

SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER 2024**SAT 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qsh0v)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 00:06 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: Marnie Chesterton, with Camilla Mota and Phyllis Mwate

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

SAT 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qsrlz)

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SAT 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfptv23vxy)

Israel has conducted air strikes in Iran

Iranian media say several explosions have been heard in the capital, Tehran, and the neighbouring city of Karaj. We look at the current situation in Middle East conflict.

Also, Japanese voters are getting ready to take part in the country's General Election on Sunday. How will it affect Japan's economy? We speak to business owners and find out what do they expect from this election?

And we look at the US election campaign in Texas, plus we learn about the very first online banner ad which went live exactly 30 years ago.

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SAT 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qsqj3)

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SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8pkxf)

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SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybh2sh)

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SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct5whb)

A song of experience - New Zealand's World Cup winning formula

On this week's Stumped, Alison Mitchell, Clint Wheeldon and Charu Sharma speak with World Cup winner Maddy Green, who celebrated her 32nd birthday on the day of the final. She tells us what New Zealand's victory means to the country, as well as discussing how they defied expectations to triumph in Dubai.

We reflect on how the ICC Women's T20 World Cup was won, pick out the most memorable moments from the tournament and discuss cricket's omission from the 2026 Commonwealth Games, despite having featured in Birmingham last time out.

Plus, the team discuss some of the more unorthodox methods of preparing a wicket. It's after industrial fans, patio heaters and wind breakers were all used on the pitch in Rawalpindi ahead of the third Test between Pakistan and England.

Photo: New Zealand's players celebrate with their winning trophy at the end of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup cricket final match between South Africa and New Zealand at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium in Dubai on October 20, 2024. (Credit: AFP via Getty Images)

SAT 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qsv87)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 03:06 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 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.

Presenter: India Rakusen

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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 03:50 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 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: Gary Gygax and Luke Gygax. Credit: Luke Gygax)

SAT 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qs20c)

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SAT 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8pt94t)

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SAT 05:32 World Football (w3ct7gjc)

The speech that changed women's football

Hear the untold story of how a science teacher from Oslo made a speech that would change the future of women's football. Ellen Wille became the first female to speak at a FIFA Congress and in a room full of men demanded women should have a FIFA World Cup and play football at the Olympics. Then FIFA Vice President Sepp Blatter took to the stage and accepted the challenge, although it did take some time. Within two years FIFA staged a Women's Invitational Event and still not ready to call it a FIFA World Cup in 1991 the Women's FIFA World Championship for Women's Football for the M&M's Cup took place. That's not easy to say! Finally, although it took 9 years, in 1995 Sweden hosted the first FIFA Women's World Cup and significantly for Ellen it was her home nation Norway who lifted the trophy.

Caroline Barker has been to Oslo to track down Ellen Wille, plus she speaks to former president of the Football Association of Norway, Per Ravn Omdal, current President Lise Klaveness and Norway's 1995 World Cup winners Hege Riise and Linda Meladen.

SAT 05:50 More or Less (w3ct5qtj)

Is Trump right about violent crime in Venezuela and the US?

On the campaign trail for the US presidency, former president Donald Trump has been saying that the US is becoming a more dangerous than Venezuela.

He also claims that the crime data for the US that the FBI collects is missing the most violent cities.

Is he right? Tim Harford investigates, with the help of Bastian Herre from Our World in Data and Jay Albanese from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Presenter: Tim Harford

Producer: Bethan Ashmead Latham
Series producer: Tom Colls
Production co-ordinator: Katie Morrison
Sound Mix: Annie Gardiner
Editor: Richard Vadon

SAT 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qt6hm)

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SAT 06:06 Weekend (w172zcx6h6bsgdg)

Israel strikes Iran overnight

Israel launches airstrikes overnight as the US urges Iran to refrain from counter attacking. The attacks allegedly targeted military targets and were a response to the Iranian missile attack on Israel earlier in October.

Also on the programme: Former Soviet Republic Georgia decides if it wants to be closer to the European Union or Russia, and; Beyonce gives Kamala Harris's campaign a sprinkle of celebrity.

Joining Rebecca Kesby to discuss all this and more are Shachi Kurl, President of Angus Reid Institute, a Canadian public opinion research organization based in Vancouver where she joins us from, and Jeremy Shapiro, Research Director of the European Council on Foreign Relations in Washington DC.

(Photo: A general view of Tehran after several explosions were heard, in Tehran, Iran, October 26, 2024. Majid Asgaripour/WANA (West Asia News Agency))

SAT 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qtb7r)

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SAT 07:06 Weekend (w172zcx6h6bsl4l)

Iran targeted by Israel

The US urges Tehran to refrain from retaliating. Washington said the attacks were limited to military targets, and were a response to the Iranian ballistic missiles fired at Israel three weeks ago.

Also on the programme: hospitals in north Gaza struggle with the humanitarian situation, and; a dispatch from Texas where immigration dominates as one of the main US election issues.

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SAT 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qtfzw)

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SAT 08:06 Weekend (w172zcx6h6bspwq)

Israel launches overnight airstrikes on Iran

Tehran and other areas of Iran hit by Israeli air strikes. The United States has urged Tehran to refrain from attacking Israel to create a break in the cycle of violence. The Israeli government had been promising retaliation for the ballistic missile strikes Tehran launched at the beginning of October.

Also on the programme: a French General who led the UNIFIL forces in Lebanon talks about the risk to the organisation's staff now, plus; an essay on the ancient Lebanese city of Tyre.

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SAT 09:06 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, Angela Sheeran and Adam Chowdhury.

SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybh0d)

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SAT 09:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v15)

We sniff out the science of body odour

The criminals exploiting superstition to swindle women with Chinese heritage. Plus playing the piano to elephants in Thailand, ancient practise of yoga and how it's being reclaimed and why do our armpits smell? More than 1,000 of you left a comment on our question about body odour.

SAT 09:50 Over to You (w3ct5ttd)

Digesting listeners' views on The Food Chain

The Food Chain examines the business, science and cultural significance of food and what it takes to put food on your plate. But is it passing judgement on what people eat? Or simply advising them about what it is they are putting into their mouths? We are joined by its presenter Ruth Alexander and we hear listeners' feedback.

Presenter: Rajan Datar

Producer: Howard Shannon

A Whistledown production for BBC World Service

SAT 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qtp4)

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SAT 10:06 Sportshour (w3ct5qbb)

Parker Byrd: Baseball history maker

With the World Series underway we hear from one man hoping one day to grace baseballs top table. After a life changing boating accident that saw one of Parker Byrd's legs amputated, the college baseball player fought back to become what is believed to be first NCAA Division I baseball player to play with a prosthetic leg. Parker Byrd told his inspirational story to Sportshour's Caroline Barker

Did you know that motorsport has an Olympics?! That's what the FIA Motor Sport Games claim to be. In just it's third year the competition has been taking place in the Spanish city of Valencia this week. We hear from Team GB captain Chris Froggatt and from one of the youngest competitors, 11 year old Manuel Cardona and his dad Ricardo. Remember the name!

The trio of women who are about to get to know each other VERY VERY well! Jess Rowe, Miriam Payne and Lottie Hopkinson-Woolley are preparing to row across the Atlantic together!

UFC Featherweight champion Ilia Topuria was born in Germany to Georgian refugees. And after spending some of his childhood back in Georgia he moved to Spain as a teenager. Which means Ilia is not only Spain's but Georgia's first UFC Champion. He's been speaking to Sportshour's Joel Hammer

(Photo: Parker prepares to face a pitch on his return to action. CREDIT East Carolina University)

SAT 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qtt78)

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SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8pm0ml)

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SAT 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qtxzd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 12:06 The Forum (w3ct5n0f)

Why sleep sometimes eludes us

Do you find it difficult to get a good night's sleep? If you do, you are not alone. According to the US National Institutes of Health, between 6 and 30 per cent of adults suffer from insomnia or lack of restorative sleep. Since the establishment of sleep medicine a century ago, we have learnt a lot about the causes of sleeplessness. And yet, as the continuing development of new sleep aids demonstrates, its prevalence remains high.

Persistent lack of sleep can have serious consequences for your health but despite this some writers, and other creative people, seem to welcome it. Franz Kafka famously claimed that if he couldn't pursue his stories through the night, they would "break away and disappear".

Iszi Lawrence discusses our changing understanding of insomnia, and its hold over our imagination, with Dr. Manvir Bhatia, the vice-president of Indian Society for Sleep Research; science journalist Kenneth Miller, author of Mapping the Darkness: the Scottish writer – and self-confessed 'intermittent insomniac' - A L Kennedy; and World Service listeners.

(Photo: A woman lying awake on a bed at night. Credit: Pony Wang/Getty Images.)

SAT 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qv1qj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 13:06 Newshour (w172zb943g8rx6h)

Israeli jets target Iran with airstrikes

Israel has finally retaliated for Iran's missile strikes earlier this month, carrying out a series of relatively restrained air attacks overnight. The Israeli army struck Iranian military sites, including air defence batteries and missile manufacturing facilities, killing two Iranian soldiers. Tehran denies there's been any serious damage, but says it has a right to defend itself and may strike back - although the US and UK have urged de-escalation.

Also on the programme: We hear from north Gaza, where the UN human rights chief says the "darkest moment" of the war is taking place, and get an update on elections in Georgia, which are being seen as the most consequential in 30 years.

(Picture: A general view of Tehran after several explosions were heard, in Tehran, Iran, October 26, 2024 Credit: Majid Asgaripour/WANA via REUTERS)

SAT 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qv5gn)

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SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w172zbn272wkg13)

Live Sporting Action

Saturday Sportsworld will have commentary of Bournemouth's trip to Aston Villa. Joining Lee James this weekend will be the former Premier League winner Robert Huth and former Premier League midfielder Matt Jarvis.

The panel will be discussing the latest headlines from the world of football like Villa's start in the Premier League and Champions League; who will win the Ballon d'Or and do players really care about the award? The team will also preview El Classico and react to the Women's Euro qualifiers.

Away from football, the Fall classic - the World Series of baseball gets underway between the LA Dodgers and the New York Yankees, and Sportsworld will bring you reaction to game one.

There will also be a preview to qualifying at Formula 1's Mexico Grand Prix, an update on how Lebron James and his son Bronny played in their second NBA match together and get the latest from the Test series between Pakistan versus England and India against New Zealand.

Image: Illia Zabarnyi of Bournemouth and Ollie Watkins of Aston Villa during the Premier League match between AFC Bournemouth and Aston Villa at Vitality Stadium on December 03, 2023 in Bournemouth, England. (Photo by Robin Jones - AFC Bournemouth/AFC Bournemouth via Getty Images)

SAT 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf6n6qyng5)

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SAT 18:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8pmvvh)

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SAT 18:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybk0qk)

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SAT 18:32 World Football (w3ct7gjj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 today]

SAT 18:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wf2)

Brojen Das: Bangladesh's Channel swimming champ

In 1961, Brojen Das, a swimmer from the Ganges Delta, set a new world record for swimming from France to England. It was his sixth attempt.

The achievement earned him an audience with the Queen and made him a hero in what is now Bangladesh.

Farhana Haider spoke to his daughter, Sanghita Pal, in 2016.

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: Brojen Das completing his Channel challenge. Credit: Shutterstock)

SAT 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qvs69)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 19:06 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?'

Contributors:
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Broadcast Co-ordinator: Jacqui Johnson

(Image: BBC file photo)

SAT 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybk4gp)
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SAT 19:32 World Of Secrets (w3ct7hpx)
Al Fayed, Predator at Harrods

Al Fayed, Predator at Harrods: 6. The ripple effect

Many more women have made allegations of abuse and rape against Mohamed Al Fayed – including Margot, who was hired as his children's nanny. We hear her story and find out about developments in the investigation since we published the first five episodes. Harrods says it is in the process of settling over 250 claims from women who say they were abused by its former owner.

Shaimaa Khalil speaks to series consultant Keaton Stone, Erica Gornall the director of Al Fayed, Predator at Harrods, and Hannah Price from the BBC News Investigations unit.

This episode contains graphic details of sexual assault, which some listeners may find distressing.

If you've been affected by any of the issues in this series, please contact support organisations in your own country. For a list of organisations in the UK that can provide support for survivors

of sexual abuse, go to bbc.co.uk/actionline.

This episode was updated on 25 October 2024.

SAT 20:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qvyf)
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SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qk3)
Writer and artist Aimée de Jongh

Nikki Bedi is joined by the writer and artist Aimée de Jongh who'll be talking about her graphic novel adaptation of Lord Of The Flies, and by cultural critic Katie Puckrik.

They hear from Joaquin Phoenix and director Todd Field about reuniting for Joker: Folie à Deux, their all-singing, all-dancing sequel.

Nikki is in conversation with Indian director Reema Kagti and producer Zoya Akhtar about their film Superboys of Malegaon.

And the Nigerian singer Yeye Taiwo, one half of the legendary Lijadu sisters, recalls how they were inspired to make music.

Also on the show British actor Ella Purnell explains how her character develops a taste for murder in the new TV series Sweetpea, and there's music from Mercury-Award winning band Ezra Collective.

(Photo: Aimée de Jongh. Credit: Bob Bruyn)

SAT 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qw0pk)
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SAT 21:06 Newshour (w172zb943g8sw5j)
Iran downplays Israeli attacks

President Biden says Israel's attacks on Iran seem to have only struck military targets and that he hopes they mark the "end of hostilities". Tehran downplays the significance of airstrikes, while saying it has a duty to defend itself. The Israeli government says it has achieved its goals - so did calls from the White House actually succeed?

Also on the programme: the exit polls are in for Georgia's election, with the ruling Georgian Dream party projected to win, and we hear from Professor Kehinde Andrews on whether or not the UK should pay reparations to its former empire.

(Picture: A screengrab shows an Israeli Air Force plane, which the Israeli army says is departing to carry out strikes on Iran, from a handout video released on October 26, 2024. Credit: Israel Defense Forces/REUTERS)

SAT 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qw4fp)
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SAT 22:06 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)

SAT 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybkhq2)
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SAT 22:32 This Is Africa (w3ct5y5l)
Sat B

Sat B has forged a successful career in music in one of the poorest countries of the world, Burundi. He began releasing songs as a solo artist in 2009 and had his first big hit in 2010, and in 2012 his talent was recognised at home and he began to win awards. His career took a set back in 2015 with the attempted military coup d'etat and the unrest that followed, but, as he tells DJ Edu, he is determined to stay in Burundi and build

his country. He has set up a record label and studio and is attempting to ease the path for other Burundian artists.

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SAT 23:32 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)

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SUN 00:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wf2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qwhp2)
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SUN 01:06 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 Bitfrey

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

SUN 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybkvyg)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 01:32 World Of Secrets (w3ct7hpx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:32 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qwmf6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 01:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xhy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:06 on Saturday]

SUN 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybkzpl)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 01:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69j6)

Where do vampires come from?

Commonly associated with Count Dracula, the blood-sucking character in Bram Stoker's quintessential novel, vampires continue to seduce. But where exactly did the vampire myth originate from? BBC Serbian's Milica Radenković Jeremić has been researching the cultural history of vampirism.

Plus, BBC Africa's Njoroge Muigai talks about the spirits and monsters that terrified him as a child growing up in Kenya, and Duc Ha from BBC Vietnamese take us to the so-called 'the town of the dead', a place in his home province where people spend most of their savings on lavish tombs.

Produced by Caroline Ferguson, Hannah Dean and Alice Gioia.

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

SUN 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qwr5b)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbbqjk8pnykn)

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SUN 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybl3fq)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 02:32 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 Mpx.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond
Producer: Margaret Sessa Hawkins

SUN 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qvwvg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 03:06 The Forum (w3ct5n0f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qvwzn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sjd)

Is Moscow meddling in Moldova?

Pascale Harter introduces dispatches from Moldova, Cuba, the US and Indonesia.

Moldova is a small country, but an outsized showcase for concerns over Russian influence in Europe. While Moldova was once part of the USSR, in recent years it's been moving towards the West - and last weekend voted narrowly to continue its bid to join the European Union. Sarah Rainsford reports on what she saw at polling stations near the unrecognised breakaway territory of Transnistria.

Power cuts are nothing new in Cuba: the country's national grid is creaking and its ageing electricity-generating plants in poor repair. But last week's nationwide blackouts were the most drastic for years, and were not predicted. Will Grant visits a village just outside Havana where living without electricity has become the new normal.

Election day and Halloween draw near in the USA - and in Wisconsin, there are all sorts of eerie stories in circulation. In the town of Black River Falls - where the spate of uncanny events chronicled in cult classic book and film "Wisconsin

Death Trip" took place - Mike Wendling found no trace of historic traumas, but plenty of worries about the present and the future course of the presidential contest.

It was one of the most distressing stories the BBC has ever investigated: a virtual torture ring, where customers in the US and UK planned, commissioned and paid for videos of monkeys being abused. The torture itself happened in Indonesia, where long-tailed macaques were bought, held captive, and tormented for profit. Now many of the key players in the torture ring are facing prison - while one of their victims, a baby monkey named Mini, has been released back into the wild. Rebecca Henschke helped take her back to the jungles of a protected island off Java.

Image: A man casts his ballot in Moldova's October 20, 2024 presidential election and referendum on joining the European Union. (Photo by DANIEL MIHAILESCU/AFP via Getty Images)

SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yblbxz)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:32 Trending (w3ct5y9m)

Meet the anti-witch hunter

In many parts of the world there is still a fear of witches and witchcraft. Those accused are often vulnerable, yet they are blamed for a variety of afflictions, from disease to infertility and poverty. They often face persecution, abuse and lynchings.

From his base in Nigeria Dr Leo Igwe - after receiving tip-offs on social media- intervenes and protects those accused across the African continent from being attacked. He also lobbies local authorities to prevent witch-hunting drives from taking place and organises educational campaigns to counter existing occult narratives.

Presenter/Producer: Jonathan Griffin
Reporter: Olaronke Alo
Editor: Flora Carmichael

SUN 04:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wf2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

SUN 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qx3dq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbbqjk8pp911)

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SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yblgp3)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct7973)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:06 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qx74v)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 06:06 Weekend (w172zcx6h6bwh1p)

World leaders call on Iran to de-escalate

Israel continues to discuss its reasonings for attacking Iran overnight on Saturday. World leaders are calling for a de-escalation of the conflict.

Also on the programme: Georgia seems to be sticking to Russia, and; what it's like being friends with John Lennon and Yoko Ono.

Joining Rebecca Kesby to discuss all this and more are Laurie Goering, a London-based climate-change journalist and Afzal Ashraf, an expert on defence, security and international relations at the University of Loughborough in the UK.

(Photo: Iranian women walk near an anti-Israel billboard depicting Iran's recent missile attack on Israel and a sentence reading in Persian 'If you want war, we are the master of war', at the Enghelab square in Tehran, Iran, 26 October 2024. Photo by ABEDIN TAHERKENAREH/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock (14824198p)

SUN 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qxbwz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 07:06 Weekend (w172zcx6h6bwlst)

Georgia's ruling party claims victory

Votes are being counted today in Georgia's election, which was held yesterday. Partial results have put the long-governing Georgian Dream Party in the lead. This election has been seen as crucial to determining the future of the country and whether it will remain on a path towards joining the EU or whether it will get even closer to Moscow.

Also on the programme: how will Arab Americans approach the US election, and; climate change may change Northern Europeans' lives forever.

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(Photo: The Georgian Dream party supporters celebrate after exit poll results announcement in parliamentary elections at the Georgian Dream party headquarters in Tbilisi, Georgia, 26 October 2024. Photo by DAVID MDZINARISHVILI/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

SUN 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qxxgn3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 08:06 Weekend (w172zcx6h6bwqjy)

Japanese elections in the shadow of scandals

People in Japan are voting in a snap general election, called by the country's new Prime Minister, Shigeru Ishiba, days after he was selected to lead the governing Liberal Democratic Party. It's being seen as a crucial test for Mr Ishiba and his party, which has been embroiled in a political funding scandal.

Also on the programme: pink cocaine is the new drug on the streets, and; the French workers combining city life and farming.

Joining Rebecca Kesby to discuss all this and more are Laurie Goering, a London-based climate-change journalist and Afzal Ashraf, an expert on defence, security and international relations at the University of Loughborough in the UK.

(Photo: A man casts his ballot during the general election at a polling station in Tokyo, Japan, 27 October 2024. Photo by FRANCK ROBICHON/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

SUN 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qxxld7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sjd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today]

SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52yblnym)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:32 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

Produced by Rumella Dasgupta and Beatrice Pickup.

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

SUN 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qxxq4c)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5twn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:06 today]

SUN 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybm2dr)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69j6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:32 today]

SUN 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qxtwh)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8pql8t)

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SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybm64w)

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SUN 11:32 Trending (w3ct5y9m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct5tqt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

SUN 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qxyjm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rc8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]

SUN 12:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybm9x0)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:32 World Of Secrets (w3ct7hpx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:32 on Saturday]

SUN 13:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qy2cr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 13:06 Newshour (w172zb943g8vxvq)

International observers criticise Georgia election

Pro-Western opposition parties in Georgia have refused to accept results that hand victory to the increasingly authoritarian ruling party, after a pivotal election focused on the country's future path in Europe. We hear from an international observer who says the ballot was flawed and spoke of a string of violations across the country, from ballot stuffing inside polling stations to intimidation of voters outside.

Also on the programme: we hear from the MSF medical aid agency in Gaza after one of its doctors was detained by Israeli forces during a siege on Kamal Adwan hospital, and we consider undecided voters in the United States.

(Picture: Fireworks over the Georgian Dream party headquarters after the announcement of exit poll results in parliamentary elections, in Tbilisi, Georgia Credit: REUTERS/Irakli Gedenidze)

SUN 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qy63w)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wsc)

Should we put a price on nature?

Everyone who steps outside can appreciate the value that the natural world brings to our lives.

To some people, the idea of placing a monetary value on trees and mangrove forests is wrong because nature and its gifts are priceless. But others say the love of nature has not stopped it from being polluted or destroyed.

The natural world plays a major role in capturing the carbon from our atmosphere. A marketplace now exists where countries and big businesses can pay others to protect their forests, swamps and bogs in return for offsetting their emissions. But several of these schemes have faced scandal and corruption. Could the world's largest biodiversity conference in Colombia, COP16, help put a stop to that?

Tell us what you think of the show or send us your own climate question. Email: TheClimateQuestion@bbc.com or Whatsapp: +44 8000 321 721

Presenters Kate Lamb and Jordan Dunbar are joined by:

Kevin Conrad, founder, Coalition for Rainforests
Tina Stege, climate envoy, Marshall Islands
Pavan Sukhdev, chief executive officer, GIST

Producers: Darin Graham & Graihagh Jackson
Researcher: Natasha Fernandez

Reporter: Gloria Bivigou
Series Producers: Alex Lewis & Simon Watts
Sound engineers: Graham Puddifoot & Tom Brignell

Photo: A tree frog (Getty Images)

SUN 14:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybmkd8)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:32 Happy News (w3ct5sq6)

The Happy Pod: The gloves that hug premature babies

We hear from a woman who took inspiration from her traumatic experience and turned it into a product that helps thousands of families. Yamile Jackson has created a range of products to help premature babies feel their parent's touch, after her son Zachary was born 12 weeks early.

Also, how the WHO has declared Egypt malaria-free and the beaches in South Korea which are being made accessible for everyone.

Presenter: Oliver Conway
Music composed by Iona Hampson

(Photo: Baby Zachary. Credit: Nurtured by Design, Inc)

SUN 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qy9w0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 15:06 Sportsworld (w172zbn272wnlzg)

Live Sporting Action

It's a clash of two Premier League title hopefuls on Sportsworld this week, with full commentary from the Emirates Stadium as Arsenal face Liverpool. Former Arsenal defender Carl Jenkinson joins Delyth Lloyd to look ahead to the game, while the former DR Congo international Gabriel Zakuani will be on the show to look back over all the weekend action.

Spain's La Liga is the focus on this week's EuroStars, with all the talking points from Saturday's El Clasico. The team also talk Ligue 1 in France, with two big derbies on Sunday.

There'll be the latest from the cricket Test matches between Pakistan and England; and India and New Zealand, plus a preview of Formula 1's Mexico Grand Prix.

Image: Diogo Jota of Liverpool runs with the ball whilst under pressure from Oleksandr Zinchenko and Gabriel of Arsenal during the Premier League match between Arsenal FC and Liverpool FC at Emirates Stadium on February 04, 2024 in London, England. (Photo by Shaun Botterill/Getty Images)

SUN 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qysvj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8pr07v)

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SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybn53x)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:32 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?

SUN 20:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qyxln)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q2h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 on Saturday]

SUN 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qz1bs)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 21:06 Newshour (w172zb943g8wrtw)

Georgia president declares election result a "total falsification"

The Georgian president Salome Zourabichvili, says Georgians have fallen victim to a Russian special operation, describing Saturday's parliamentary election as a "total falsification." The ruling Georgian Dream party, which was said to have won 54 per cent of the vote, has denied the result was in dispute and accused the opposition of undermining the country's constitutional order.

Also in the programme: we speak to Palestinian poet Mosab Abu Toha who says more than 20 of his relatives were killed in a strike in Northern Gaza on Saturday; and we hear from the author Hanif Kureishi on the stage-play based on his semi-autobiographical novel *The Buddha of Suburbia*.

(Picture: Georgia's President Salome Zourabichvili visits a polling station during parliamentary elections in Tbilisi, Georgia on October 26, 2024. Credit: Zurab Javakhadze/REUTERS)

SUN 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qz52x)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqjk8prch7)

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SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybnjc9)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69j6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:32 today]

SUN 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfbn6qz8v1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wsc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 today]

SUN 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg52ybnj3f)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v15)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

SUN 23:50 Over to You (w3ct5ttd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

MONDAY 28 OCTOBER 2024

MON 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthqhs4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 00:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sjd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3dvfj)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 00:32 Trending (w3ct5y9m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 on Sunday]

MON 00:50 More or Less (w3ct5tqt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

MON 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthqhs8)

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MON 01:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqlqwhgt9l)

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MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3dz5n)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 01:32 Discovery (w3ct5rn9)

The Life Scientific: Conny Aerts

Many of us have heard of seismology, the study of earthquakes; but what about asteroseismology, 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.

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 asteroseismology to a whole new level.

Recorded at the 2024 Cheltenham Science Festival, Prof 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 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthqqnd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zblqwgwhly1q)

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MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3f2xs)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 02:32 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

(Photo: Diccionario, Argentina Credit: PonyWang via Getty Images)

MON 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthqvdj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 03:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5twn)

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MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zblqwgwj5jz)

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MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3fbf1)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct5x0b)

Femicide: 'The shadow pandemic'

Femicide is defined as the intentional killing of women and girls because of their gender. More than half of these murders are carried out in the home. According to UN figures 89,000 women and girls lost their life to femicide in 2022 alone. Datsiane Navanayagam talks to two women in Puerto Rico and Kenya about their efforts to reduce the number of deaths.

Judy Gitau is a Kenyan lawyer whose work involves gaining access to justice for victims of sexual and gender based violence. She works for Equality Now, a campaigning organisation using the power of the law to protect and promote the human rights of women and girls.

Debora Upegui-Hernandez is a Colombian analyst working for The Gender Equity Observatory in Puerto Rico. The Observatory was founded by a coalition of feminist and human rights organisations in Puerto Rico following increases in gender violence after hurricanes Irma and María in 2017.

Produced by Jane Thurlow

(Image: (L) Judy Gitau credit Equality Now. (R) Debora Upegui-Hernandez credit Prisma Fotografia.)

MON 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthr2ws)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 05:06 Newsday (w172zblqwgwhly1q)

Georgia's prime minister rejects vote-rigging claims

Georgia's Prime Minister is hailing a landslide victory for his Georgian Dream party, as the president and others call it total falsification. We will hear from the opposition.

We will speak to our correspondent in Tokyo, as Japan grapples with the fallout of their election. The ruling Liberal Democratic Party has lost its majority. What does that mean for the troubled party's very new leader?

Donald Trump's campaign has had to distance itself from a comedian warming up his crowd in New York's Maddison Square Garden. He had called Puerto Rico a floating island of garbage. A Republican who was there will speak to us.

We will also speak to a political academic in Tehran, as the world waits to see how the Iranian government reacts to the Israeli retaliation over the weekend.

In Mozambique, police are accused of killing at least eleven protesters over the weekend in demonstrations about alleged electoral fraud and the killing of an opposition lawyer.

Plus, BBC Africa Eye reports on the French people of African descent leaving France and heading to Africa because of rising nationalism and tensions.

(Pic: Dream party supporters at the party headquarters in Tbilisi, Georgia; Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

MON 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthr6mx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 06:06 Newsday (w172zblqwgwhly1q)

Trump ends sold-out New York rally

With almost a week to go until the US election, Donald Trump makes his push for the job in his home state of New York. But was the event, marred by racist comments by speakers, enough to sway swing voters?

There is a political crisis in Japan after the ruling coalition lost their majority. We will look at what it means for the ruling party's new leader.

Georgia's opposition calls for protests after the ruling party was declared the winner of Sunday's elections.

A prolific Vietnamese people smuggler gives shocking details about the forgery, fraud and deceit he uses to smuggle thousands of people to Europe.

And protests in Kenya after the arrest of an activist known for criticizing the government.

(Pic: Republican presidential nominee and former U.S.

President Donald Trump during a campaign rally at Madison Square Garden, in New York. Credit: Reuters)

MON 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthrbd1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 07:06 Newsday (w172zblqwgwhly1q)

Georgia's prime minister hails 'landslide' election victory

Georgia's prime minister is hailing a landslide victory for his Georgian Dream party as the president and others call it total falsification. We will speak to an incoming MP for the governing party.

The Israeli parliament is expected to pass two bills which would shut down the UN agency responsible for humanitarian assistance to Palestinians in the occupied territories. We will hear from an opposition MP who supports the bills.

A prolific Vietnamese people smuggler gives shocking details about the forgery, fraud and deceit he uses to smuggle thousands of people to the UK. We will hear from BBC's Andrew Harding.

We will bring you the latest on how oil trading has been impacted after Israel's retaliatory attack on Iran over the weekend.

(Pic: Founder of the Georgian Dream party and oligarch Bidzina Ivanishvili (C) celebrates after exit poll results in Tbilisi, Georgia, 26 October; Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

MON 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthrg45)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5f0f)

Chris Murphy: Is Kamala Harris a candidate for change?

Stephen Sackur is in Washington DC to speak to Democratic Party Senator Chris Murphy. In the final days of an eye-wateringly close presidential election campaign, how can Vice President Kamala Harris convince Americans that she and the Democrats stand for change rather than business as usual?

MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3ftdk)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z78)

The battle for US Steel

We look at how some leaders in the battleground state of Pennsylvania are fighting for the approval of a deal for a Japanese company to purchase US Steel Corporation. That's despite strong opposition from the unions and both presidential candidates.

(Picture: Edgar Thompson Plant in Braddock, PA. Credit: Getty Images/Washington Post)

Presented and produced by Monica Miller

MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yhn)

The creation of Greenwich Mean Time

In 1676, Astronomer Royal John Flamsteed was looking to find a way to determine longitude at sea, so ships could know their position and hazards.

Feuds with Sir Isaac Newton, dirty rivers and a missing key are just some of the obstacles he contended with and overcame.

His labours ultimately paved the way to Greenwich Mean Time.

Emily Akkermans, Curator of Time at Royal Museums Greenwich, and Keith Moore from the Royal Society of London, speak to Allis Moss.

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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: Greenwich Royal Observatory, London. Credit: Peter Thompson/Heritage Images/Getty Images)

MON 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthrkw9)

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MON 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqlqwgjs8m)

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MON 09:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rsh)

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MON 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthrpmf)

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MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n2d)

Dungeons & Dragons and dinosaur remains

First, on its 50th anniversary of Dungeons & Dragons, we hear from Luke Gygax, whose father created the fantasy role-play game. We also hear from Dr Melissa Rogerson, senior lecturer and board games researcher at the University of Melbourne in Australia.

Then, the first dinosaur remains discovered in Antarctica in 1986, by Argentinian geologist Eduardo Olivero.

Next, Ethiopia's internal relief efforts during the famine in 1984, led by Dawit Giorgis.

Plus, the fight to stop skin lightening in India with Kavitha Emmanuel who launched a campaign in 2013.

Finally, Angolan singer and former athlete Jose Adelino Barcelo de Carvalho, known as Bonga Kwenda, speaks about his music being banned in 1972 and going into exile.

Presenter: Max Pearson

(Photo: Vintage game modules from the role-playing game Dungeons & Dragons on display. Credit: E.Jason Wambsgans/Chicago Tribune/Getty Images)

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MON 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dm2)

The dangers of China's cyber-nationalism

A Japanese schoolboy was fatally stabbed by a stranger outside a school in China last month. The killing caused outrage and increased diplomatic tensions between Tokyo and Beijing. Japan blamed the attack on rising xenophobia and online nationalism in China. It was the third high-profile attack on a foreigner in recent months, all of which China has described as "isolated incidents".

On this episode, Katya Adler is joined by BBC digital journalist Fan Wang, and Kerry Allen, who is a China media analyst at BBC News. They discuss whether growing Chinese cyber-nationalism is fuelling violence against foreigners and what impact it is having on China's reputation abroad.

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MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nqx)

'We think you may have been poisoned', part 1

Elena Kostyuchenko was the top war reporter at Novaya Gazeta, one of Russia's most controversial independent newspapers, when the war in Ukraine began. Within weeks her reporting was made illegal, her newspaper was shut down, and Elena was on the run for her life.

After a childhood fighting to survive in 90s Russia, Elena says that journalism gave her a way to see reality; it was her profession as she fought for LGBTQ rights in Russia and is the reason she's now in hiding. Across two programmes we hear the story of her extraordinary life, and strength against the might of a hostile state. Elena has written a memoir called I Love Russia: Reporting from a Lost Country.

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MON 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthts5ly)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 14:06 Newshour (w172zb96921q12x)

UN reports unprecedented build-up of greenhouse gases

The World Meteorological Organisation says greenhouse gas levels are higher than ever before. So what are the explanations – and why are natural carbon sinks in trouble?

Also in the programme: the opposition in Georgia calls for mass protests after the Georgian Dream Party is declared winner of the election; and has a new miniature masterpiece by Chopin been discovered? We hear from the curator who unearthed the piece.

(IMAGE: Aerial view of a lignite burning power station in North Rhine Westphalia - Germany. Chimneys and cooling towers releasing smoke and steam into the atmosphere. The power plant is also releasing the greenhouse gas CO2 / CREDIT: Schrotschop / Getty Images Creative)

MON 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthts9c2)

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MON 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t0f)

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MON 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3gnmg)

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MON 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zyy)

Fears for the future of three Volkswagen factories in Germany

Struggling German car giant Volkswagen is planning to shut 3 factories in Germany according to the IGMetall Trade Union. We examine the problems facing the European car industry.

Georgia's elections were won by the ruling Georgian Dream party but opposition parties claim the election was stolen.

Also, Japanese voters have given the ruling LDP a bloody nose in Sunday's General Election. We speak to a leading Japanese economist about what happens now, now that no party has a parliamentary majority.

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MON 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthts36)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj08lf25k)

Greenhouse gases surge to new high

United Nations data shows that greenhouse gases are accumulating in the atmosphere faster than at any time in human history, locking in temperature rises for decades to come. Our environment correspondent answers audience questions.

We talk about a BBC investigation into "a silent exodus", which refers to an increasing number of French Africans who are disillusioned with life in France and want to reconnect with their ancestral roots.

We hear from people in Georgia, who are preparing to protest against the win by the pro-Russian party.

We have a conversation with two black male voters in the US about the issues they see important in next week's election.

Manchester United have sacked manager Erik ten Hag following the club's poor start to the season. We get reaction from fans.

Timothée Chalamet has stunned fans after making a surprise appearance at a lookalike contest for the actor. We speak to organisers of the event.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Undated handout photo issued by WWF Brazil of an aerial view of the fires that hit Brasilia National Park (PNB) in September)

MON 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthtsjvb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj08lf5xp)

Protesters gather outside Georgia's parliament

Thousands of protesters have gathered outside Georgia's parliament in Tbilisi, in response to a call from the president to press for the annulment of Saturday's election. The pro-Russian Georgian Dream party was returned to power, but western leaders say there was vote rigging and interference by Russia. We speak to a protester and hear from our correspondent.

Israel says the latest round of talks on a truce and hostage deal in Gaza focussed on a new outline that combines the previous proposals. We get more details from our correspondent in Jerusalem.

The Kamala Harris campaign has condemned the use of racist language at Donald Trump's latest election rally. We hear about the backlash. We also speak to two black male voters in the US about the issues that are important to them in next week's election.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Supporters of Georgia's opposition parties hold a rally to protest and dispute the result of a recent parliamentary election won by the ruling Georgian Dream party, in Tbilisi, Georgia October 28, 2024. Credit: Irakli Gedenidze/Reuters)

MON 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthtsnlg)

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MON 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5yhn)

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MON 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthtsbl)

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MON 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqlqwgkzqx)

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MON 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3h4lz)

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MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w47)
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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 (w172zgfddthx2q)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sjd)

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MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3h8c3)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct5rnh)

The Life Scientific: Anne Child

Marfan syndrome is a genetic disorder that makes renders the body's connective tissues incredibly fragile; this can weaken the heart, leading to potentially fatal aneurysms. What's more, anyone with the condition has a 50/50 chance of passing it on to their children.

Dr Anne Child is a clinical geneticist who's dedicated her professional life to finding answers and solutions for people affected by Marfan's.

Born in Canada, she met her British future-husband while working in Montreal in a case she describes as "love at first sight" - and in the 1970s she relocated her life to the UK.

There, an encounter with a Marfan patient she was unable to help set Anne on a career path for life. She subsequently established the team that discovered the gene responsible for Marfan's, and founded the Marfan Trust to drive further research. Since then, life expectancy for those with the condition has jumped from 32 years old, to over 70.

Speaking to Professor Jim Al-Khalili, Anne shares how she and her team achieved this remarkable turnaround.

MON 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtht0tv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 21:06 Newshour (w172zb96921qw9t)

Israel bans UN's Palestinian agency from operating in Gaza

The Israeli parliament has passed a law banning the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, from operating in the country. Lawmakers accused UNRWA staff of involvement in the attacks of October the Seventh and diverting aid in Gaza. UNRWA's boss, Philippe Lazzarini said the measure would only deepen the suffering of the Palestinian people. A US State Department spokesman said Washington had made it clear to Israel that it was "deeply concerned".

Also we have a BBC investigation into How fraudsters are cashing in on illegal migration in the UK.

And scientists warn one-third of the world's tree species face extinction - we will look at the potential impact.

(Photo: Palestinian civilians continue to flee Jabalia refugee camp in Gaza. Credit: Getty Images)

MON 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtht4kz)

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MON 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqlqwgblz9)

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MON 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3h8c3)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct6013)

Market reaction in wake of Japan election

Japan's Prime minister Shigeru Ishiba has insisted he will not step down despite a historic loss by the governing coalition in Sunday's elections. We examine the market's reaction to the loss and look ahead to what this means for the coalition.

Meanwhile, in Germany, Volkswagen plans to close three plants, lay off thousands of workers and cut pay by 10%, according to trade unions in negotiations with the car giant. And with only a week to go in the US election, we look at

Pennsylvania, tipped to be one of the key swing states that will decide the election.

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TUE 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtht27)

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TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n2d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtht8c)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbf51dv4rz7)

Muted market reaction to Japan election

Japan's Prime minister Shigeru Ishiba has said he will not step down despite failing to win a majority in Sunday's elections. We examine the market's reaction to the loss and look ahead to whether the opposition parties could form a ruling coalition.

We look at Pennsylvania, one of the crucial swing states that may decide US the election. Rahul Tandon examines the shifting voter demographics in industries such as steel manufacturing and trucking. Also, in Germany, Volkswagen plans to close three plants, lay off thousands of workers and cut pay by 10%, according to trade unions in negotiations with the car giant.

Rahul is joined by Stephen Nagy, Senior Associate Professor at the Department of Politics and International Studies, International Christian University, Tokyo and Anneke Green - Republican Political Strategist at Reach Global Strategies and former political speech writer.

TUE 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtht8k)

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TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqlqwgltt)

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TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3hztw)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:32 Assignment (w3ct5mtl)

Choosing race

'I didn't know she was black until a number of years ago when she happened to turn black,' said Donald Trump, recently.

When the former US president called into question Kamala Harris's racial identity, it sparked an angry backlash. The White House press secretary, Karine Jean-Pierre, responded by saying 'no-one has any right to tell someone who they are [or] how they identify.'

Mr Trump's words hit a nerve in the American psyche, tapping into a centuries-old debate about ethnicity and authenticity, power and privilege.

But in an age where it is said that race is a social construct, how fluid is racial identity?

For Assignment, Ellie House travels around the US, meeting people fighting to claim their racial identity - as well those looking to police it. From an organisation that seeks to expose fake Native Americans in North Carolina, to the Ohio town where people with red hair and green eyes still identify as black, due to the racist history of their town's authorities.

*Please note, this episode contains some outdated racial language that could cause offence'.

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Assignment series editor: Penny Murphy

(Image: Model heads depicting different races. Credit: Flavio Coelho/Getty)

TUE 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtht9m)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nqx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Monday]

TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yhn)

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TUE 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtht1r)

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TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqlqwgmg2g)

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TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3j7b4)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tlh)

Ishmael Reed

Ishmael Reed is one of America's greatest and most prolific living writers - but aged 86 he is writing his first music.

Lindsay Johns travels to his home in Oakland, California, to join his first recording session, and find out what motivates him to keep writing.

Between his home, his local bookstore, the city's downtown, restaurants and historical waterfront, Lindsay understands how much this city, and the West Coast spirit continues to animate Reed's writing, and his literary activism.

TUE 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthtzw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 05:06 Newsday (w172zkb916qn3gg)

Israel bans UN Palestinian refugee agency

Israel's decision to ban the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, Unrwa, is our top story. Israel accuses agency staff of taking part in the 7 October attacks. The decision has been widely criticised, including by the US. But what will it mean for aid delivery in Gaza? We head there to speak to a journalist.

Kamala Harris has held a rally in the key state of Michigan, a week before the US presidential elections. Many Arab-American and Muslim voters there are concerned about her position on Gaza. We speak to a leading Imam.

Thousands of people in Georgia have been protesting about the parliamentary elections there. We speak to one protester.

We hear from Nigeria's foreign minister Yusuf Tuggar on the Commonwealth and whether reparations should be considered for slavery and colonialism.

We get a UK perspective on the upcoming US election. And hear about a big investment in AI for sub-Saharan Africa.

(Photo: Displaced Palestinians wait to receive United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) aid, in Rafah. Credit: Mohammed Salem/Reuters)

TUE 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtht3k0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 06:06 Newsday (w172zkb916qn76l)

Israel Unrwa ban leads to international condemnation

There are concerns aid to the Palestinians in Gaza will be affected as Israel bans the UN agency for the Palestinians. We speak to the head of the Palestinian mission in Austria.

Just a week to go to the US election and campaigning is entering its final days with both candidates Kamala Harris and

Donald Trump spending the time appealing to voters in swing states.

Protesters in Georgia vow to return to the streets protesting what they say were a rigged election. We speak to our correspondent there.

A new report says pollutants from gas stoves are responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands people in Europe - there are now calls to find new cooking methods.

And we meet a singer from Burundi, carving out a career at home and abroad.

(Photo: A UN vehicle in Gaza City moves as the Palestinian refugee agency (Unrwa) relocates its central operations centre, 13 October, 2023; Credit: Ahmed Zakot/Reuters)

TUE 07:00 BBC News (w172zgdthv794)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 07:06 Newsday (w172zbk9t6nbyq)

Unrwa banned from operating in Israel

Israel's decision to ban the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, Unrwa, is our top story. The decision has been widely criticised. We speak to a Palestinian aid agency.

We also head to Jerusalem for an update on the ongoing talks over a ceasefire in Gaza and the release of Israeli hostages.

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Archaeologists in Mexico have discovered the remains of an abandoned Maya city dating to the 8th Century. We speak to an archaeologist who played a pivotal role in the discovery.

We hear from Nigeria's foreign minister Yusuf Tuggar on the Commonwealth and whether reparations should be considered for slavery and colonialism

And we hear about China ramping up its space programme.

(Photo: Families of staff of international organisations shelter at a United Nations centre. Credit: Ibraheem Abu Mustafa/Reuters)

TUE 08:00 BBC News (w172zgdthvc18)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5twv)

The jails where they do things differently

In 2019 a group of prison officers from Philadelphia in the US spent three weeks working in jails across Scandinavia - in order to see whether their more humane approach to custody could work back at home.

Five years on we visit SCI Chester's 'Little Scandinavia' to see whether the 'homely' environment - where prisoners can order groceries, cook their own meals and socialise with officers - leads to better behaviour.

We'll also head to Panama, where an innovative recycling project is cleaning up a prison and providing inmates with skills they can use once back in the outside world.

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(Image: Inmates playing chess at Chester jail, Pennsylvania, Getty Images)

TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3jq9n)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zj9)

The Murdoch succession saga

It has already inspired the hit HBO television series Succession, but now Rupert Murdoch's family drama is playing out in real life in a courtroom in the US state of Nevada.

The 93-year-old media mogul is trying to change the terms of a family trust he made years ago that states that after his death, his four eldest children should get equal voting rights in his empire. Murdoch wants to alter it to give his eldest son Lachlan greater control.

We hear from outside the courtroom, look back at Murdoch's extraordinary career, and talk to two people who know the Murdoch family story well. And we reflect on what the court case might mean for one of the world's most powerful media empires.

(Picture: Rupert Murdoch arriving at a courthouse in Reno, Nevada. Credit: Reuters)

Presented and produced by Gideon Long

TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yn5)

Jean Batten: New Zealand's record breaking aviator

New Zealander Jean Batten was nicknamed the 'Queen of the Skies' for her record breaking flights of the 1930s.

After abandoning a career in music, Jean learnt to fly at the age of 21. She soon joined other female pilots, such as the American, Amelia Earhart, in making international headlines.

They were flying across the world, in planes made of wood and canvas, during the so-called golden age of aviation.

Jean's achievements included being the first woman to fly solo from Australia to England; and the first female pilot to make a solo flight from England to Argentina.

Jane Wilkinson has been looking through the BBC archives to find out more about her life.

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(Photo: Jean Batten and her De Havilland Gipsy Moth, 1935. Credit: Central Press/Hulton Archive/Getty Images)

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TUE 09:32 Assignment (w3ct5mtl)

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TUE 10:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5k3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

TUE 11:00 BBC News (w172zgdthvq8n)

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The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6fbn)

America and... the Middle East

How could Kamala Harris or Donald Trump affect Israel, Gaza and the wider region? The spiral of violence in the Middle East - from the Hamas attacks on October 7, to the catastrophic loss of Palestinian life, to Israel's growing fights with Hezbollah and Iran - has dominated US foreign policy and become a major issue in this year's presidential election campaign. Harris and Trump both say they want to bring peace and security to the region. So how do they plan to do it?

On this episode, Sumi Somakanda speaks to the BBC's International Editor Jeremy Bowen in Jerusalem and the BBC's North America Correspondent Nada Tawfik.

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>

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TUE 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5p5g)

'We think you may have been poisoned', part 2

Elena Kostyuchenko was the top war reporter at Novaya Gazeta, one of Russia's most controversial independent newspapers, when the war in Ukraine began. Within weeks her reporting was made illegal, her newspaper was shut down, and Elena was on the run for her life.

While in hiding Elena came down with a strange illness. She initially thought it was Covid, but after months of tests her doctors came to her with shocking news - she may have been poisoned. This is the second of two episodes covering Elena's story.

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Producers: Helen Fitzhenry and Edgar Maddicott

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(Photo: Elena Kostyuchenko. Credit: Courtesy of Elena Kostyuchenko)

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TUE 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3kb19)

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TUE 13:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tlh)

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TUE 14:00 BBC News (w172zgdthw2j1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 14:06 Newshour (w172zb96921sy00)

Israel's allies condemn vote to ban UNRWA

Israel's allies condemn a parliamentary vote effectively banning the main UN agency for Palestinians. We hear from the UK's minister for the middle east – but what are the chances the Israeli government will listen? And who is Naim Qassem, long-time deputy to Hassan Nasrallah and now leader of Hezbollah?

Also in the programme: Iran executes a German-Iranian activist – we hear from another Iranian dissident; and how a researcher browsing the internet unearthed an entire lost Mayan city in Mexico.

(IMAGE: A sign at the entrance to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) offices in Jerusalem, 29 October 2024 / CREDIT: Abir Sultan / EPA-EFE / REX / Shutterstock)

TUE 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthw685)

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TUE 15:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tw)

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TUE 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3kkjk)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct607w)

Is the UK on the brink of a big minimum wage jump?

The UK's lowest-paid workers could get a salary increase of 6% next year according to local media reports. We look into the consequences this could have.

Also in the programme, we talk to US voters in Nevada about their concerns regarding the rise in cost of living. And we hear about HSBC's unexpected jump in profits.

TUE 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthwb09)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj08lh2n)

Israeli attack on Beit Lahia in northern Gaza

The Hamas-run health ministry in Gaza says almost 100 people have been killed or are missing following an Israeli air strike in the northern town of Beit Lahia. The IDF said it was looking into the incident. Meanwhile, Israel's allies have condemned last night's vote in the Israeli parliament that would effectively ban UNRWA, under laws due to come into effect within three months. We speak to our Middle East expert about today's developments.

The foreign minister of North Korea has arrived in Russia amid growing reports that North Korean troops are being deployed to support Russia's war in Ukraine. Our Ukraine expert joins to explain the latest.

With just seven days to the US election, we bring together three young voters across the country to get a sense of how financial pressures affect them.

A statue of US basketball legend Dwyane Wade has caused quite a stir, with people saying that it looks nothing like him. We get some reaction from fans.

Presenter: Mark Lowen

(Photo: Israeli attack in northern Gaza. Credit: Reuters)

TUE 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthwfrf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj08lj2ts)

Who is the new Hezbollah leader?

Naim Qassem replaces long-term leader Hassan Nasrallah, who was killed in an Israeli air strike in Beirut last month. We speak to our security correspondent about the new leader.

Former Philippine president Rodrigo Duterte has admitted that he kept a "death squad" to crack down on crime while mayor of one of the country's largest cities. We hear more about his testimony before an official investigation.

With just seven days to the US election, we bring together three young voters across the country to get a sense of how financial pressures affect them.

A new report from the UN alleges the large-scale use of sexual

violence and other human rights violations in Sudan's civil war. Our correspondent in Nairobi tells us more.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Hezbollah elects Naim Qassem to succeed late Hassan Nasrallah, Beirut, Lebanon - 19 Jun 2024. Credit: WAEL HAMZEH/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

TUE 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthwhkk)

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TUE 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5p5g)

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TUE 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5yn5)

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TUE 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthw7p)

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TUE 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqlqwgwn0)

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TUE 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3lj2)

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TUE 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w8r)

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

TUE 20:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthwszt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:06 Assignment (w3ct5mtl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3l586)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wn1)

The fall of a global chip maker

Intel was once unrivalled as the world's chip maker. Now it has fallen behind its rivals. We hear why the company is struggling ahead of its latest earnings call this week. Also, the many uses of drones around the world. And the surprising tech behind indoor golf.

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Presenter: Zoe Kleinman

Producer: Tom Quinn, Imran Rahman-Jones, Alasdair Keane
Editor: Monica Soriano

(Image: A close up of a computer chip. Credit: Getty Images)

TUE 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthwxqy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 21:06 Newshour (w172zb96921ts6x)

Almost 100 dead or missing in Israeli strike in Gaza

The director of the hospital in Beit Lahiya in northern Gaza says it's unable to treat satisfactorily the dozens injured in Israel's strike on a multi-storey building. Almost a hundred people were reported killed or missing in the attack. Israel says its operations in northern Gaza are designed to prevent Hamas from regrouping. The UN Secretary-General and the US State Department have expressed their outrage at Israel's decision to ban the UN agency for Palestinian refugees. They've warned there could be consequences. We'll hear from the Arab Israeli politician, Aida Touma-Suleima, about the vote to ban the UN humanitarian agency for Palestinians.

Also in the programme: Donald Trump's former strategist, Steve Bannon, has gone back on the attack on his release from prison, accusing Vice-President Harris of lacking substance; and does Africa's original film festival, FESPACO, face an uncertain future?

(Photo credit: Reuters)

TUE 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthx1b2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqlqwgwp7wd)

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TUE 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3ldrg)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct60b4)

EU starts tariffs on electric vehicles from China

The European Commission has given approval for steep tariffs on electric vehicles made in China. It closes an investigation which started a year ago. They will remain in place for five years.

We hear about plans by homeware company Ikea to put money into a hardship fund for victims of the former communist regime in East Germany. Some including political prisoners were forced to make products for the company.

Tik Tok's founder Zhang Yiming is number one on China's Rich List with an estimated net worth of 49 billion dollars.

Presenter Rahul Tandon examines these and some of the other global business stories of the day.

TUE 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthx576)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

TUE 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3ljhl)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tlh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2024**WED 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthx8zb)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 00:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qk3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

WED 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthxdqg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbf1dv7nwb)

Electric vehicles from China face EU tariffs

The European Commission has given approval for steep tariffs on electric vehicles made in China. It closes an investigation which started a year ago. They will remain in place for five years.

We examine why there is such a high unemployment rate in one of the key swing states in US ahead of the Presidential Election. Our focus is on the swing state of Nevada, and some of the concerns of the people living there.

Homeware giant Ikea, says it will put money into a planned hardship fund for victims of the former communist regime in East Germany. This includes political prisoners who were forced to make Ikea products.

Presenter Rahul Tandon discusses these and other global business stories with Mehmal Sarfraz a journalist based in Pakistan and Emily Peck the Markets correspondent for Axios based in New York in the US.

WED 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthxjgl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqlqwgppvx)

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WED 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3lwqz)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 02:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5wsc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthxn6q)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5p5g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Tuesday]

WED 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yn5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthxryv)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqlqwgpc5)
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WED 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3m477)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 04:32 World Of Secrets (w3ct7gzz)
Finding Mr Fox

Finding Mr Fox: 1. The adventure of a lifetime

Two Brazilian sailors prepare for a transatlantic voyage that will change their fortunes forever in ways they can't imagine. Daniel and Rodrigo sign up for a life changing opportunity to crew a yacht from Brazil to Europe and gain the experience they both crave. But before they even set off, police and their sniffer dog raid the boat and spend hours searching for cocaine, which they think may have been hidden on board.

WED 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthxwpz)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 05:06 Newsday (w172zkb9t6qr0ck)
Kamala Harris vows end to 'drama and conflict'

Footage has emerged of president Joe Biden appearing to call Trump supporters "garbage". The White House say he referred to hateful rhetoric used against Puerto Ricans by Republicans.

The fallout from Israel's decision to ban the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, Unrwa, continues. We get the thoughts of a leading Palestinian activist and politician.

Our Ukraine correspondent assesses the latest on Russia's invasion - including reports that Moscow is now counting on the support of North Korean troops.

(Photo: Supporters of current Democratic presidential nominee Harris wait to hear her speak. Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

WED 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthty0g3)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 06:06 Newsday (w172zkb9t6qr43p)
Harris and Trump campaign as 'garbage' row intensifies

The White House has moved quickly to try to clarify that Biden was referring to the "hateful rhetoric" as "garbage", not Trump's supporters - but the words will not go away.

Fifty years ago today - another heavy weight contest gripped the world. The Rumble in the Jungle boxing match in Kinshasa which saw underdog Mohamed Ali beating world champion George Foreman.

(Pic: A woman passes signs encouraging early voting near Philadelphia City Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

WED 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthty467)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 07:06 Newsday (w172zkb9t6qr7vt)
The 'g-word' becomes awkward for both candidates

President Joe Biden has triggered a row with Republicans in recent hours. It started shortly after Kamala Harris finished

delivering her big campaign speech in Washington DC.

The fallout from Israel's decision to ban the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, continues. We go to Israel to get reactions from there

And Life at 50 degrees- BBC launches a new series looking at the impact extreme heat caused by climate change has on flooding and draughts.

(Pic: A person checks the official sample ballot on a mobile phone before voting for the 2024 US presidential election; Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

WED 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthty7yc)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t4y)
Diane Foley: Bringing detained Americans home

Stephen Sackur talks to Diane Foley, whose son James was kidnapped by the Islamic State group and murdered in 2014. She's spent a decade coming to terms with that and campaigning to get other detained Americans home.

WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3mm6r)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5znt)
Spilling the tea on matcha

Once difficult to find outside of Japan, the green tea has made it onto the menus of major coffee chains.

The matcha tea industry is projected to reach US\$5bn in revenue by 2031.

We look at the role TikTok, celebrity and wellness endorsements have played, and ask whether the matcha we drink in the west is healthy.

Plus we hear from producers who say the industry needs regulation.

Presented and produced by Megan Lawton

(Image: Matcha tea in a cup. Credit: Getty Images)

WED 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yqf)
Ken Burns

In 2002, filmmaker Ken Burns received an intriguing proposition from Apple CEO, Steve Jobs. He wanted Burns' signature filming style to be inserted into the video editing software of every Macintosh computer. He would call it, 'the Ken Burns effect.'

Burns first shot to fame in 1981, when his documentary, Brooklyn Bridge, was nominated for an Academy Award.

He is perhaps best known for his 1990 documentary series, The Civil War, which was watched by more than 40 million Americans when it debuted on PBS, becoming one of the most watched documentaries of all time.

In the time since, Burns has covered a whole array of subjects about American history, including baseball, country music and the Vietnam war.

He tells Matt Pintus about his future plans, including a series about the life of Martin Luther King.

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

(Photo: Ken Burns. Credit: Getty Images)

WED 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthtyhpc)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqlqwgql2t)
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WED 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3mqyw)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 09:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5wsc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthtyhfm)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 10:06 The Forum (w3ct5n0f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

WED 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthtym5r)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqlqwgqlt2)
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WED 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3mzg4)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6drl)
US election: The other races that could shape America

As well as electing a president, Americans will also choose hundreds of governors, representatives, and senators. While these races have been overshadowed by the surprisingly dramatic presidential election, they may well determine how much power and success Kamala Harris or Donald Trump has in the White House.

On this episode Caitriona Perry speaks to our digital reporter Sam Cabral about the key down ballot races to watch as the results come in. And fellow digital reporter Holly Honderich explains why some Americans will also get to vote directly on one of the elections most divisive topics: abortion.

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Senior news editor: Sara Wadeson

WED 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthtyqxw)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5pd7)
The man behind the 'leap of the century'

Growing up in South Jamaica, Queen's in 1960s New York, Bob Beamon had a tough start in life. Orphaned before he was one, he got mixed up in gangs but then, when he was a teenager, his extraordinary athletic talent was discovered. Sport offered him a way out from the streets. At the men's long jump final in the 1968 Olympics he made a leap so jaw-dropping that a new word was invented to describe what he'd done: 'beamoneseque'. But as he accepted his gold medal, he questioned what to do with the rest of his life to match that moment. Now, more than half a century after his record-breaking jump, he's returned to his first love—music—to attempt another kind of record.

Producer: Zoe Gelber
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(Photo: Bob Beamon. Credit: Getty Images)

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WED 13:32 World Of Secrets (w3ct7gzz)

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WED 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthyzf4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 14:06 Newshour (w172zb96921wtx3)

Over 60 people dead after flash floods in Spain

The Spanish authorities say that flash flooding has killed at least 62 people and left dozens unaccounted for in Valencia. Some parts of the region have been inundated by a year's worth of rain in just eight hours. Footage shows people clinging to trees as cars float along muddy rivers. At the same time, a major report is released by the Lancet Countdown Project which says that climate change is the greatest global health threat facing the world in the 21st Century.

Also in the programme: the X influencers making thousands of dollars spreading misinformation ahead of the US election; and we hear from the lead author of a new scientific study about the animals which share our love of alcohol.

(Photo: A man walks amongst the debris after heavy rains caused flooding, in Letur, Spain, 30 October, 2024. Credit: Susana Vera/Reuters)

WED 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthz358)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t4y)

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WED 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3ngfn)

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WED 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct60dd)

Europe's biggest carmaker in deep trouble

Trouble for Volkswagen as its profits drop and it clashes with unions over possible plant closures, Roger Hearing finds out more.

The EU imposes tariffs on electric vehicle imports from China, and there are reports from Beijing that the government is pushing its carmakers not to invest in EU members who backed the tariffs.

Britain's new Labour government sets out its first budget with big tax rises it says are needed to restore public services.

And we hear from India about the traditional push to buy gold ahead of the Diwali festival.

WED 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthz6xd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj08llvzr)

Flash flooding in Spain

We'll go to the Spanish region of Valencia where torrential rain has caused devastating flash floods. Over 70 people have been killed. We'll find out how people there are coping.

The United States has warned Israel that it must immediately address the "catastrophic humanitarian situation" in Gaza - especially the north, which has seen renewed Israeli bombings and restrictions on humanitarian supplies. We'll hear from those trying to provide that aid to find out just how difficult their work has become.

And with less than a week to go until the US election, President Biden is facing criticism after appearing to refer to Donald Trump supporters as "garbage" in a video conference call.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Residents walk amidst damaged cars and debris in the flood hit city of Valencia, eastern Spain. Credit: MANUEL BRUQUE/EPA-EFE/REX)

WED 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthzbnj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj08llzqw)

Flash Floods in Spain's Valencia region

Three days of mourning have been declared after dozens of people were killed following flash flooding in eastern Spain. More than 1,000 soldiers from Spain's emergency response units were deployed to the devastated areas.

The head of the World Food Programme, Cindy McCain, has warned that the "largest humanitarian crisis ever, on this planet" will happen if a ceasefire between the warring parties is not agreed in Sudan. She was warning against the possible closure of a key border in western Sudan from where aid agencies are currently operating.

And we look at the latest rules from the Taliban to girls and women in Afghanistan.

We bring together two American families both affected by the cost of living and choosing to vote in totally different ways in next week's election.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Damaged cars lie amidst debris along damaged rail lines in the flood-hit city of Valencia, eastern Spain. Credit: Manuel Bruque EPA/EFE)

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WED 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3p259)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct5t9g)

Weight loss gold rush

The telehealth industry is booming, but a new investigation reveals a hidden network of medical groups fuelling the rise of online prescriptions for weight-loss drugs. Are patients being put at risk in this rush for GLP-1 medications?

Also on the show, we get an update on how a decade of research into digital avatar therapy is helping patients with psychosis challenge the voices they hear. Plus, how does the experience of egg donation vary around the world?

Presenter: Claudia Hammond

Producer: Katie Tomsett and Margaret Sessa-Hawkins

WED 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfddthztn1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 21:06 Newshour (w172zb96921xp40)

Thousands flee the Lebanese city as strikes hit

Some 50,000 people have fled the Lebanese city of Baalbek as Israel launches a series of strikes against Hezbollah.

More than 20 strikes were reported in the Baalbek area, local people told the BBC - with five inside the city itself, where there is a Unesco-listed ancient Roman temple complex. We'll hear from a local MP on the situation.

Also in the programme: To mark 50 years since boxing's Rumble in the Jungle, George Foreman joins us on Newshour to celebrate a half-century since he took on Muhammad Ali.

(Photo shows a huge column of black smoke rose into the air following one of the strikes in the Baalbek area. Credit: AFP)

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WED 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct60gn)

Can budgets transform economies?

The UK's new Labour government has announced its first budget with big tax rises it says are needed to restore public services. Rahul Tandon examines whether a single budget has the power to transform an economy, and the challenges facing many high-income countries as they wrestle with budget holes and high debt.

Elsewhere, embattled car giant Volkswagen reports a drop in profits, coming soon after reported layoffs and plant closures. Also, the Bank of Japan is set to announce interest rates, the first meeting since the country's snap election.

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THU 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj09mk)

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THU 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbf51dvbksf)

Michigan in the spotlight as US election draws closer

Kamala Harris and Donald Trump are making whirlwind tours of key battleground states in the final week of campaigning. Opinion polls show the candidates are neck and neck. Rahul Tandon looks at the swing state of Michigan and examines what really matters to voters there.

In the UK, the Chancellor has delivered the first budget of the new Labour government. It was seen as a key moment for the economy, with some describing it as the most important budget for years as the government raised taxes by over \$50 billion. Also, millions of people will be celebrating Diwali which can

lead to an increased demand for gold. But with the price at record highs is demand for gold falling?

Rahul is joined by Dana Peterson, Chief Economist at global nonprofit thinktank The Conference Board, and Tony Nash CEO and founder of Complete Intelligence.

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THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3psn2)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 02:32 The Documentary (w3ct7gjl)

Iraq's secret women's shelters

There is virtually no state provision for victims of domestic abuse in Iraq. As a result, Iraqi women have been left to protect and support each other, organising secret shelters for survivors and trying to assemble health and legal support for victims.

From inside one of the secret shelters, 22-year-old 'Mariam' tells the BBC's Rebecca Kesby about the abuse she suffered at the hands of her husband and his relatives. "For the first time ever, I now feel I have a real family," Miriam says of life in the refuge.

Iraqi feminist Yanar Mohammed, who set up the first known women's safe house in Baghdad in 2003, tells Rebecca how her work has led to death threats and law suits, forcing her into hiding.

Rebecca also speaks to a former member of the Iraqi parliament who has tried in vain to force a change in the law to criminalise domestic violence, and to a policewoman who is struggling on a daily basis to contain the rising violence in the home.

Presenter/producer: Rebecca Kesby
Editor: Mike Lanchin
CTVC production for BBC World Service

(Photo: An artwork of stitched clothes from women who survived domestic violence by artist Tara Abdallah stretches over 5km on a major street in Sulaimaniyah, in Iraq's northern Kurdish region, 26 October 2020. Credit: Shwan Mohammed/AFP/Getty Images)

THU 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj0k3t)

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THU 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3q14b)

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THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct38n0)

Lenn Sissay: My life in five dishes

The internationally acclaimed poet and playwright Lenn Sissay OBE shares the story of his life by recalling five memorable dishes.

His is an extraordinary story of family, and identity, lost and found.

Born to an Ethiopian mother in the north of England and quickly placed into long-term foster care, Lenn was, for years, deprived of any knowledge of his heritage. His traumatic upbringing and subsequent search for his family and identity have informed much of his award-winning writing.

In this programme, he tells Ruth Alexander about five memorable dishes that act as "positioning points" in his life to date.

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

(Picture: Lenn Sissay holding a cup of coffee. Credit: BBC)

Producer: Elisabeth Mahy

Researcher: Siobhan O'Connell

THU 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj0sm2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 05:06 Newsday (w172zbbk9t6qtx8n)

Spain battles deadliest flood disaster

The flooding death toll is the country's worst since 1973, when at least 150 people were estimated to have died in the nation's worst-ever floods in the south-east.

The countdown to next week's US presidential election is well and truly on as Kamala Harris and Donald Trump address large rallies in several key swing states.

And we'll get the latest from Gaza where over 100 Palestinians have been killed in a deadly air strike in the northern city of Beit Lahia.

(Pic: Residents check the damage in the flood-hit municipality of Paiporta, in the province of Valencia; Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

THU 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj0xc6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 06:06 Newsday (w172zbbk9t6qv10s)

Spain flood death toll expected to rise

Spain brings in soldiers to help emergency teams as the country battles the deadliest flood disaster in decades.

South Korea and the US have urged North Korea to withdraw its troops believed to have been sent to help Russia fight in Ukraine.

With less than a week to the US presidential campaign, both candidates, Kamala Harris and Donald Trump are making whirlwind tours of key battleground states, trying to get their final messages out.

(Pic: A lone woman looks out of a window at cars washed up in a street after severe flooding battered Spain, 30 October 2024; Credit: AP)

THU 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj113b)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 07:06 Newsday (w172zbbk9t6qv4rx)

North Korea fires banned missile

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said in a rare same-day report on state media that the launch shows "our will to respond to our enemies".

Spain is suffering its worst flooding disaster in decades, with at least 95 people dead and dozens more missing.

We will also bring you a report from Ukraine on how Russia is using drones to target civilians in its full scale war.

(Pic: A Hwasong-18 intercontinental ballistic missile is launched by N Korea. Credit: Reuters)

THU 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj14vg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xj4)

How can Canada fight its wildfires?

This year wildfires in Canada have caused devastation to the country's treasured town of Jasper. The wildfires have ravaged the landscape, destroyed communities and displaced hundreds of thousands of people.

The causes are many, and fires are a natural occurrence. But humans, and the climate, are making them worse. As the number and intensity of fires increase, the methods used to both prevent and fight them may need to change.

How can Canada fight its wildfires?

Presenter: Tanya Beckett

Producer: Louise Clarke
Researcher: Anoushka Mutanda-Dougherty
Editor: Tara McDermott
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Contributors:

Mike Flannagan, Professor of wildland fire at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, British Columbia
Liz Goldman, World Resources Institute
John Keeley, senior research scientist with the U.S. Geological Survey and an adjunct professor at the University of California in Los Angeles
Cordy Tymstra, former wildfire science coordinator for the Alberta Wildfire Management Branch

(Image: Getty/ Anadolu)

THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3qj3v)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zcs)

Investing in escape rooms

They're the interactive games where players race against the clock to solve puzzles and break free.

And now major brands are tapping into the trend.

Companies are investing in escape rooms to enhance internal communications and team-building, and they're now being seen as a powerful external communication tool too.

And we learn how escape rooms are being used to engage customers and showcase their products, crafting unusual marketing experiences.

Presented and produced by Deborah Weitzmann

THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yxx)

Brazil's electronic voting

In 1996, Brazil introduced a pioneering electronic voting system, revolutionising its election process. Carlos Velozo, an electoral lawyer and judge, played a pivotal role in implementing this system, which aimed to enhance security, integrity and accessibility in voting.

The electronic voting machines were developed to make it easier for illiterate and semi-literate voters to participate in elections.

Carlos Velozo speaks to Ashley Byrne, in this Made in Manchester production for BBC World Service.

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(Photo: A resident of Sao Paulo carrying her baby learns how to vote on an electronic voting machine in 1998. Credit: Photo by Marie Hippenmeyer/AFP via Getty Images)

THU 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj18ll)

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THU 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqlqwgtxz)

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THU 09:32 The Documentary (w3ct7gjl)

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THU 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj1dbq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 10:06 The Explanation (w3ct6pmpf)

The Media Show: Ballots, bias and big tech

Ros Atkins is in Washington DC and asks what the upcoming election tells us about the role the media plays in modern America.

The Washington Post finds itself at the heart of a debate on media impartiality after a reported loss of thousands of subscribers following its decision not to endorse a candidate. NPR's media correspondent, David Folkenflik, joins us to unpack the unfolding crisis.

With tech billionaires wielding significant influence, this election has seen figures like Elon Musk openly backing Donald Trump. Critics argue that big tech's sway over public discourse has become too potent. Jennifer Huddleston, a senior fellow in technology policy at the Cato Institute, and Marietje Schaake, a former MEP now with Stanford's Cyber Policy Center, debate the issues.

And for over 170 years, the Associated Press has been at the forefront of election coverage, calling winners across the nation. Anna Johnson, AP's Washington bureau chief, explains how it does what might be "the single largest act of journalism in the world".

Presenter: Ros Atkins

THU 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3qrm3)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 10:32 The Coming Storm (w3ct701b)

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 (w172zgfddtj1j2v)

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THU 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqlqwgth5)

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THU 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3qwc7)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dvtv)

Inside the gangs smuggling people from Vietnam to Europe

A BBC team has spent months getting under the bonnet of a rapidly growing migrant route. Almost overnight Vietnam has become the largest single source of migrants making the dangerous channel crossing to reach the UK. Speaking to one man who has been involved in the criminal network for decades, we uncover a world of forged documents, premium services and shattered dreams.

Lucy Hockings speaks to the BBC's Paris Correspondent, Andrew Harding and our reporter in Bangkok, Thu Bui.

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THU 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj1mtz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nyp)

How I got a seat at the Good Friday Agreement

Monica McWilliams is one of the most prominent peacemakers in her very divided country. Monica came of age at the height of the Troubles in Northern Ireland: the decades-long violent struggle over who should run the country. Militants on both the Catholic and Protestant sides brought fear and destruction to everyday life. In 1996 it was announced there would be peace talks.

At the time, Monica was a university lecturer, and mother to two young sons. She felt strongly that women should be included in discussions about what peace might look like. Within just a few weeks, she and a group of women from across the religious and political divides had established a political party from scratch, the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition. They chose two leaders – Monica, who is Catholic, and Pearl Sagar, who is Protestant. Their poster campaign was very eye-catching. It showed a dinosaur in a suit with the slogan, 'Wave Goodbye to Dinosaurs'. Monica has written a memoir called Stand Up, Speak Out.

Presenter: Jo Fidgen

Producers: Sarah Kendal and Jo Impey

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(Photo: Monica McWilliams and other members of the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition. Credit: Derek Spiers)

THU 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5yxx)

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THU 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqlqwgtyzf)

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THU 13:32 The Food Chain (w3ct38n0)

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THU 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj1wb7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 14:06 Newshour (w172zb96921zqt6)

Almost 100 people have died in flash floods in southern Spain

Spain is reeling from what has been described as one of the worst natural disasters in its recent history. Rescue workers are struggling to find those feared missing and officials say it's not clear how many people are still unaccounted for. Hundreds of soldiers have been deployed to help. We hear from local people affected by the floods, from the Spanish Red Cross and from our reporter on the ground.

Also on the programme: North Korea test fires a ballistic missile which seems to have flown higher and for longer than ever before; and how a comment about women's self defence sparked a huge social media response.

(Photo: Upturned cars, mud and debris line the streets of the flood-affected municipality of Catarroja, Valencia, Spain. Credit: Manuel Bruque/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

THU 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj202c)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 15:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xj4)

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THU 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3rcbr)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct603c)

How badly could Lebanon's economy be hit by the ongoing conflict?

Sam Fenwick looks at the issues that are driving Lebanon's economy into a downwards spiral. We look at the economic cost of war as new research from Mercy Crops suggests Lebanon's GDP could shrink by over 20% amid the ongoing conflict.

The US election is hotting up. We'll look at the cost of health care and how it might determine how people vote.

And find out why a Tasmanian ferry takes an unexpected 'Berth' more than ten thousand miles away in Edinburgh.

THU 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj23th)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbjce08lprvw)

How is the world watching US election?

The United States is the world's largest economy, most powerful military, a leading voice in global institutions and the guarantor of security in much of the world. So who wins the American election will have a massive impact on countries and crises.

We speak to our correspondents, language service reporters and experts who cover Ukraine, Russia, Middle East, China, Iran, Africa, Latin America, Europe and Nato about what the outcome could mean globally.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Republican presidential nominee, former U.S. President Donald Trump and Democratic presidential nominee, U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris take part in a presidential debate hosted by ABC in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S., September 10, 2024 in a combination of file photographs. Credit: Brian Snyder/File Photo/Reuters)

THU 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj27km)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbjce08lpwmz)

Number of people killed in Spain floods rises

Officials in Spain say more than 150 people have been killed in this week's flash flooding. We hear from people in the affected area.

We also speak to our climate expert about the new analysis showing that human-caused climate change made the ten deadliest extreme weather events of the last 20 years more intense and more likely.

Kamala Harris and Donald Trump are in the south-west hitting the campaign trail, with just five days to go until the US election. Polls show that Trump is trailing Harris among female voters, while he leads among men. We speak to our reporter about the gender divide in this election.

Elon Musk has failed to appear in court in Pennsylvania to face state charges over his million-dollar giveaways ahead of next week's US presidential election. Our correspondent explains.

We hear from our correspondents, language service reporters and experts who cover Ukraine, Russia, Middle East, China, India, Iran, Africa, Latin America, Europe and Nato about what the outcome of the US election could mean globally.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Scores killed as floods hit Spain, Paiporta - 31 Oct 2024. Credit: BIEL ALINO/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

THU 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj2e9r)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5nyp)

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THU 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5yxx)

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THU 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj2h1w)

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THU 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqlqwgpygg6)

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THU 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3rvb8)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w6h)

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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 (w172zgfddtj2l0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 20:06 The Documentary (w3ct7gjl)

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THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3rz2d)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 20:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vnd)

Global warming strikes again

This week at least 150 people have been killed due to devastating flash flooding sweeping through areas of Valencia in Spain. Ana Camarasa Belmonte, Professor of Physical Geography at the University of Valencia, has been studying the flood patterns and hydrology of the area for years. Even she was astounded by the magnitude of the inundation. And, as Jess Neumann of Reading University in the UK tells Roland, part of the tragedy is that the effective communication of risk somehow relies on citizens being able to adequately imagine the almost unimaginable.

Ten years ago this week, Friederike Otto and colleagues founded the World Weather Attribution network. The network aims to provide quick analysis of climate change's impact on extreme weather events. They have already found that the Spanish flooding was made more intense, and more likely, by our warming world. Earlier in the week they published a different analysis of the 10 most deadly, extreme-weather events of this century. They concluded that all 10 events were made more extreme or more likely by climate change, and that these 10 events alone account for some 570,000 deaths.

In the US, Scientists have tested the strain of H5N1 bird flu swabbed from the eye of an infected Texan farm worker. They found it to be both lethal and transmissible via the respiratory tract of mice and ferrets. It contains a mutation PB2-627K, common in avian viruses in mammalian cells, as Amie Eisfeld of the University of Wisconsin-Madison explains.

Presented by Roland Pease

Produced by Alex Mansfield

Production Coordination by Jana Bennett-Holesworth

(Image: Aftermath of catastrophic floods in Spain's Valencia. Credit: Anadolu via Getty Images)

THU 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj2qk4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 21:06 Newshour (w172zb96922013)

US says North Korean troops are heading towards Ukraine

The US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin says about eight thousand North Korean soldiers have now reached the Kursk region of Russia, where Ukrainian troops have attacked Russian forces.

As the crisis in Sudan continues, we hear from the coalition seeking to bring the warring sides together at the negotiating table.

Also, the thoughts of the political scientist Francis Fukuyama, as America counts down to its presidential election.

And the AI artist whose work could sell for up to 200,000 dollars!

(Photo credit: AFP)

THU 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj2v98)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqlqgw1pl)

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THU 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3s6kn)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct605m)

US elections: Will the economy decide the vote?

The US stands on the verge of an election, with the final major economic data showing lower unemployment and stronger-than-expected consumer spending. But will this shift the outcome?

Plus, we're in Arizona, a hotly contested state, where immigration takes centre stage.

And the EU opens an investigation into Temu, one of the world's largest online retailers from China.

THU 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj2z1d)

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THU 23:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xj4)

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FRI 00:06 The Explanation (w3ct6pmf)

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FRI 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3sg1x)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct5yc4)

What will Iran do now?

This week John Simpson, in discussion with the BBC's unparalleled range of experts across the world, analyses how the Iranian regime might respond to Israel's attack on the country, examines the role of disinformation in the US Presidential election and looks at whether a rape trial in Provence will change French society.

(Photo: Iranian women walk in front of a large poster of late head of Hezbollah's executive council Hashem Safieddine as they take part in an anti-Israel protest rally at the Palestine Square in Tehran, Iran, 24 October 2024. Credit: ABEDIN TAHERKENAREH/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

FRI 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj36jn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfslvfpj)

Boeing's big move: Can a new contract offer end the strike?

With the U.S. election in its final stretch, Roger Hearing examines how the economy might sway voters at the polls.

Also on the programme, Boeing aims to resolve a costly strike by presenting a fresh offer to its main union.

And we explore why concerns over AI costs are weighing down big tech.

Roger Hearing is joined by Katia Dmitrieva, Bloomberg's Asia Economics Correspondent in Hong Kong, and Alexander Kaufman, a Senior Reporter for the Huffington Post in New York.

FRI 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj3b8s)

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FRI 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqlqgwj3p3)

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FRI 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3spk5)

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FRI 02:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wn1)

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FRI 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj3g0x)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nyp)

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FRI 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yxx)

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FRI 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj3ks1)

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FRI 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqlqgw5c)

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FRI 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3sy1f)

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FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tfz)

How the war in Gaza helped me find God

Vanessa's Fridays saw her dancing the night away in the night clubs of Liverpool, having drinks with friends, sometimes staying out all night. But now Fridays are times of prayer with new friends at the mosque. She took her vows – shahada – to become a Muslim within a month of Hamas attacking Israel and the resulting military campaign in Gaza and says the unshakeable faith of Palestinian Muslims then was the catalyst for her conversion. Now, wearing full hijab, she's made it clear to all around her, her life has totally changed. She no longer sees the friends she used to spend so much time with. But that loss has partly been made up through the support of her new friends, many of whom are also converts to Islam. In Liverpool where she lives, the South African born Vanessa, plans to change her name to Amina, after the prophet Mohammed's mother, further marking herself out as Muslim and identifying with the global Muslim community – or Ummah.

Presenter: Naomi Wellings

FRI 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj3pj5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 05:06 Newsday (w172zbk9t6q5tr)

Death toll passes 150 in Spain's floods

Over one hundred and fifty people are dead in Spain's worst flooding disaster for decades. We'll hear from someone affected in Valencia.

We'll hear of the UN summit in Colombia looking to protect the world's ecosystems and biodiversity.

We'll speak to someone who has had to flee northern Gaza to Gaza City, because of the Israeli attacks there.

The political earthquake in Botswana, with the party who have governed since 1966 voted out. A member of the winning party will join us live.

And, the next chunk of an important IMF loan to Kenya has been unblocked, the government will tell us about the finance problems that still remain.

(Pic: Aftermath of floods in Paiporta; Credit: Reuters)

FRI 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj3t89)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 06:06 Newsday (w172zbk9t6qxxw)

Nearly 160 dead in Spain's flooding disaster

The death toll from the catastrophic floods in Spain continues to rise. Around one hundred and sixty people have died and many are still missing. We'll be hearing from one woman who was caught in it.

Kamala Harris and Donald Trump are making final pitches to voters in swing states four days ahead of the US presidential election, reaching out to key demographics such as evangelicals and Latinos.

Hello Kitty, one of the world's biggest franchises, turns fifty. How has it impacted Japanese economy.

Protesters in Mozambique continue to rail against recent presidential election results.

(Pic: Aftermath of floods in Valencia; Credit: Reuters)

FRI 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj3y0f)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 07:06 Newsday (w172zbnk9t6qy1p0)

Spain floods death toll rises to nearly 160

More than one hundred and fifty people are dead in Spain's worst flooding disaster for decades. We'll hear from a local official in Valencia and speak to a resident.

Lebanon's capital, Beirut has been hit by Israeli airstrikes, as negotiations to bring a ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah continue. We'll speak to a man who's advised Israeli negotiators in the past.

We'll hear why a Russian court has slapped a huge fine tech giant, Google.

A Lebanese MP will tell us whether they agree with American optimism over a possible ceasefire deal between Hezbollah and Israel.

Plus, the battle of male and female voters in the US.

(Pic: Aftermath of floods near Valencia; Credit: Reuters)

FRI 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj41rk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5svx)

Fred Fleitz: What would Donald Trump's foreign policy look like?

Stephen Sackur speaks to Fred Fleitz, a national security official in Donald Trump's first administration, tipped for a new foreign policy role if Trump returns to power. If Vice President Kamala Harris represents foreign policy continuity, what would the world get from Trump 2.0?

FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3tf0y)

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FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z2r)

Business Daily meets: Hello Kitty

On the character's 50th birthday, we hear from the boss of the Japanese company which created her.

Sanrio CEO Tomokuni Tsuji took over from his grandfather who founded the company in Japan.

The company struggled to be profitable for years - we find out how under the leadership of Tomokuni Tsuji, the brand has grown to a trillion yen company, and speak about some of the challenges around counterfeits.

Produced and presented by Mariko Oi

(Image: A woman poses with Hello Kitty plushies at the exhibition CUTE in London, United Kingdom on January 24, 2024. Credit: Getty Images)

FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yfd)

Siegfried and Roy tiger attack

For nearly 40 years, the magicians Roy Horn and Siegfried Fischbacher wowed audiences in Las Vegas with their death-defying tricks involving white lions and tigers.

But in 2003, their show at the Mirage casino came to a dramatic end when Roy was left partially paralysed after being attacked by a seven-year old tiger called Mantacore live on stage.

Animal trainer Chris Lawrence was backstage at the time and rushed to save Roy. He tells Vicky Farncombe about the terrifying moment.

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Hollywood commercial that changed advertising forever; and the ascent of the first Aboriginal MP.

(Photo: Magical duo Siegfried and Roy with one of their big cats. Credit: Getty Images)

FRI 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj45hp)

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FRI 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbnk9t6qy1p0)

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FRI 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3tjs2)

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FRI 09:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vbn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Thursday]

FRI 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj497t)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q2p)

The Swing of Things

On this weekend ahead of the US election, we clock the importance of so-called swing states – and swing into action looking into not politics, but the science of swings.

We examine how a pendulum swung by French physicist Foucault demonstrated that the earth is spinning, and hear about how the gibbon became the king of swingers – and what current-day elite climbers can learn from them.

We also hear from educator Francis Mavhunga at the University of Eswatini who has regularly used swings in his physics classes, and now shows a new generation of teachers how to integrate children's lived experiences into the classroom.

Plus, how science has revealed new secrets about the ancient silk road, and what your brain can see when your eyes can't. And, just to swing back to the beginning, presenter Marnie Chesterton digs into the archives to find out if science and tech can provide a foolproof voting system, and how astronauts vote.

Presenter: Marnie Chesterton with Chhavi Sachdev and Godfred Boafo

Producer: Harrison Lewis with Florian Bohr, Julia Ravey, Dan Welsh and Imaan Moin
Sound Engineer: Gareth Tyrrell

FRI 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj4dzy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbnk9t6qy1p0)

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FRI 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3ts8b)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dx3)

Abercrombie ex-CEO faces sex trafficking charges

Inside a BBC investigation that exposed the allegations against Michael Jeffries. The former fashion boss has pleaded not guilty to charges of sex trafficking and prostitution. Jeffries – who turned Abercrombie and Fitch into one of the world's biggest clothing brands – was arrested along with his life partner and their fixer, and accused of exploiting aspiring male models through force, fraud and coercion.

On this episode, Lucy Hockings speaks to BBC Investigations Correspondent Rianna Croxford, who has spent three years investigating the claims against Jeffries.

WARNING: This episode includes details of alleged sexual abuse.

Producers: Peter Goffin and Eleanor Sly

Sound engineer: Ben Andrews and Gareth Jones

Assistant editor: Sergi Forcada Freixas

Senior news editor: Sara Wadeson

FRI 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj4jr2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 12:06 Outlook (w3ct699m)

Outlook Mixtape: Negotiating peace and a jaw-dropping leap

An agent once told Lesley Pearce to "write what you know", but her own story is more extraordinary than any of her bestselling novels. From lost teenage girl in 1960s London, to wildly popular romance novelist, Lesley spent 58 years searching for the son she'd given up for adoption when she was a teenager.

Following the death of her filmmaker mother, Kathleen, Nina Collins kept her largely-forgotten work locked in a trunk for years, but opening it eventually helped Nina deal with her grief.

Growing up in Queens, New York, Bob Beamon had a tough start in life. Orphaned before he was one, he got mixed up in gangs but then, when he was a teenager, his extraordinary athletic talent was discovered. Sport offered him a way out from the streets. At the men's long jump final in the 1968 Olympics he made a leap so jaw-dropping that a new word was invented to describe what he'd done: 'beamonesque'.

Monica McWilliams is one of the most prominent peacemakers in her very divided country. Monica came of age at the height of the Troubles in Northern Ireland: the decades-long violent struggle over who should run the country. In 1996 it was announced there would be peace talks. At the time, Monica was a university lecturer, and mother to two young sons. She felt strongly that women should be included in discussions about what peace might look like. Within just a few weeks, she and a group of women from across the religious and political divides had established a political party from scratch, the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition.

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FRI 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5yfd)

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FRI 13:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj4nh6)

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FRI 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbnk9t6qy1p0)

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FRI 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3v0r1)

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FRI 13:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tfz)

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FRI 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj4s7b)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 14:06 Newshour (w172zb96922mq9)

Close race in US battleground states

The focus in this final weekend is on the swing states where a few tens of thousands of votes could settle the outcome in the US election. Our reporter is in Pennsylvania where polls expect the rural parts will vote heavily for Trump while the biggest city, Philadelphia, has traditionally provided blowout Democratic support.

Also in the programme, emergency workers in Spain say more than two hundred people are now known to have died in the floods; and we take a look at a transformative new therapy for people with psychosis who hear voices.

Picture: Democrats voters on the campaign trail in Pittsburg in October. Credit: JUSTIN MERRIMAN/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

FRI 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj4wzg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5svx)

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FRI 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3v87v)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5ztd)

Businesses counting the cost of flooding in Spain

On World Business Report Andrew Peach looks at the clear up operation for homes and businesses in Spain where flooding has killed more than two hundred people.

In the US, jobs growth slows as hurricanes and strikes take their toll. But what does it mean for the election? We'll hear what the markets are expecting and focus on affordable housing in the swing state of Georgia.

And Hello Kitty, is fifty find out more about the feline success story.

FRI 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj50ql)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbjc08lsnsy)
More than 200 killed in Valencia floods

The number of people killed in catastrophic floods in eastern Spain has risen above 200. Dozens of people remain missing - mainly in the Valencia region - after rapidly rising waters left people trapped in their houses and workplaces. There's also torrential rain in the region of Huelva, with a red rain warning in place and people being told to stay at home. We speak to our reporter in Valencia, and our environment correspondent explains why Wednesday's flash-flooding was so devastating.

Manchester United have confirmed that their new head coach will be Ruben Amorim, the current manager of the Portuguese football club, Sporting Lisbon. We get reaction from fans.

The economy and cost of living is a top priority for Americans as they head to the polls next week. We bring together people who are unemployed and struggling with their finances.

And, after the Irish actor Saoirse Ronan's viral clip about women's safety created a huge online reaction, we speak to a couple about the conversations they have been having.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Aftermath of deadly floods in Spain as toll surpasses 200, Paiporta - 01 Nov 2024. Credit: BIEL ALINO/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

FRI 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj54gq)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbjc08lssk2)
Spanish floods: Dozens still missing

More than 200 people are now known to have died in flash floods in Spain this week, as the authorities issue new weather alerts. Dozens of people remain missing, mainly in the Valencia region, with many trapped in their homes. For the latest, we speak to our reporter on the ground.

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An Instagram-famous squirrel with more than half a million followers has been seized by authorities in New York, sparking viral outrage from his fans and family. We speak to the owner of "Peanut", the squirrel.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: People hug each other while affected neighbours queue as they head to the municipal auditorium where NGOs are distributing water and food, in the aftermath of torrential rains that caused flooding, in Paiporta, Spain, November 1, 2024. Credit: Eva Manez/Reuters)

FRI 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj586v)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 18:06 Outlook (w3ct699m)
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FRI 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5yfd)
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FRI 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj5cyz)
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FRI 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zblqwgylc9)
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FRI 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3vr7c)
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FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w1z)
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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 (w172zgfddtj5hq3)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rcg)
US voters and the cost of living

Throughout the presidential election campaign, we have been hearing from voters across the political spectrum. One issue keeps coming up: how much it costs to live, to feed the family, to fuel a car, or to pay the rent or mortgage.

Surveys have consistently indicated the economy is a top concern for Americans – transcending age and political affiliation. Since the pandemic, most people in the country have experienced steep price rises of many essentials like housing, groceries and fuel.

But the economic outlook is good. Last week, the US Commerce Department released the latest figures on the state of the nation's finances. They showed that the economy grew by 2.8 percent and that the country is on track for one of the strongest economic performances of any major economy this year. So why aren't people feeling it?

In our conversations, we bring together young people in Connecticut, Texas and Pennsylvania. And we hear from two generations of families who are facing similar challenges.

"Unemployment might be down and the economy might be doing great, but I feel like for the average American it's still a struggle," Miriam in the swing state of Georgia tells us. "I'm living from pay check to pay check right now."

Presenters: Mark Lowen and Luke Jones.
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(Photo: Whitney and Scott with their children. Credit: Whitney and Scott)

FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3vvzh)
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FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rhz)
Why do some mushrooms glow?

Fungi are a mysterious and understudied life form. And to add to the intrigue, some of them actually glow in the dark. This phenomenon has sparked CrowdScience listener Derek's curiosity, and he's asked us to investigate.

Presenter Caroline Steel gets on the case. This is just one example of the natural wonder that is bioluminescence – living organisms that glow. How do they produce their light, and is there any reason for it? Caroline visits a bioluminescent bay in Puerto Rico, and Dr Brenda Soler-Figueroa explains what makes it sparkle.

But it turns out there are many different explanations for why living things glow. Fungi, which listener Derek is particularly interested in, are neither plants nor animals, but an entirely different kingdom of life that we know much less about. Professor Katie Field takes on the task of trying to grow us some bioluminescent mushrooms, while Prof Cassius Stevani explains how – and importantly, why – they glow.

And finally – could we ever harness the power of bioluminescence to our advantage in the future?

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(Photo: Omphalotus nidiformis, or ghost fungus, Penrose, NSW, Australia Credit: Louise Docker Sydney Australia via

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FRI 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj5mg7)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 21:06 Newshour (w172zb969223gy6)
Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

FRI 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfddtj5r6c)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zblqwgylp)
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FRI 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zgg78k3w3gr)
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FRI 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zwl)
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FRI 23:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5svx)
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