mazabuka - 20 Mar 2024. The dry spell from mid-January due to El Nino conditions and climate change is affecting most of the central and southern half of Zambia, leaving 1 million hectares of maize destroyed, almost half of the country's maize cultivation, according to the United Nations (UN). Credit: EPA)

**THU 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qpbmh)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 22:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xhy)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**THU 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybcppww)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 22:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xng)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

**THU 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qpgcm)**  
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**THU 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8pgnry)**  
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**THU 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybctn0)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct605f)**  
How will Canada's new immigration plan affect the economy?

Canada has just announced plans to change its migration policy. The government will reduce permanent residency by 21% from 2025. Migration is a global political issue but it is also an economic one. We get the reaction from the Canadian chamber of commerce Diana Palmerin Velasco.

Also, Rahul Tandon looks at how the final day of the BRICS summit in Kazan played out, with the Chinese and Indian leaders meeting for the first time in five years. And we find out how potential US tariffs on China could impact businesses.

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**FRI 00:06 The Explanation (w3ct6pm7)**  
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**FRI 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybcyd4)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 00:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct5yc3)**  
The Middle East: The regional perspective

John Simpson, in discussion with the BBC's unparalleled range of experts across the world, analyses the attitudes of other countries in the Middle East towards Israel's wars in Gaza and Lebanon, examines the signs of a recovery in the global economy and looks at the Italian Prime Minister's right-wing domestic agenda.

(Photo: Houthi supporters wave the flags of Palestine, Lebanon and Hezbollah at a protest in Sanaa, Yemen, after Israel confirmed Hamas leader Sinwar killed in Gaza, 18 Oct 2024. Credit: YAHYA ARHAB/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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**FRI 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfpvt20z0r)**  
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**FRI 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8ph10b)**  
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**FRI 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybd5wd)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 02:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wmv)**  
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**FRI 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qpyc4)**  
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**FRI 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nyh)**  
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**FRI 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yqk)**  
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**FRI 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qq238)**  
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**FRI 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8ph8hl)**  
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**FRI 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybdfcn)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tfs)**  
Seeking justice from Opus Dei

Opus Dei is a controversial Catholic organisation with schools and conference centres across the globe. Close links to the Vatican mean senior members are highly influential within the

Catholic church. Opus Dei is Latin for "Work of God" and their aim is to help people to achieve holiness through their everyday work. The vast majority of its members are lay people.

Within Opus Dei, "assistant numeraries" are women responsible for cooking and cleaning in Opus Dei centres, serving other Opus Dei members. Over the years, these assistant numeraries appear to have mainly been recruited from poor or working-class backgrounds and through hospitality schools affiliated with the organisation.

Former assistant numeraries who worked in Opus Dei centres say they were overworked, unpaid, isolated from their families and emotionally and spiritually abused. For some, the experience has left their faith deeply shaken.

Journalist Antonia Cundy has been following allegations against Opus Dei and for Heart and Soul she speaks to women from Latin America who have shared their stories with her.

Presented by Antonia Cundy. Produced by Rachel Briggs for BBC World Service.

**FRI 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qq5vd)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 05:06 Newsday (w172zbk7mlyj9hb)**  
King Charles lays out climate concerns

At the Commonwealth summit in Samoa, King Charles has laid out his concern about climate change and what that could mean for the planet and in particular for vulnerable communities. He did not directly address the issue of reparations for slavery which some leaders at the summit would like to debate.

Another major conference, of the BRICS emerging nations, has ended in Russia. South Africa is a key part of the group. So how did it go? We'll head to South Africa to find out

Our international editor Jeremy Bowen has been following up on a deadly Israeli airstrike in Northern Gaza

And news about a settlement following the container ship which crashed into a bridge in Baltimore in the United States.

Credit: King Charles III speaks at the opening ceremony of the CHOGM in Apia, Samoa. Ian Vogler Reuters

**FRI 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qq9lj)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 06:06 Newsday (w172zbk7mlyjf83)**  
King Charles acknowledges "painful" history

Global leaders are busy with two major summits this week. In Samoa - King Charles opens the Commonwealth meeting saying the 'painful' history of slavery should be acknowledged but stops short of making an apology - despite calls for the UK to pay reparations for historic abuses

President Putin spent the last few days shaking hands with and hugging heads of government of the BRICS organisation pushing back against claims Russia has been isolated. But what did the summit really achieve? We'll have a view from South Africa.

The US elections are fast approaching, and we'll report from the south of the country about a key electoral issue - immigration

In sport - Jose Mourinho makes headlines in a match against his former side Manchester United.

Credit: King Charles III poses for a group photo at the opening ceremony of the CHOGM in Apia, Samoa. Ian Vogler, Reuters

**FRI 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qqfbn)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 07:06 Newsday (w172zbk7mlyjk07)**  
At Commonwealth summit King Charles doesn't talk about reparations

King Charles has told leaders attending the Commonwealth summit in Samoa that "the most painful aspects of our past continue to resonate." But he did not directly address the issue of reparations for slavery.

A powerful group of emerging economic nations has wrapped up talks in Kazan, Russia. At the end of the meeting our Russia

Editor managed to put a few questions to Vladimir Putin.

Scientists are warning that world temperatures are on track to rise by three-point-one degrees above pre-industrial levels. We have the ability to control these temperatures - so why's it not happening?

And we bring you the story of a tortured monkey, her rescue and final return to the wild.

**FRI 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qk2s)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t42)**

Emel Mathlouthi: Can music change the world?

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

**FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybdxc5)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z2k)**

Business Daily meets: Sandra Uwera

From growing up as a refugee to leading the most recognised sustainability label in the world, Sandra Uwera talks about the challenges she's faced, and her drive to improve the lives of around two million farmers and workers around the world, through Fairtrade International.

(Picture: Sandra Uwera. Credit: Fairtrade International)

Presented and produced by Devina Gupta

**FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yf6)**

My dad created Dungeons & Dragons

In 1970, father of five Gary Gygax was fired from his job as an insurance underwriter in Chicago, in the United States of America. It may sound like a mundane event to read about but, believe it or not, this moment actually changed the gaming industry forever.

Gary is the creator of table-top roleplay game, Dungeons & Dragons. In the 50 years since its release, D&D has generated billions of dollars in sales and now boasts more than 50 million players worldwide.

However, Gary's story is not one of riches and success. Luke Gygax witnessed the incredible highs and lows of his father's life first hand. He shares his memories of that time with Matt Pintus.

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

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

(Photo: Gary Gygax and Luke Gygax. Credit: Luke Gygax)

**FRI 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qk2s)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8phw77)**

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**FRI 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybf139)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 09:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vdg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Thursday]

**FRI 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qk2s)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q2h)**

Mystery blobs

White blobs have been appearing on the beaches in Newfoundland, Canada. They're kind of doughy-looking, and smell of vegetable oil. As yet, officials are not sure what they could be. Of course, this got the Unexpected Elements team intrigued, so we decided to dedicate the programme to the weird world of blobs, slime and bizarre things that wash up onshore.

We hear about the fabulous hagfish, which produces copious amounts of snot-like slime to defend itself from predators.

But what makes slime so slippery in the first place? And why is ketchup so hard to get out of a bottle? And what makes quicksand so difficult to escape from? It's all down to fluid dynamics. Professor Daniel Bonn, from the University of Amsterdam, explains the physics behind all these sticky situations.

Also this week, we find out more about a shipment of bath toys that tumbled overboard, and how they have helped scientists to decipher ocean currents.

Plus, we discover more about the restoration of mangrove forests, how flowers can cause weird dreams, the size of the biggest black forest gateau and a species of plankton and how it floats.

Presenter: Mamie Chesterton, with Camilla Mota and Phyllis Mwate

Producer: Emily Knight, with Alice Lipscombe-Southwell, Eliane Glaser and Noa Dowling  
Sound engineer: Gareth Tyrrell

**FRI 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qk2s)**

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**FRI 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8phw77)**

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**FRI 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybf8lk)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dwx)**

Ukraine's women at war: The Witches of Bucha

The women of Ukraine are on the frontline in many respects. They make up the majority of those fleeing abroad to escape the war and protect their children. They are also increasingly keeping Ukrainian society functioning, as more and more men are conscripted into the army to fight. The Witches of Bucha, as they call themselves, are a volunteer air defence unit made up almost entirely of women, now helping to protect Ukraine's skies.

On this episode, Katya Adler is joined by the BBC's Eastern Europe correspondent Sarah Rainsford, who has just returned from a reporting trip to Bucha, and BBC Journalist Olga Malchevska, who is from Ukraine. They look at how Ukrainian women have been stepping up and filling the gaps left behind by the country's men at war. They also discuss how the conflict may change traditional gender roles in Ukraine.

Producers: Tom Kavanagh and Eleanor Sly

Sound engineers: Mike Regaard and Hannah Montgomery

Assistant editor: Sergi Forcada Freixas

Senior news editor: Sara Wadeson

**FRI 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qk2s)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 12:06 Outlook (w3ct699f)**

Outlook Mixtape: Secret worlds and second lives

When Mats Steen was a child growing up in Oslo, he was diagnosed with a degenerative disease. His parents Robert and Trude were told it was unlikely Mats would survive long into his 20s. Mats began to spend more and more time at home, playing online games. He died when he was 25, and his parents worried

that his life had been lonely and friendless. Then, in the days before the funeral a mysterious group of people started arriving in Oslo. Robert and Trude didn't know them, but they seemed to know Mats extremely well. This interview was first broadcast in November 2019.

Jerald Walker grew up in the Worldwide Church of God – a doomsday cult that convinced its followers the world would end in 1972. Jerald's life was dominated by fear, isolation, and the belief that his future didn't exist. When the promised doomsday never came, Jerald and his family were left grappling with shattered beliefs. As his life unravelled, Jerald fell into addiction and crime, struggling to escape the mental and emotional grip of the cult. But through education, an extraordinary teacher and a passion for writing, he found a path to redemption.

Barbados-born Ricky Ellcock had twin ambitions as a boy – to become a cricketer and fly airplanes. His father was, like Ricky, cricket-mad – but on the question of him becoming a pilot his answer was emphatic: black people don't fly planes. Ricky's talents as a fast bowler won him many plaudits and a scholarship to come to England. Before long he was playing at the top of the sport, but the stresses on his body meant he kept breaking down. When those injuries threatened to end his career completely, Ricky looked to disprove his dad and make history in the skies.

Presenter: India Rakusen

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**FRI 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5yf6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**FRI 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qk2s)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8phw77)**

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**FRI 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybfj2t)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 13:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tfs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

**FRI 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qk2s)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 14:06 Newshour (w172zb943g8p4lj)**

US secretary Blinken meets Arab leaders in London

Following a meeting with the the Lebanese prime minister US Secretary Antony Blinken said a resolution to the current conflict is urgent. We hear from Ibrahim al-Jazie, former Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs in Jordan. Also on the programme: the search, rescue and release of a baby monkey abused online; and in Mexico Newshour's James Menendez discovers what is at stake in these elections for the USA's largest trading partner.

(Picture: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken meets with Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi in London, Britain, October 25, 2024. Credit: REUTERS/Nathan Howard)

**FRI 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qk2s)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t42)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**FRI 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybf12)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zt4)**

Georgia's path to EU looms over election

Georgia will vote in a crucial parliamentary election this weekend. The country looks to whether their prospects will be better served with closer ties to Russia or Europe. Opposition figures hope a win for them could restart Georgia's stalled bid to join the EU.

Elsewhere, Jensen Huang the chief executive of the chip



developer Nvidia received a warm welcome in India. We look at how Nvidia might affect the microchip and AI industry there. Also, Call of Duty: Black Ops 6 is one of the year's most hotly anticipated game releases. We examine its impact at the UK's biggest gaming show.

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**FRI 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qrj1t)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj8tntd545)**  
Migrant boats traded by smugglers in Germany

A five-month-long BBC investigation has exposed the significant German connection to the lethal human smuggling trade across the English Channel. During covert filming, smugglers revealed that they store boats in multiple secret warehouses - as they play cat-and-mouse games with German police. We speak to our correspondent who has been investigating.

A Ugandan court has sentenced a former commander in the notorious Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) to 40 years in prison following a landmark war crimes trial. We speak to our reporter from BBC Africa.

The US rapper Lil Durk has been arrested and charged in connection with a murder-for-hire plot. We get more details from a hip-hop journalist.

We speak to our BBC Ukraine colleague who has been reporting from the ground throughout the war against Russia.

Our reporter who has been investigating a global monkey torture ring, recently went along when one of the tortured monkeys was released and returned to the wild. She tells us what happened.

Presenter: Krupa Padhy.

(Photo: In this drone view an inflatable dinghy carrying migrants makes its way towards England in the English Channel, Britain, August 6, 2024. Credit: Chris J. Ratcliffe/Reuters)

**FRI 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qrmsy)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj8tntd8w9)**  
Biden to issue apology for Indian boarding schools

US President Joe Biden will formally apologise to the Native American community for the atrocities of a 150 year Indian boarding school policy that aimed to culturally assimilate indigenous children. Our reporter explains.

We speak to our BBC Ukraine colleague who has been reporting from the ground throughout the war against Russia.

We have the latest on the situation in Gaza.

We discuss the impact of celebrity endorsements in the US election.

Presenter: Krupa Padhy.

(Photo: U.S. President Joe Biden delivers remarks, at the New Hampshire Democratic Party Headquarters, in Concord, New Hampshire, U.S., October 22, 2024. Credit: Elizabeth Frantz/Reuters)

**FRI 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qrrk2)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 18:06 Outlook (w3ct699f)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

**FRI 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5yf6)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**FRI 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qrw96)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8pk2pj)**  
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**FRI 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybg7kl)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w1s)**  
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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 (w172zgfbn6qs01b)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 20:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rc8)**  
US Black and Latino male voters

In less than two weeks, Americans will elect their new president. When it comes to voters, both Donald Trump and Kamala Harris know that getting black and Latino men on their side could be vital.

There are question marks over whether Kamala Harris will get the levels of support from those voters that she might hope for. It has led to much discussion about whether she has a so-called "man problem", especially as there are suggestions that Donald Trump is increasing his appeal in this respect. Former president Barack Obama also recently asked if some of those men might have an issue seeing a woman as the country's leader.

In this edition, black and Latino men across the United States discuss the issues that matter to them and who they want to see as the next president.

"Hillary Clinton was a woman and I disagree on a lot of stuff with Hillary Clinton," says David Rodriguez, who is from Pennsylvania. "But at least Hillary Clinton was a leader. This lady (Kamala Harris) is not a leader."

"I have trouble understanding the logic," says Dr Tim Golden, a lawyer and professor of philosophy at Whitman College, Washington. "Since when has the Republican Party had policies that positively affect the black community?"

Hosted by Krupa Padhy, with conversations by Luke Jones and Mark Lowen.

A Boffin Media production in partnership with the BBC OS team, including producers Lindsay Brown and Adam Chowdhury.

**FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybgc9q)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rhs)**  
Why do languages fade from us?

Can learning new languages make us forget our mother tongue? CrowdScience listener Nakombe in Cameroon is concerned that his first language, Balue, is slipping from his grasp. He has learned multiple languages through his life, but Balue is the language of his family and home. It's central to his identity and sense of belonging. So why does it seem to be fading from him, and what can he do to get it back?

We search for answers, investigating what happens in our brains when we struggle to recall languages, as well as the social and economic factors that lead to language loss. Presenter Anand Jagatia asks Michael Anderson from the University of Cambridge, an expert on memory and forgetting, whether forgotten languages disappear from our brain, or just become difficult to access. Linguist Monika Schmid from the University of York takes us through the phenomenon of first language attrition, and has words of reassurance and advice for Nakombe and others in his situation.

And we meet Larry Kimura from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, a pioneer of Hawaiian language revitalization, and Gabriela Pérez Báez, an expert in indigenous languages and language revitalization at the University of Oregon. They explain why languages around the world become threatened, and how to keep them alive.

Presenter: Anand Jagatia  
Producer: Margaret Sessa Hawkins  
Editor: Cathy Edwards  
Production Co-ordinator: Ishmael Soriano  
Studio Managers: Sarah Hockley and Omera Ahamed

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**FRI 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qs3sg)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 21:06 Newshour (w172zb943g8pz8f)**  
Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

**FRI 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qs7jl)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 22:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t42)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**FRI 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybglsz)**  
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**FRI 22:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tfs)**  
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**FRI 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qsc8q)**  
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**FRI 23:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8pkkp1)**  
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**FRI 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybgkq3)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zwd)**  
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