

SATURDAY 25 JANUARY 2025**SAT 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf619jrzp)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 00:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q32)

Keep it clean

The Hindu festival of Kumbh Mela is currently underway in India. As part of the event, millions of pilgrims will take a cleansing dip in the confluence of the Ganges, Yamuna and the mythical Saraswati.

Inspired by this headline, we splash into a whole bathtub of stories about the science of cleaning.

We find out why it's so important to prevent contamination of other planets and moons, and how space scientists keep things clean.

Next up, we discover how our brains clear out harmful toxins while we snooze.

And is there any truth in the saying, 'tidy house, tidy mind'?

Finally, Marnie ponders whether it's possible to be too clean, or if being a bit grubby is okay.

Presenters: Marnie Chesterton, with Affelia Wibisono and Andrada Fiscutean

Producers: Alice Lipscombe-Southwell, with Dan Welsh, William Hornbrook and Imaan Moin

SAT 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf619jwqt)

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SAT 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfxdmmw4wp)

Global business news, with live guests and contributions from Asia and the USA.

SAT 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf619k0gy)

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SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqr338b6w8)

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SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggcmrx7crb)

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SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct5whx)

Conrad: 'Australia will be foolhardy not to respect South Africa'

Alison Mitchell, Jim Maxwell and Charu Sharma ask where it all went wrong for England after they lost the Women's Ashes. We ask if changes need to be made after England lost the Ashes at the earliest possible opportunity and have now lost all five matches they have played in the series.

Plus we are joined by South Africa Men's Head Coach Shukri Conrad after his side made it to the World Test Championship Final. He tells us if he thinks a two-tier system is a good idea, shares his message to the Australia team and we ask him if South Africa should boycott the Champions Trophy?

He also shares why he made Temba Bavuma captain and highlights the pressure that the captain faces.

Photo: South Africa head coach Shukri Conrad during the day 1 of the 2nd Test match between West Indies and South Africa at Guyana National Stadium on August 15, 2024 in Georgetown, Guyana. (Photo by Daniel Prentice/Gallo Images/Getty Images)

SAT 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf619k472)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 03:06 Outlook (w3ct69b0)

Outlook Mixtape: A lost cello and a mother and child reunion

On the night of December 15th, 1997, a fire broke out in the home of Luz Cuevas and Pedro Vera, a couple living in Philadelphia with their two young sons and their ten-day-old daughter, Delimar. She was asleep upstairs. In the aftermath, no trace of baby Delimar was found — presumed dead. But in circumstances almost too extraordinary to believe, Delimar was alive and being raised only 20 kilometres or so across town. She had been renamed Aaliyah, and lived with Carolyn, a woman she thought was her mother.

Born under the rule of Libyan dictator Colonel Gaddafi, the novelist Hisham Matar spent much of his childhood in hiding.

Hisham's family had been forced to flee when threats were made against his father, a prominent critic of the regime. Now four decades on, he reflects on how the turbulence of his upbringing has shaped his life and work.

There used to be half a million Northern Woolly Spider Monkeys – or Muriqui – in Brazil. But today just 900 are left. Reporter Gibby Zobel travelled to a nature reserve in the state of Minas Gerais to find out more about the monkeys and the man who devoted his life to protecting them. This interview was first broadcast in 2020.

When Christine Walewska was given a rare, one-eight-size Bernardel cello at the age of eight, she fell in love with it immediately and it set her on a path to become an internationally renowned concert cellist. The tiny cello, given to her by her father, had an intriguing label on the inside... it said, "Pour la petite Comtesse Marie 1934". This label would prove crucial after the cello was stolen from Christine's father's shop in 1978. It led – 36 years later – to Christine receiving an email from the Breshears family in California. They had been searching for a rare child-sized cello for their gifted daughter Starla and had finally found one. Was it Christine's beloved Bernardel? The story of a rare cello, its theft and how it shaped the dreams of two talented girls. This was first broadcast in 2020.

Presenter: Asya Fouks

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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yfs)

The launch of Windows 95

In August 1995, Microsoft released a new operating system - Windows 95 – following one of the computer industry's biggest and most expensive marketing campaigns.

Queues formed outside shops at midnight as people around the world waited to be among the first to buy it.

The new software was designed to be more user friendly, easier to understand and aimed at ordinary people not professional programmers. Connecting to the internet would also be more straightforward.

More than 40 million CD Rom copies were sold in the first year, introducing a boom in personal home computing.

Sarah Leary who demonstrated the software on launch day – alongside Microsoft chairman Bill Gates and US talk show host Jay Leno – talks to Jane Wilkinson.

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: Bill Gates at the Windows 95 launch. Credit: Bill Nation/Syigma via Getty Images)

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SAT 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf619kcqb)

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SAT 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqr338bl3n)

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SAT 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggcmrx7zqz)

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SAT 05:32 Diddy On Trial (w3ct7m4q)

The history of Diddy: What you need to know

From starting Bad Boy Records in 1993 and signing the Notorious B.I.G. to becoming a billionaire business mogul, through to the recent federal charges. Anoushka Mutanda-Dougherty traces Diddy's history with Rolling Stone Senior Investigative Reporter Cheyenne Roundtree.

Sean 'Diddy' Combs is currently behind bars in a notorious New York jail, awaiting trial on three federal charges, which he denies.

Diddy on Trial is here to investigate the rumours, confront the theories, and give you the answers that you need.

We also want YOU to be part of the conversation. Have you any burning questions about the cases or the upcoming trial? Heard a theory that doesn't sit right with you? Send us your thoughts!

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Presenter: Anoushka Mutanda-Dougherty

Series Producer: Laura Jones

Sound Design: Richard Hannaford

Editor: Clare Fordham

Commissioning Editor: Rhian Roberts

SAT 05:50 More or Less (w3ct5trd)

Did Trump make billions with his meme-coin?

Just before being inaugurated as US president for the second time, Donald Trump launched something called a "meme-coin".

This is a bespoke cryptocurrency token featuring a picture of Donald Trump. A billion of them may eventually be created.

Newspaper headlines claimed that the Trump meme-coin had made the president billions of dollars wealthier. But it is far from clear that this is the case.

SAT 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf619kbgg)

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SAT 06:06 Weekend (w172zcxfl0xjrc9)

A review of the week with the latest news.

SAT 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf619km6l)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 07:06 Weekend (w172zcxfl0xjw3f)

A review of the week with the latest news.

SAT 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf619kgyq)

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SAT 08:06 Weekend (w172zcxfl0xjvzk)

A review of the week with the latest news.

SAT 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf619kvpv)

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SAT 09:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rcv)

The first days of the Gaza ceasefire

This week we have witnessed the first Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners being released following the signing of the ceasefire deal. More exchanges are expected over the coming weeks.

Meanwhile some displaced people in Gaza have begun returning to see what is left of their communities, and convoys of lorries have started delivering humanitarian aid.

In our conversations, we hear from both sides of the conflict. While many welcome the end to the fighting, there is recognition of the trauma caused and uncertainty about whether the ceasefire can hold.

"We are still in the midst of the trauma," Udi in Israel tells us. "What needs to happen is that both peoples need to create a new narrative for the future.

"I need time to cry, I need time for silence, I need time to even

relax," says Asma, an English teacher displaced in a refugee camp in central Gaza. "I don't know how long this time will be, but I thank God that I'm still alive."

We also bring together three aid workers on the scale of the challenge ahead, with so much of the territory in ruins.

Host: Luke Jones
BBC producers: Isabella Bull, Angela Sheeran, Luke Hastings and Laura Cross
Boffin Media producer: Richard Hollingham

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(Photo: Palestinians look at damaged Israeli military vehicles left behind by Israeli forces, following a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip, January 22, 2025. Credit: Hatem Khaled/Reuters)

SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggcmrx86z7)

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SAT 09:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v1r)

What do US presidents eat?

A cheeseburger and diet Coke? Or chicken parmigiana? Cristeta Comerford, former executive chef of the White House kitchen, reveals the eating habits of US presidents but advises future staff to "leave your politics at the door... food is a tool for diplomacy". Plus Diddy on Trial, why we should try to eat less rice and how our brains use a form of GPS to help us navigate our lives.

SAT 09:50 Over to You (w3ct5tzz)

Keeping the world's people informed about health

This week we look at Health Check. With so many issues and breakthroughs to choose from, how do they decide what to cover?

We hear from the show's presenter Claudia Hammond and listeners tell us what they think.

Plus how a listener feels a first-hand report on the LA fires burning down a BBC reporter's own house was "extraordinary radio".

Presenter: Rajan Datar

Producer: Howard Shannon.

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SAT 10:06 Sportshour (w3ct5qbx)

The woman tackling American Football

Unlike basketball's NBA and WNBA the sport of women's American tackle football is under developed. Women and men play flag football which is a non-contact variant of the game you'll see at the LA Olympics in three years, but there is no professional female equivalent to the NFL. But back in 2019, history was planned with the creation of the professional "Women's Football League Association". Santia Deck was chosen to be the face of the league. She signed a \$1 million dollar contract. Her life was about to change forever. Five years on and without a game played or a dollar paid she tells Sportshour's Katie Smith how that dream was cruelly snatched away from her.

Christian Jeffery is an artist who has found an amazing way to combine his artistic flair and a love of football. Using football kits as his canvas, he takes the familiar strips from the world's biggest clubs and embellishes and embroiders them to create the most remarkable, glorious and unique creations. He explains the process and his inspirations and what the stars of the Premier League make of his creations.

This might be a sport that you might think is illegal! It sounds something out of Victorian times but the fully regulated and completely legal sport of Bare Knuckle Boxing is alive and well in 2025. In fact this weekend in Philadelphia as part of "KnuckleMania V" the BKFC bare knuckle boxing heavyweight world champion, Britain's Mick Terrill, will defend his title. He's been explaining a bit about the sport, from the blood and guts to what's in place to keep them safe, and why the sport is growing in popularity

(Photo: Santia Deck poses with an American football. Credit: Santia Deck/instagram.com/trackbaby001)

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SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqr338c9lf)

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SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggcmrx8ggh)

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SAT 11:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct5yc8)

What's behind the growing tensions between China and Taiwan?

John Simpson is in Taiwan for a special episode of Unspun World where he reflects on the extraordinary rollercoaster of Chinese politics over the last 60 years.

With the BBC experts in the region, John examines the growing tensions between Taiwan and China and explores how China may deal with Trump 2.0 as the US President once again takes office.

SAT 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf619lyf7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 12:06 The Forum (w3ct5n0j)

The seductive dance of charisma

Where do charismatic personalities come from? Are they people born with special or even divine gifts? Or have they simply mastered a few effective techniques for cordial social interaction that anyone can learn? As business, entertainment and politics increasingly turn into popularity contests conducted through social media and TV, charisma seems to matter more and more; hence the proliferation of companies offering to teach aspiring leaders how to acquire it. But the influence that magnetic personalities can have on an audience long predates modern screen media: in 1896, a speech brimming with charisma earned one little-known young orator a not just a 20-minute standing ovation but also a US presidential nomination.

Iszi Lawrence explores the role of charisma in politics and business with Julia Sonnevend, Associate Professor of Sociology and Communications at The New School for Social Research in New York and author of Charm: How Magnetic Personalities Shape Global Politics; John Antonakis, Professor of Organizational Behaviour in the Faculty of Business and Economics of the University of Lausanne, and co-author of a political charismometer that predicts US presidential elections among other things; Jeremy C. Young, historian of political culture and social movements, author of The Age of Charisma: Leaders, Followers, and Emotions in American Society; as well as World Service listeners.

(Photo: Smiling businessman in discussion. Credit: Thomas Barwick/Getty Images)

SAT 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf619lbpz)

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SAT 13:06 Newshour (w172zb9bn8vj65b)

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

SAT 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf619lghf)

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SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w172zbn8rxg9rjy)

Live Sporting Action

Lee James presents live Premier League commentary of Wolves against Arsenal, on a day when the top three all play at the same time. Lee will be joined by the former Liverpool, Tottenham and USA goalkeeper Brad Friedel and the former Fulham and Tottenham defender Stephen Kelly.

Sportsworld will also review the Australian Open women's final and preview the men's final. There will be Women's Ashes chat after the third T20 and preview the historic Test at the MCG, plus we'll also be at the second T20 between India and England.

Plus, we'll be in Saint Kitts and Nevis to hear about the roots of Chelsea's Cole Palmer.

Photo: General view during the Premier League match between Arsenal FC and Wolverhampton Wanderers FC at Emirates Stadium on August 17, 2024 in London, England. (Credit: Wolves via Getty Images)

SAT 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf619lyf0)

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SAT 18:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqr338d4tb)

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SAT 18:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggcmrx99pd)

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SAT 18:32 Diddy On Trial (w3ct7m4q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 today]

SAT 18:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wfn)

How Fanny Blankers-Koen became the 'flying housewife'

At the 1948 Olympics, one Dutch athlete showed that being a housewife and mother was no obstacle to Olympic glory.

Fanny Blankers-Koen won gold in four events: the 100m and 200m sprints, the 80m hurdles and the 100m relay.

But not all the attention was positive. Fanny got letters telling her she should be doing the housework and not running around stadiums in shorts.

Vicky Farncombe tells her story through archive interviews.

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: Fanny Blankers-Koen at the 1948 Olympics. Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf619m25d)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 19:06 World Book Club (w3ct6r9p)

World Book Café: Oslo

World Book Café heads to Oslo to Europe's largest Literature House to find out if Norway is the best place in the world to be a writer?

Octavia Bright is joined to discuss the highs and lows by the internationally bestselling novelist and climate activist Maja Lunde. Johan Harstad prize winning novelist and the first in-house writer at the National Theatre in Oslo, Gunnhild Oyehaug whose witty and experimental short stories and novels have won her fans around the world and Oliver Lovrenski whose first book was an instant bestseller when it was published in Norway in 2023, when he was just 19.

With generous grants for writers to live and work the Norwegian government also buys 1,000 copies of every book published to give to local libraries across the country. The organisation NORLA (Norwegian Literature Abroad) is funded by the ministry of culture and, since 2004, it has contributed to the translation of more than 8,000 books into no less than 73 languages. For a country of 5.5 million people Norwegian literature punches above its weight. However with much of the country's wealth coming from the oil industry do environmental concerns tarnish this utopia for its writers?

Producer: Kirsten Locke

SAT 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf619m5x8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qkp)

Singer and actress Ariana Grande

This week Nikki's guest is Ariana Grande! She's in conversation with the American superstar singer and good witch Glinda to talk all things Wicked.

Then... French American actor Timothee Chalamet reveals that he didn't know much about Bob Dylan before agreeing to play him in *A Complete Unknown*.

The German Austrian, Oscar winning filmmaker, Edward Berger discusses the appeal of making his Vatican-centred thriller *Conclave*

And the hitmaking US singer-songwriter Chappell Roan shares the support and inspiration she's drawn from the Drag community

There's Somali funk music from Dur Dur Band

And Nikki's cultural critic is Guy Lodge.

(Photo: Ariana Grande; Credit: John Nacion/Variety via Getty Images)

SAT 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf619m9nd)

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SAT 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9bn8vk54c)

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SAT 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf619mfdj)

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SAT 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqr338dmsv)

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SAT 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggcmrx9snx)

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SAT 22:32 This Is Africa (w3ct5y65)

Winy

Winy is a singer from Nigeria who stands out from the crowd thanks to her distinctive voice, her bohemian style and her prolific songwriting.

As she explains in this episode, her songs draw on the highs and lows of her own love life for inspiration, and that seems to be resonating with fans.

Originally from Jos, Winy moved to Lagos with not much more than a head full of songs, but was soon noticed by helpful people in the music industry, as well as established Afrobeats artists, in large part thanks to the number of covers she had posted on social media.

SAT 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf619mk4n)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 23:06 The Documentary (w3ct7m34)

Songs from Auschwitz

Professor Shirli Gilbert explores the story of Krystyna Żywulska. Imprisoned in Auschwitz, Żywulska turned to poetry and music, creating some of the most remarkable songs of this tragic era.

Born in Poland in 1914, Jewish political prisoner Krystyna Żywulska was sent to Auschwitz in 1943. There she was given a very unusual job. She worked at the Effektenkammer, the storage facility for the personal items confiscated from arriving prisoners. This role turned out to be a gift. It gave Żywulska the space and shelter to secretly compose many poems and songs of resistance and optimism, which quickly became popular and spread throughout the camp. She also put on musical events, in secret, to raise the spirits of other Auschwitz inmates.

Professor Shirli Gilbert speaks to Żywulska's son and to Holocaust historians to explore this remarkable story.

Presenter: Professor Shirli Gilbert

Producer: Tom Woolfenden

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(Photo: A family photo of Krystyna Żywulska. Credit: Tadeusz Andrzejewski)

SAT 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggcmrx9xf1)

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SAT 23:32 Assignment (w3ct5mtz)

Death marches: Uncovering the truth beneath the soil

How a town in Poland – once in Germany – is discovering its troubling past.

Eighty years ago Soviet troops liberated Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi extermination camp. Over 1.1 million people, mainly Jews, were murdered there. However, there is an aspect of those terrible days which is less well known and which 80 years later is still being uncovered and still resonating: the death marches.

As Soviet troops approached, in January 1945, SS soldiers at Auschwitz-Birkenau forced some 60,000 prisoners to march west, in freezing temperatures. Weak with hunger and disease, those who fell behind were shot.

This is the story of how eight decades on the search for the truth behind one of those death marches is being uncovered. For years the history of a death march passing through the once proud German community of Schönwald was hidden.

It is also the story of how descendants of the original inhabitants of Schönwald are having to confront the role some of their relatives may have played in the Nazi project, and how today's Polish inhabitants of the town, which is now called Bojków, are grappling with what happened on their streets. Amie Liebowitz's own great-grandmother was murdered at Auschwitz-Birkenau, while her great-aunt was rescued by the Soviet forces. She speaks to those on both sides – German and Polish – who are uncovering this history.

Presenter: Amie Liebowitz

Producer: John Murphy

Production co-ordinator: Gemma Ashman

Editor: Penny Murphy

(Image: Auschwitz concentration camp - 60,000 prisoners from Auschwitz-Birkenau were forced onto death marches. Credit: Amie Liebowitz/BBC)

(Archive of Gita Stein from USC Shoah Foundation, 1995)

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SUN 00:32 Diddy On Trial (w3ct7m4q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

SUN 00:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wfn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf619msmx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 01:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjj)

What next for Syria?

In December 2024, the decades-old Assad regime in Syria fell following 13 years of brutal civil war.

The Islamist rebel group, Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, seized power in the capital Damascus, having co-ordinated a lightning offensive along with other opposition forces across the country.

This week on *The Inquiry*, we examine how recent events led to the current situation, who the main players are vying for control, and the many challenges facing both the new government and the Syrian people.

Presenter: Tanya Beckett

Producer: Ben Cooper

Researcher: Evie Yabsley

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SUN 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggcmrx4x9)

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SUN 01:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69js)

Russia's crackdown on gay clubs

There have been at least 12 police raids on gay clubs in Russia since November 2023, when the country's Supreme court banned what they call 'the global LGBT movement'. BBC Russian Anastasia Golubeva has been talking to activists on the ground to find out how these restrictions are affecting them.

Five years ago, COVID-19 was spreading around the world, causing millions of deaths. How did the pandemic change our lives, and what lessons have we learnt from it? With Martin Yip from BBC Chinese and Dorcas Wangira, BBC Africa's Health Correspondent.

Presented by Faranak Amidi. Produced by Alice Gioia, Hannah Dean and Caroline Ferguson.

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

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SUN 02:32 Health Check (w3ct5t9v)

A WHO without the United States

As President Trump signals his intention to withdraw the United States from the World Health Organization, what could the global health ramifications be? Also on the show, Meta moves from an independent fact-checking program to community notes: How will this affect health misinformation across the company's platforms? A new rapid test that could help diagnose Crimean Congo Haemorrhagic fever brings hope to an oft neglected disease, and what would be the mental health effect of living in space long-term?

Presenter: Claudia Hammond

Producer: Margaret Sessa-Hawkins

SUN 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf619n145)

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SUN 03:06 The Forum (w3ct5n0j)

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SUN 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf619n4w9)

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SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sjz)

Israel, Gaza and the ceasefire

Pascale Harter introduces reflections and analysis from Israel and Gaza, Syria, Argentina, and the site of the Auschwitz-Birkenau camps in Poland

The ceasefire agreement over Gaza has not halted violence between Israelis and Palestinians - and thousands of people on both sides now have to rebuild lives fractured by trauma. Fergal Keane reflects on what this stage of the conflict demands of the bereaved and the families of the missing and the human cost of the war.

The Assad regime in Syria detained and tortured hundreds of thousands of people; the total number of those who died in its prisons and detention centres still has to be reckoned. The new Syrian government led by the Hayat Tahrir al Sham (HTS) group has promised justice, but it's not known who might be put on trial or how - or what penalties they might face. Lina Sinjab has her own memories of being arrested and threatened - and her own questions about crime and punishment.

Argentina's President, Javier Milei, once campaigned using a chainsaw as a prop to show how keen he was to slash red tape and cut the state down to size. A year on, how much has his government done for the economy? Charlotte Pritchard visits a family-run chewing-gum factory in Buenos Aires to look at the numbers for small business.

By the final days of World War II, more than 1.1 million people, most of them Jews, had been killed by the Nazis in the labour and extermination camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau. These days the complex sees more than 2 million visitors a year. Amie Liebowitz, whose own great-grandmother was murdered there, had always been uneasy about the idea of tourism in sites like this. But as the world marks 80 years since the camp's liberation by Soviet troops in 1945, she considers it might still have a place in preserving public memory of the Holocaust.

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

Image: Palestinians walk among debris of destroyed buildings as they return to their houses after the announcement of ceasefire (Photo by Ramzi Mahmud/Anadolu via Getty Images)

SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggcmrxbj4p)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:32 Trending (w3ct5y9s)
Ukraine war: The cost of bearing witness

Three years since Russia's full scale invasion of Ukraine, BBC Trending speaks to Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) analysts and fact checkers who have worked diligently throughout the war to verify online content from the front line and push back against malicious propaganda. Their efforts documenting war crimes and debunking misleading content has taken a toll - what keeps them going and how do they avoid burnout?
Presenter: Olga Robinson
Producers: Alex Murray & Yana Lyushnevska
Editor: Flora Carmichael

SUN 04:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wfn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

SUN 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf619n8mf)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqr338fh0r)
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggcmrxbmw1)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct7m34)
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:06 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf619ndck)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 06:06 Weekend (w172zxcf10xmn8d)
A review of the week with the latest news.

SUN 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf619nj3p)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 07:06 Weekend (w172zxcf10xms0j)
A review of the week with the latest news.

SUN 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf619nmvt)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 08:06 Weekend (w172zxcf10xmwrn)
A review of the week with the latest news.

SUN 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf619nrly)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sjz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today]

SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggcmrxc3wb)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xp1)
Is anyone following dietary guidelines?

Around 100 countries have official dietary guidelines, and more are on their way. But who is following them?

Ruth Alexander asks how realistic healthy-eating advice is as she explores how official recommendations are developed, what they're trying to achieve, and the obstacles standing in our way.

We hear from Fatima Hachem, Senior Nutrition Officer at the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organisation, about how her team offers support to countries designing dietary guidelines.

Chiza Kunwenda, senior lecturer in the Department of Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Zambia, tells us how he and a team of others drew up the latest dietary guidelines for Zambia and other countries in Africa.

In Argentina, as well as advice, the government has issued black octagonal warning labels on foods high in salt sugar, saturated fats and calories. Are people taking notice?

And can people around the world afford to eat according to guidelines? Dr Anna Herforth co-directed the Food prices for Nutrition project at Tufts University in the United States, tells us what she found. We also hear from shoppers at a community food outlet in the North West of England, about how cost is barrier to healthy eating.

(Image: a plate of food showing suggested dietary guidelines.
Credit: Getty Images/BBC)

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

Producers: Hannah Bewley and Izzy Greenfield.

SUN 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf619nwc2)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:06 The Documentary (w3ct7lc5)
Prison of the mind

In many countries around the world, prison populations are bursting at the seams. However, in some Northern European countries, prisons are closing and re-offending rates are down, which many have attributed to a novel approach to justice - taking a mental-health first approach. Jenny Okolo, a forensic occupational therapist, seeks to determine whether global prison systems could benefit from a similar approach and whether the solution is as simple as it seems.

Presenter: Jenny Okolo
Producer: Ray Sang and James Tindale
Editor: Phil Smith
A Reduced Listening production for BBC World Service

(Photo: An inmate at Rodjan farm, an open prison functioning as a farm in the city of Mariestad, 300km south-west of Stockholm. Credit: Jonathan Nackstrand/AFP/Getty Images)

SUN 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggcmrxc7mg)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69js)
[Repeat of broadcast at 01:32 today]

SUN 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf619p036)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqr338g6hj)
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SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggcmrxccl)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:32 Trending (w3ct5y9s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct5trd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

SUN 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf619p3vb)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:06 World Book Club (w3ct6r9p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:06 on Saturday]

SUN 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf619p7lg)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 13:06 Newshour (w172zb9bn8vm32f)
Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

SUN 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf619pcbl)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wsy)
Your questions answered: The speed of global warming; space junk; advice for kids

Climate Question listeners take over the programme again, putting their queries to Graihagh Jackson and her panel: BBC climate editor Justin Rowlett, Bloomberg News senior climate reporter Akshat Rathi and the presenter of BBC CrowdScience Caroline Steel.

One listener asks why the climate appears to have changed so dramatically and fast in the last 50 years. Another wonders whether "space junk" plays a role in global warming. Plus, a question from a five-year old and - in a first for the programme - a listener's climate song!

If you have a question, email us at theclimatquestion@bbc.com or leave a WhatsApp message at + 44 8000 321 721

Producer: Michaela Graichen
Production Coordinator: Brenda Brown
Sound mix: James Beard and Tom Brignell
Editor: Simon Watts

SUN 14:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggcmrxcqlz)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:32 Happy News (w3ct5sq5)
Happy News

Positive news stories

SUN 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf619ph2q)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 15:06 Sportsworld (w172zbn8rxgds65)
Live Sporting Action

Sportsworld has full commentary from Villa Park as Aston Villa take on West Ham in the Premier League. There will also be updates and reaction from the matches between Tottenham and Leicester; and Crystal Palace and Brentford.

The former DR Congo defender Gabriel Zakuani joins Delyth Lloyd to look back over all the weekend's action. Spain's La Liga is the focus on this week's EuroStars, when the team will also be looking ahead to the crucial final round of games in the Champions League.

Away from football, there will be reaction to the men's final at the Australian Open tennis, and we look ahead to Sunday's NFL playoffs as the last four teams battle it out for a place in Super Bowl LIX.

Photo: West Ham United's Tomas Soucek is fouled by Aston Villa's Matty Cash and earns his side a penalty during the Premier League match between West Ham United FC and Aston Villa FC at London Stadium on August 17, 2024 in London, England. (Credis: CameraSport via Getty Images)

SUN 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf619pz27)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqr338h5gk)
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SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggcmrxcdbm)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tlw)
Michael Visocchi: A sculpture for South Georgia

In his studio, an old schoolroom in the Scottish Highlands, sculptor Michael Visocchi is working on Commensalis, a huge work that will be installed thousands of miles away, in Grytviken, an abandoned whaling station on the sub-Antarctic island of South Georgia. From 1904 to 1966 thousands of whales were slaughtered and butchered here. Whaling ships brought rats, which predated the seabirds, driving species to near-extinction. But now, with whaling ended and the rats eradicated, whales are returning, seal and bird populations are recovering. South Georgia is an ecology in recovery.

Whaling ships and equipment were taken to Grytviken and harboured there. Now it looks like an industrial scrapyard; ships rust on the shore, huge tanks decay behind. Millions of leftover rivets remain.

Visocchi was struck by the similarity of shape of these rivets and the bumps of the barnacles on the bodies of living whales. The barnacles exist in a relationship between individuals of two species in which one obtains benefits from the other without either harming or benefiting the latter. This is known as commensalism, and gives Visocchi's installation its name. Commensalis will comprise large steel 'tables' which echo the shape and rust colour of the oil tanks. The tables, one for each species of whale that was taken, are dotted with patterns of polished rivets that represent the slaughtered whales.

We hear recordings Visocchi made on two visits to the remote island, the first for inspiration, the second to work out how to create and install the work among the seals and penguins. In his studio and a fabrication workshop so many miles away he talks to presenter Julian May as he works on this project which is challenging in so many ways – theoretically, technically, in time (three years so far) and even morally. South Georgia has no permanent population, so is a public artwork appropriate? South Georgia has been sullied by people going there and leaving stuff behind. Isn't, actually, Visocchi doing the same?

Presenter and Producer: Julian May

SUN 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf619q2c)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q32)
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 on Saturday]

SUN 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf619q6kh)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9bn8vn21g)
Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

SUN 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf619qb9m)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqr338hjpy)
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SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggcmrxdp10)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69js)
[Repeat of broadcast at 01:32 today]

SUN 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf619qg1r)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wsy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 today]

SUN 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggcmrxdtb4)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v1r)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

SUN 23:50 Over to You (w3ct5tzt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

MONDAY 27 JANUARY 2025

MON 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf619v21)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 00:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sjs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016jsbf)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 00:32 Trending (w3ct5y9s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 on Sunday]

MON 00:50 More or Less (w3ct5trd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

MON 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf619vj2t)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 01:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgckmr6h)
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016jx2k)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 01:32 Discovery (w3ct5rnw)
Uncharted: The Grain of Truth

Amid the desperation of war-starved Netherlands, a doctor defies conventional wisdom to save gravely ill children, uncovering a treatment that sparks both hope and controversy. Years later, in 1967, a young female researcher detects a strange, pulsing signal—could it be mundane interference or evidence of alien life? From lifesaving breakthroughs to cosmic discoveries, this story celebrates the determination of pioneers who challenge convention and pursue truth against the odds.

MON 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf619vnk9)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgckmvmj)
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MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016k0tp)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 02:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rjc)
How high can birds fly?

While watching a feisty cockatoo chase after a hawk, CrowdScience listener Alison saw the hawk catch a thermal and rise effortlessly into the sky. The cockatoo gave chase, but the hawk climbed higher and higher until it became just a tiny speck, barely visible to the naked eye.

And that got Alison thinking: just how high can birds go? Are there altitude limits for our feathered friends? Could a cockatoo, a sparrow, or even a duck reach such dizzying heights if they really put their wings to it?

Presenter Alex Lathbridge sets out to investigate. Biologist Catherine Ivy reveals that life above the clouds isn't easy. At high altitudes, the air is thinner, oxygen is scarce, and wings don't generate as much lift. But some bird species have evolved incredible adaptations to overcome these challenges.

Among them: bar-headed geese, renowned for their daring flights over the world's tallest mountains. Physiologist Lucy Hawkes delves into how these geese defy the odds with their remarkable physiology, revealing the surprising discoveries she made while putting some of them on a treadmill.

From super-powered hearts to clever lungs, we uncover the secrets behind nature's impressive aviators.

Presenter: Alex Lathbridge
Producers: Ilan Goodman and Jeremy Grange
Editor: Cathy Edwards
Production co-ordinator: Ishmael Soriano
Technical producer: Sarah Hockley

MON 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf619vs9f)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 03:06 The Documentary (w3ct7lc5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016k4kt)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 03:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v1r)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

MON 03:50 Over to You (w3ct5tzt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

MON 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf619vx1k)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgckn3fw)
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MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016k89y)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct5x0r)
Child helplines: giving young people a voice

Telephone helplines support millions of children every year with issues ranging from serious abuse to children who just want someone to chat to on the way home from school. Ella Al-Shamahi talks to two women from South Africa and Greece about supporting children through round-the-clock helplines, counselling and outreach.

Dumisile Cele, a trained social worker, is the Chief Executive Officer of Childline South Africa. Their 24-hour helpline is contacted around 300,000 times each year. Dumisile says the mental health challenges in children are especially driven by violent crimes, abuse and trauma perpetrated against them.

Stavroula Spyropoulou is a psychologist working at Smile of the Child in Greece. The organisation operates across the country and has over 400 staff and 6000 active volunteers. They give families immediate support in times of crisis, run children's homes and outreach sessions in schools. Stavroula is the coordinator of their Center for Child Abuse and Exploitation.

There is a global network of child helplines in 132 countries and it's hoped that by 2030 every country in the world will have a helpline. There's a list of them all, and their contact phone numbers on the website of Child Helpline International.

Produced by Jane Thurlow

(Image: (L) Dumisile Cele courtesy Child Helpline South Africa. (R) Stavroula Spyropoulou courtesy Smile of the Child.)

MON 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf619w0sp)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 05:06 Newsday (w172zbkgjptp4g8)
Live news, business and sport from around the world.

MON 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf619w4jt)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 06:06 Newsday (w172zbkgjptp86d)
Live news, business and sport from around the world.

MON 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf619w88y)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 07:06 Newsday (w172zbkgjptpcyj)
Live news, business and sport from around the world.

MON 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf619wd12)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 08:06 The Explanation (w3ct7mwn)
Mindu Hornick: Interview with an Auschwitz survivor

"We thought we had entered hell." These are the recollections of Auschwitz survivor Mindu Hornick. In an interview with the BBC's Tim Franks, she recalls, in vivid detail, the last memory of her mother who was taken to the gas chamber; the Yiddish-speaking prison worker who saved her life; the terror of selection by Nazi doctor Josef Mengele; and the desperation of hunger, and rations laced with sawdust and bromide.

MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016kr9g)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z7p)
Spain's squatting problem

Squatting has a long history in Spain, often fuelled by high rates of homelessness.

And the country's ongoing housing crisis means that despite being low in numbers, squatting is now a highly politicised topic.

We hear from private companies set up to evict people, from businesses making products to prevent squatters moving in, and from squatters themselves about their experiences.

Produced and presented by Stefania Gozzer

(Image: A worker takes a mattress off the balcony during the eviction of 62 families from four apartments in June 2023 in Madrid, Spain. Credit: Getty Images)

MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5y2j)
The Milltown Cemetery attack

On 16 March 1988, loyalist paramilitary Michael Stone killed three mourners and injured 60 others attending a funeral for IRA members killed in Gibraltar.

The so-called Gibraltar Three had been shot dead by the British Army and brought home to Belfast to be buried in the city's Catholic Milltown Cemetery.

American journalist Bill Buzenberg, who was covering the funeral for National Public Radio in the US, was knocked off his feet in the gun and grenade attack. He shares his memories with Maggie Ayre.

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 Gaudí and the design of the Sagrada Família; Michael Jordan and his bespoke Nike trainers; Princess Diana at the Taj Mahal; and Görel Hanser, manager of legendary Swedish pop band Abba on the influence they've had on the music industry. You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, such as the time an Iraqi journalist hurled his shoes at the President of the United States in protest of America's occupation of Iraq; the creation of the Hollywood commercial that changed advertising forever; and the ascent of the first Aboriginal MP.

(Photo: People help a wounded person in Milltown Cemetery after the attack at the funeral for three IRA members. Credit: Bernard Bisson/Sygma via Getty Images)

MON 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9lwhs6)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgcknq5j)
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MON 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016kw1l)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 09:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rjc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

MON 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9lwmjb)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n2z)
Back to 1995

Max Pearson presents a collection of the week's Witness History episodes, all about events which happened in 1995.

First, we hear how Microsoft launched Windows 95 after a \$300 million marketing campaign.

Our expert guest is Dr Lisa McGerty – Chief Executive of the Centre for Computing History in Cambridge.

Next, after 17 years terrorising America, we hear about the hunt for the Unabomber.

Plus, the sarin gas attack on a Tokyo metro, carried out by members of a doomsday cult.

Finally, how China exerted its influence over Tibetan Buddhism's leadership.

Contributors:

Sarah Leary – project manager for Microsoft.

Dr Lisa McGerty – Chief Executive of the Centre for Computing History.

Carmine Gallo – police officer.

Dr Kathleen Puckett – FBI agent.

Atsushi Asakahara – metro passenger.

Arjia Rinpoche – senior Tibetan Lama.

(Photo: People lined up by US Microsoft Windows 95 exhibit. Credit: Forrest Anderson/Getty Images)

MON 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9lwr8g)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgcknyns)
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MON 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016l3jv)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dmh)

MON 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9lww0l)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nrb)
Outlook

True stories of ordinary people and the extraordinary events that have shaped their lives.

MON 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5y2j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

MON 13:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9lwrzq)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgckp65l)
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MON 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016lc13)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 13:32 The Conversation (w3ct5x0r)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

MON 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9lx3hv)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 14:06 Newshour (w172zb9c0k4tyzt)
Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

MON 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9lx77z)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 15:06 The Explanation (w3ct7mwn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

MON 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016ljc)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zz8)
First broadcast 27/01/2025 15:32 GMT

The latest business and finance news from around the world, on the BBC.

MON 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9lxc03)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbjhrpk02g)
2025/01/27 16:06 GMT

BBC OS gives a vibrant account of the day's events with explanation and reaction from those involved.

MON 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9lxgr7)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbjhrpk3td)
2025/01/27 17:06 GMT

BBC OS gives a vibrant account of the day's events with explanation and reaction from those involved.

MON 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9lxlhc)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5nrb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

MON 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5y2j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

MON 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9lxq7h)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgckpxmt)
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MON 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016m2hw)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w4n)
2025/01/27 GMT

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

MON 20:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9lxtzm)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5s2j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016m680)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct5rnx)
Uncharted: Songs of the Sea

A PhD student with a passion for whales' stumbles upon a strange, eerie sound deep beneath the ocean waves—something that will soon rock her world. Meanwhile, a fisherman is stranded in the ocean late at night, completely alone. With time running out, can he be rescued before it's too late? From mysterious discoveries to life-or-death struggles, this story delves into the power of the ocean and the determination to survive.

MON 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9lyxqr)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9c0k4vt6q)
Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

MON 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9ly2gw)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgckq8w6)
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MON 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016mfr8)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct601j)
First broadcast 27/01/2025 22:32 GMT

The latest business and finance news from around the world, on the BBC.

MON 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9ly670)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 23:06 The Explanation (w3ct7mwn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

MON 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016mkhd)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 23:32 The Conversation (w3ct5x0r)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 2025

TUE 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9ly9z4)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n2z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9lyfq8)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfxrwyr8pw4)
Global business news, with live guests and contributions from Asia and the USA.

TUE 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9lykgd)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgckqrvg)
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TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016mxqs)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:32 Assignment (w3ct5mv0)
Assignment
Investigations and journeys into the heart of global events from BBC correspondents.

TUE 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9lyp6j)
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TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nrB)
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TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yj2)
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TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgckr0bz)
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TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016n571)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct4yf4)
Behind the scenes with Ken Loach

The Old Oak will be Ken Loach's last feature film and Sharuna Sagar was granted exclusive access behind the scenes of his landmark movie. She joins the 86-year-old director on his swansong as he brings together his loyal team for one last time. As with his previous two films, I, Daniel Blake and Sorry We Missed You, Ken returns to the North East of England, to tell the story of Syrian refugees who have been housed in an ex-mining village. With him are his long-standing partners, producer Rebecca O'Brien and writer Paul Laverty, and they reveal the secrets of Loach's success, with films like Kes, Cathy Come Home and The Wind That Shakes The Barley. Sharuna eavesdrops on rehearsals, casting sessions and a dog audition.

TUE 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9lyxps)
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TUE 05:06 Newsday (w172zbkgjpts1cc)
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TUE 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9lz561)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 07:06 Newsday (w172zbkgjpts8vm)
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TUE 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9lz8y5)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct4y0g)
Sharing the river

In the farming community of Los Negros in rural Bolivia, the river is their life and livelihood. So when that river started to dry up, it made life very hard. They blamed the villages upstream for not looking after their precious water.

This conflict could have turned ugly. But with the support of a local charity, what came out of it instead was a ground-breaking agreement. After years of negotiations, the town at the bottom of the river agreed to support the communities upstream to protect their forests and keep the river healthy.

The idea is now the blueprint for water sharing agreements between communities across the continent.

Presenter: Myra Anubi
Reporter: Jane Chambers
Producer: Bob Howard
Series producer: Tom Colls
Sound mix: Hal Haines
Editor: Penny Murphy

Email: peoplefixingtheworld@bbc.co.uk

Image: Senor Rogelio Valverde sits by his water source

TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016nn6k)
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TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zjq)
Business Daily

The daily drama of money and work from the BBC.

TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ynl)
The Baltic chain protest

On 23 August 1989, approximately two million people joined hands to form a 690-kilometre human chain across Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

It was a key moment in the protests in Eastern Europe that became known as the Singing Revolution.

In 2010, Damien McGuinness spoke to MEP Sandra Kalniete, a Latvian organiser of the event.

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(Photo: Estonian nationalist demonstrators taking part in the protest. Credit: Reuters/Dominique Dudoule)

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TUE 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016nrp)
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TUE 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9lzjff)
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TUE 10:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qkp)
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TUE 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9lzn5k)
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TUE 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016p7y6)
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TUE 14:06 Newshour (w172zb9c0k4xvwx)
Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

TUE 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m0452)
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TUE 15:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct4y0g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

TUE 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016phfg)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct6089)
First broadcast 28/01/2025 15:32 GMT

The latest business and finance news from around the world, on the BBC.

TUE 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m07x6)

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TUE 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbjhrpmwzk)
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TUE 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016pzdz)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w95)
2025/01/28 GMT

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

TUE 20:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m0qwg)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:06 Assignment (w3ct5mv0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016q353)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wng)
Tech Life

Tech Life discovers and explains the ways technology is changing our lives, wherever we are in the world.

TUE 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m0vmy)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9c0k4yq3t)
Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

TUE 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m0zcz)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgckst5s9)
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TUE 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016qbnc)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct60bk)
First broadcast 28/01/2025 22:32 GMT

The latest business and finance news from around the world, on the BBC.

TUE 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m1343)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct4y0g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

TUE 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016qgdh)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:32 In the Studio (w3ct4yf4)
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The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 00:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qkp)
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WED 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m1bmc)
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WED 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfxrwycls7)
Global business news, with live guests and contributions from Asia and the USA.

WED 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m1gch)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgcknrt)
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WED 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016qtmw)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 02:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5wsy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m1l3m)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5p5w)
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WED 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ynl)
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WED 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m1pvr)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgcktx82)
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WED 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016r244)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 04:32 Good Bad Billionaire (w3ct6xkx)
Sergey Brin: Googling billions

By founding Google, tech titan Sergey Brin helped shape the internet. He also got very, very rich, as his company Alphabet became one of the biggest in the world. BBC business editor Simon Jack and journalist Zing Tsjeng tell the story of the billionaire who partied on planes after escaping prejudice in Russia. Sergey Brin and his best friend Larry Page became two of history's biggest tech giants by building the planet's most popular search engine. How did their technology startup become one of the world's biggest companies? Simon and Zing find out, before deciding if they think he's good, bad, or just another billionaire.

WED 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m1tlw)
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WED 05:06 Newsday (w172zbkgjptvy8g)
Live news, business and sport from around the world.

WED 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m1yc0)
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WED 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m2234)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 07:06 Newsday (w172zbkgjptw5rq)
Live news, business and sport from around the world.

WED 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m25v8)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t5c)
HARDtalk

In-depth, hard-hitting interviews with newsworthy personalities.

WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016rk3n)
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WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zp7)
Business Daily

The daily drama of money and work from the BBC.

WED 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yqv)
Lithuania's 'wolf children'

In the aftermath of World War Two, children were left orphaned, or separated from their families.

They were forced to flee East Prussia when the Red Army advanced.

Whilst trying to survive, on their way to Lithuania, they were likened to hungry wolves roaming through forests.

Now aged 84, 'wolf child' Luise Quitsch tells Megan Jones about her journey and what life was like growing up in Lithuania.

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(Photo: Luise. Credit: Rita Naujakaitytė)

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WED 10:06 The Forum (w3ct5n0j)

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WED 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016s4v9)
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WED 13:32 Good Bad Billionaire (w3ct6kxx)
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WED 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016t026)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct5t9w)
Health Check

Health issues and medical breakthroughs from around the world.

WED 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m3rjy)
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WED 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9c0k51m0x)
Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

WED 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m3w92)
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WED 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgckx2pd)
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THU 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m43sb)
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THU 00:06 The Forum (w3ct5n0j)
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THU 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m47jg)
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THU 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfxyrwyghpb)
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THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016tqjz)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 02:32 The Documentary (w3ct7m68)
Flamboyant Funerals

Ghana has a reputation for staging some of the most eccentric funerals in the world – boasting extraordinary displays of colour, dancing, deep rooted history, and a strong association with Ghanaian royalty. Hannah Ajala takes the listener on a compelling aural journey as she uncovers the stories behind this unique and complex tradition.

In West Africa, end of life celebrations are a far cry from those in the Western world. Each funeral can take weeks or months to plan and they are often more lavish – and expensive - than weddings. Funerals are an essential part of paying respect to the departed.

Flamboyant Funerals travels to the cultural capital of the country, Kumasi, to witness a Ghanaian funeral first hand. She delves into the significance of these ancient traditions: the dancing, the dress code, the burial and final funeral rites as well as the role played by the 'talking drums'.

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THU 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016tz17)
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THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xp2)
The Food Chain

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THU 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m4qhz)
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THU 05:06 Newsday (w172zbnkgjptyv5k)
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THU 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m4v83)
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Live news, business and sport from around the world.

THU 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m52rc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjk)

The Inquiry

The Inquiry gets beyond the headlines to explore the trends, forces and ideas shaping the world.

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THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ylb)

1968 New York City teachers' strike

A series of unprecedented teachers' strikes temporarily shut most of New York's schools in the late 1960s, provoked by an ongoing dispute over whether parents could have a say in the running of their children's schools.

'Community control' over the city's schools was a divisive issue at the time, part of the civil rights and Black Power movement, in the USA.

Linda Mannheim spoke to Monifa Edwards, who was a pupil at a school in the district of Ocean Hill-Brownsville, a name that became synonymous with the struggle over who controlled the local schools: the communities or the mainly white city officials.

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(Photo: The Ocean Hill-Brownsville Governing Board and supporters march over the Brooklyn Bridge in March 1969. Credit: David Fenton)

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THU 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgckydwt)

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THU 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016vkrw)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 09:32 The Documentary (w3ct7m68)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

THU 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m5b7m)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 10:06 The Explanation (w3ct6pmv)

The Media Show

Where the world is explained. Making sense of the big stories - looking behind the spin. Exploring the important questions about long-running stories and the latest global news. An honest,

unvarnished, explanation of the world.

THU 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016vpj0)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 10:32 The Documentary (w3ct7hyr)

Troublemakers: Drugged, Framed and Detained

A BBC Eye investigation has uncovered how psychiatric hospitals are being used to silence China's critics. China's Mental Health Law, passed in 2012, was meant to stop the abuse of psychiatric detention. BBC Eye goes undercover to gather evidence that doctors are colluding with Chinese police to lock away protestors.

Presenter: Nyima Pratten

Producer: Ly Truong, Ruth Evans

BBC Eye producer: Alex Matholie

Editor: Rebecca Henschke

Sound engineer: Neil Churchill

THU 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m5fzr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgckynd2)

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THU 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016vt84)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dv8)

The Global Story

THU 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m5kqw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5zn3)

Outlook

True stories of ordinary people and the extraordinary events that have shaped their lives.

THU 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5ylb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

THU 13:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m5ph0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgckyywb)

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THU 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016w1rd)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 13:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xp2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

THU 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m5t74)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 14:06 Newshour (w172zb9c0k53nq3)

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

THU 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m5xz8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 15:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

THU 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016w97n)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct603s)

First broadcast 30/01/2025 15:32 GMT

The latest business and finance news from around the world, on the BBC.

THU 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m61qd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbjhrqprtsr)

2025/01/30 16:06 GMT

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THU 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m65gj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbjhrqprtjw)

2025/01/30 17:06 GMT

BBC OS gives a vibrant account of the day's events with explanation and reaction from those involved.

THU 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m696n)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5zn3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

THU 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5ylb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

THU 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m6dys)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgckzmc3)

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THU 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016ws75)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w6x)

2025/01/30 GMT

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 (w172zgfkk9m6jpx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 20:06 The Documentary (w3ct7m68)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016wvz9)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 20:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vf2)

Science in Action

The BBC brings you all the week's science news.

THU 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m6ng1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9c0k54hy0)

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

THU 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m6s65)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgckzzlh)

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THU 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016x4gk)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct6061)

First broadcast 30/01/2025 22:32 GMT

The latest business and finance news from around the world, on the BBC.

THU 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m6wy9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 23:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

THU 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016x86p)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 23:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xp2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

FRIDAY 31 JANUARY 2025**FRI 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m70pf)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:06 The Explanation (w3ct6pmv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016xycy)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct5ye9)

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FRI 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m74fk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfxrwykdlf)

Global business news, with live guests and contributions from Asia and the USA.

FRI 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m785p)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgcl0gl0)

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FRI 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016xmg2)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wng)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Tuesday]

FRI 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m7cxt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nz3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Thursday]

FRI 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ylb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m7hny)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgcl0q28)

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FRI 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016xyyb)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tgd)

Spirituality in Sin City

In Spirituality in Sin City, presenter Rajeev Gupta takes listeners on an unexpected journey through the lesser-known spiritual side of Las Vegas, a city renowned for its glitz, glamour, and indulgence. Beyond the flashing lights and casinos, Las Vegas is home to a growing community of spiritual practitioners and faith-based healers, many of whom have turned away from the traditional Vegas lifestyle in search of something deeper and more meaningful.

At the center of the documentary is Patti Stevens, a Las Vegas-based faith healer who identifies as "spiritual, almost pagan."

Raised Christian, Patti now practices reiki and energy healing, offering comfort and renewal to those seeking solace amidst the city's whirlwind. The documentary captures her story alongside voices of former Strip workers and spiritual seekers, creating a tapestry of perspectives on spirituality, healing, and the search for inner peace in a place few would expect.

The program also features Chaplain Ryan from Westcare, who supports addiction recovery through an unconventional blend of Christian and Eastern spiritual practices. From open houses filled with healers to the quiet presence of Buddhist temples and the Brahma statue on the Strip, Spirituality in Sin City unveils a Vegas that defies expectations—a city where East meets West in its own way, and where those from all walks of life find new ways to connect with faith and themselves.

Produced and Presented by Rajeev Gupta.

Editor: Chloe Walker

Production Coordinator: Mica Nepomuceno

FRI 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m7mf2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 05:06 Newsday (w172zbkgjpv1r2n)

Live news, business and sport from around the world.

FRI 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m7r56)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 06:06 Newsday (w172zbkgjpv1vts)

Live news, business and sport from around the world.

FRI 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m7vxb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 07:06 Newsday (w172zbkgjpv1zks)

Live news, business and sport from around the world.

FRI 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m7zng)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5swb)

HARDtalk

In-depth, hard-hitting interviews with newsworthy personalities.

FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016ybxv)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z35)

Business Daily

The daily drama of money and work from the BBC.

FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yft)

English TV lessons in China go primetime

In 1981 the first major series of English lessons was broadcast on Chinese television.

President Deng Xiaoping had allowed private enterprise and was pursuing an era of "opening up" to the rest of the world. It followed a decade of educational turmoil when teachers had been castigated as bourgeois by the former leader Mao Zedong.

Kathy Flower presented the English education programme, Follow Me, several times a week at primetime. It was watched by an estimated 500 million people keen to get a taste of the English language and observe westerners on television. Kathy Flower recalls to Josephine McDermott what it was like becoming the most famous foreign person in China.

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: Kathy Flower at a book signing in China. Credit: BBC)

FRI 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m83dl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgcl19sx)

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FRI 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016ygnz)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 09:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vf2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Thursday]

FRI 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m874q)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q33)

Unexpected Elements

The news you know, the science you don't. Unexpected Elements looks beyond everyday narratives to discover a goldmine of scientific stories and connections from around the globe. From Afonauts, to why we argue, to a deep dive on animal lifespans: see the world in a new way with Unexpected Elements.

FRI 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m8bwj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgcl1k95)

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FRI 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016yq57)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dxj)

The Global Story

FRI 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m8gmz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 12:06 Outlook (w3ct69b1)

Outlook Mixtape

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FRI 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5yft)

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FRI 13:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m8ld3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgcl1ssf)

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FRI 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016yynh)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 13:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tgd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

FRI 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m8q47)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 14:06 Newshour (w172zb9c0k56km6)

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FRI 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m8twc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5swb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

FRI 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016z64r)
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FRI 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5ztr)
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FRI 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m8ymh)
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FRI 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbjhrpxlpy)
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FRI 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m92cm)
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FRI 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbjhrpxqfz)
2025/01/31 17:06 GMT

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FRI 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m963r)
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FRI 18:06 Outlook (w3ct69b1)
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FRI 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5yft)
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FRI 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m99vw)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgcl2j86)
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FRI 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016zp48)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w2d)
2025/01/31 GMT

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 (w172zgfkk9m9fm0)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rcw)
OS Conversations On

How major news stories are affecting the lives of people around the world

FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd016zswd)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rjd)
Is my smartwatch good for my health?

Smartwatches are increasingly popular: around the world many of us use these wearable devices to monitor our performance and improve our fitness. But how reliable is the data they collect? And can they actually make us healthier?

These are questions put to us by CrowdScience listeners Fayaz and Caitlin in Malawi. Presenter Caroline Steel meets them at a gym in Blantyre, Malawi, and together they put their smartwatches to the test.

We turn to public health researcher Cailbhe Doherty, who has reviewed smartwatch accuracy. But is it crucial for smartwatches to be accurate: if they get us off the couch, isn't that what makes the difference to our health? Health behaviour expert Ty Ferguson has studied this very question. And finally, how does quantifying our every move affect the way we think about ourselves and how we live?

FRI 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m9kc4)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9c0k57dv3)
Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

FRI 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m9p38)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgcl2whl)
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FRI 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd01701cn)
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FRI 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zx0)
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