

**SATURDAY 01 FEBRUARY 2025****SAT 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m9x1j)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 00:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q33)**

Snake science

Celebrations for the Lunar New Year kicked off on 29th January, and this year is the Year of the Snake.

We start things off by discussing the purpose of some mysterious serpent markings on the banks of the Orinoco River.

Next, we find out about the origins of snake oil, before digging into the psychology of why we trust snake-like people.

Plus, herpetologist Dr Mark O'Shea tells us all about his work identifying snakes, and what happened when he got bitten.

That, plus many more Unexpected Elements.

Presenters: Marnie Chesterton, with Chhavi Sachdev and Christine Yohannes.

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

**SAT 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mb1bn)**

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**SAT 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfxrwny9hj)**

Canada, Mexico, and China face tariffs on Saturday, White House says

President Trump confirms big tariffs are being imposed on goods coming into the US from Mexico, Canada, and China. We'll hear from businesses in Canada and Mexico on their response.

We hear the story of one family's return to their home following the Los Angeles wildfires. David Brancaccio, a journalist with our US partner Marketplace, who bought a house just a few months ago and was burnt down by the California firestorms earlier this month.

India's finance minister will be presenting the country's annual budget in a few hours' time, outlining the government's spending plans for the coming year.

Throughout the program, we will be joined by two guests on opposite sides of the world: Andy Uhler, Journalism Fellow at the Energy Institute at The University of Texas, who's in Austin, and Nga Pham, a journalist in Taipei in Taiwan.

**SAT 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mb52s)**

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**SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgcl3ch3)**

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**SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd0170jc5)**

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**SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct5why)**

Geoff Allardice resigns: What next for the ICC?

Alison Mitchell, Clint Wheelton and Charu Sharma discuss what is next for the International Cricket Council after Geoff Allardice resigned as Chief Executive. He leaves after four years in the role in order to 'pursue other challenges'. Allardice was appointed as Chief Executive in 2021 of the ICC and during his tenure has been involved in major developments including bringing the Men's T20 World Cup to the USA and the creation of the World Test Championship. The decision comes less than two months after India's Jay Shah became Chair and with the Champions Trophy due to get underway next month. The Stumped team discuss his legacy and who may be appointed in the role.

Hobart Hurricanes have won their first Big Bash title largely thanks to lifelong Hurricanes fan Mitchell Owen who scored 108 in the final. Clint Wheelton tells us more about the hometown hero and what this could mean for his cricketing career.

Plus history has been made at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, with a Women's Test Match taking place there for the first time since 1949. The Test celebrates the 90th anniversary of Women's Test Cricket. We are joined by David Studham who is the librarian at the Melbourne Cricket Ground to tell us about their collection.

Photo: Geoff Allardice, former cricketer and ICC chief during day five of the ICC World Test Championship Final between Australia and India at The Oval on June 11, 2023 in London, England. (Photo by Visionhaus/Getty Images)

**SAT 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mb8tx)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 03:06 Outlook (w3ct69b1)**

The children of the Holocaust, 80 years on

This week marks 80 years since the Auschwitz death camp was liberated and as the years pass the importance of gathering and keeping survivors' stories is felt more and more keenly. At Outlook we've spoken to many incredible people who personally experienced the holocaust, and so in this edition we bring you some of those voices and testimony.

Dita Kraus was only 14 when she arrived at the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp in Nazi-controlled Poland. She found some escape from the daily horror by working in the children's hut, looking after a small collection of books. She has written her own book about her experience entitled *A Delayed Life: The True Story of the Librarian of Auschwitz*. This interview was first broadcast in 2020.

Deported from Hungary when he was five, Peter Lantos spent time in the forced labour camp Bergen-Belsen. 21 of his relatives were murdered. Peter became a successful neuroscientist and has also written about his experiences but from the perspective of his five-year-old self, his book is called *The Boy Who Didn't Want To Die*. This interview was first broadcast in 2023.

When she was 11 Eva Mendelsson's mother Sylvia Cohn gave her a book of poems that she had written. It is her most treasured possession – her mother's words following Eva throughout her life. Sylvia gave up her daughters so they could be smuggled out of Nazi-controlled France while she herself was sent to Auschwitz. This interview was first broadcast in 2021.

Henry Wuga was a teenage apprentice chef when his mother managed to get him a place on the Kindertransport, a scheme through which thousands of Jewish children were able to escape Nazi-controlled countries just before the outbreak of World War Two. Following a series of misunderstandings Henry found himself temporarily locked up in internment camps in Britain, however his cooking skills helped him make the best of the situation. This interview was first broadcast in 2023, sadly Henry passed away last year (2024), aged 100.

Presenter: India Rakusen

Producer: Julian Siddle

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(Photo: Children leaving Vienna on the Kindertransport. Credit: Imagno/Getty Images)

**SAT 03:50 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)

**SAT 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mbdl1)**

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**SAT 04:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q33)**

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**SAT 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mbjb5)**

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**SAT 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgcl3qqh)**

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**SAT 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd0170wlk)**

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**SAT 05:32 Diddy On Trial (w3ct7m4r)**

What's a Diddy party like?

Broadcaster Precious Muir used to be a model and worked for the Playboy Bunny brand. Parties were a big part of the job, and she tells Anoushka Mutanda-Dougherty about her experiences in early 2000s New York.

Precious says she experienced a terrifying moment at one event, but didn't feel able to speak out. Plus, she takes Anoushka into the world of a Diddy Hamptons party, where there was glamour and opportunity, laced with sex, drugs and alcohol.

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

Get in touch now via WhatsApp: +44330 123 555 1

Presenter: Anoushka Mutanda-Dougherty

Series Producer: Laura Jones

Sound Design: Richard Hannaford

Production Coordinator: Hattie Valentine

Editor: Clare Fordham

Commissioning Editor: Rhian Roberts

**SAT 05:50 More or Less (w3ct5trf)**

Are quantum computers already super-powerful?

Google claim their latest quantum computer chip is able to process something in five minutes it would take a normal computer 10 septillion years to figure out.

As this is a massive amount longer than the entire history of the known universe, that seems to suggest the chip is extremely powerful.

But when you understand what's going on, the claim doesn't seem quite so impressive.

Dr Peter Leek, a quantum computer scientist from Oxford University, explains the key context.

Presenter: Charlotte McDonald

Producer: Tom Colls

Production co-ordinator: Brenda Brown

Sound mix: Andrew Garratt

Editor: Richard Vadon

**SAT 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mbn29)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 06:06 Weekend (w172zcxdf979wz4)**

Trump reaffirms tariffs on US neighbours and China

US President Donald Trump will impose tariffs on Saturday of 25% on Mexico, 25% on Canada and 10% on China, the White

House says.

Also in the programme, another three hostages held in Gaza are due to be released today in exchange for one hundred and eighty three Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails. And, the UN says fighting between the Rwandan backed M23 rebels and the army in the Democratic Republic of Congo has left at least 700 people dead since Sunday.

Presenter Julian Worricker is joined by Lesley Vinjamuri, director of the US and Americas programme at London think tank Chatham House and Prof.Rana Mitter - ST Lee Chair in US-Asia Relations at the Harvard Kennedy School.

Photo: US President Trump speaks as he signs an executive order in the Oval office at the White House. 31 Jan 2025. Credit: Reuters/Carlos Barria

**SAT 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mbrtf)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 07:06 Weekend (w172zxcfd97b0q8)**

More Israeli hostages released in Gaza

Ofer Kalderon and Yarden Bibas have just been handed over to Israeli forces in Gaza, the Israeli military has confirmed. The release of US-Israeli citizen Keith Siegel, 65, is expected shortly in a separate ceremony in Gaza City.

Also in the programme, China's foreign ministry has warned Donald Trump that a trade war has no winners as the US prepares to slap an extra 10 per cent tariffs on Chinese made goods. And, the new US secretary of state, Marco Rubio embarks on his first foreign trip to Central America and the Caribbean.

Photo: Ofer Kalderon one of the three Israeli hostages held in Gaza since the 7, October 2023 attack, is released by Hamas militants. Credit: Reuters

**SAT 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mbwkk)**

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**SAT 08:06 Weekend (w172zxcfd97b4gd)**

EU foreign policy chief: Europe must increase defence spending

The European Union's member states must spend more on defence to keep pace with the threats facing the continent, its foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas has warned.

Also in the programme, we hear from Bassam Ass'ous, grandfather of two-year old Laila Al-Khatib who was shot in the head by the Israeli military last Saturday. And, Hamas hands over two Israeli hostages, Yarden Bibas, 34, and Ofer Kalderon, 53, who have crossed the border into Israel. A third US-Israeli citizen will be released in Gaza city.

A new BBC drama, Miss Austen will premier here in the UK on BBC One channel on Sunday. It reimagines the moment when Cassandra Austen threw Jane's letters into the fire, and frames it as an act of sisterly love. It's based on the novel by the writer Gill Hornby.

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Photo: European High Representative for Foreign and Security Policy Kaja Kallas speaks to the media as she attends Foreign Affairs Council at the EU headquarters in Brussel, 27 January 2025.Credit: EPA/ Olivier Hoslet

**SAT 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mc09p)**

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**SAT 09:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rcw)**

Immigrants in America

Hours after his inauguration, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency at America's southern border with Mexico. He vowed that "all illegal entry will be halted" and that millions of "criminal aliens" would be deported.

Many undocumented residents in the United States - who have been living, working and paying taxes there for years - are now fearful that they too will be deported. Alejandra was born in Mexico and was brought to the US by her undocumented parents when she was five. She grew up with her siblings in South Carolina "in the shadows" and now has legal status but is afraid for her family's future.

"My dad is the head of our home," said Alejandra. "Everything would fall apart. My dad has a mortgage. We would lose the house. It really does alter everybody's life."

We also hear from residents in Texas who support President Trump's actions. Ross Barrera lives in Rio Grande City, which is close to the Mexican border and has seen illegal migrants trying to enter the country on a regular basis.

"Every day we see high speed chases of the border patrol," said Barrera. "We see folks crossing our highways in the morning when the school buses pick up the kids. We see folks being picked up by border patrol. We see property being damaged."

Hosted by Krupa Padhy with conversations by Mark Lowen and Luke Jones.

A Boffin Media production with producer Sue Nelson in partnership with the BBC OS team and producers Iqra Farooq, Virginia Kelly and Akwasi Sarpong. (Photo: Itzayana in Texas. Credit: Itzayana)

**SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd0171cl2)**

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**SAT 09:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v1s)**

You love our interview with Ariana Grande

From child star to music icon, now Ariana Grande is an Oscar nominee for her role in Wicked. Plus, why ancient Arabic manuscripts are kept in the UK, the unborring story of vanilla - and a new podcast, The Con: Kaitlyn's Baby.

**SAT 09:50 Over to You (w3ct5tv0)**

The challenges of change at the top of US politics

In a special edition, Donald Trump's inauguration as the 47th US president was comprehensively covered by all BBC World Service news shows, including a special edition of the Global News Podcast. But what challenges do the Trump presidency present for journalists, including the BBC's news teams? We're joined by a senior news editor and we hear listeners' feedback.

Presenter: Rajan Datar

Producer: Howard Shannon.

A Whistledown production for the BBC World Service

**SAT 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mc41t)**

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**SAT 10:06 Sportshour (w3ct5qby)**

Captain Maro

The men's Six Nations get underway on Friday whilst current champions Ireland start their defence by welcoming England and their newly appointed captain Maro Itoje. When not leading his nations rugby team Maro collects African art and funds innovative schemes to help those who need help to attain the education they deserve. Born in North London to Nigerian parents Maro he's been telling Sportshour's Katie Smith about his life off the pitch and work the work of his charitable foundation.

From catches to crops, tackles to tilling and football to farming! For many a career in the NFL is what their entire life is primed for. But it can leave some, even those who achieve their dream feeling hollow, their life lacking meaning beyond the playing field. At the age of 29 and after seeing out a record-breaking contract that made him the best paid player in his position, in the NFL, he walked away from the game and into one of the worlds hardest professions. That is when Jason Brown the football star became Jason Brown the farmer. He has been telling Sportshour's Katie Smith, early one morning from his fruit farm in North Carolina, about his remarkable story and about the two million tons of food he gives away annually for free.

The Premier League's winter transfer window has been open throughout January... but on Monday... it closes... Or slams shut if you prefer! So, this weekend marks a frantic and final opportunity for players to complete a move. So, who better to speak to than football agent Barry Silkman. Barry has been an agent for many years having had a successful career in the lower reaches of English football, although he also made a handful of appearances at Manchester City. After his career ended Barry realised there was a lack of player advocacy and so he set about helping other players get contracts. His client list over the years is illustrious and very nearly included finalising a deal for Newcastle United to buy Zinedine Zidane! As if football wasn't enough, Barry spread his wing into the world of entertainment and took several famous singers under his wing, including Rod Stewart and Phil Collins.

PHOTO: England captain Maro Itoje (CREDIT: Ramsey

Cardy/Sportsfile via Getty Images)

**SAT 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mc7sy)**

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**SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgcl4g68)**

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**SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd0171m2b)**

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**SAT 11:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct5yc9)**

How could a second Trump presidency affect the war in Ukraine?

John Simpson visits Russia's neighbour Latvia for a special episode of Unspun World where he reflects on how the collapse of the Soviet Union has shaped Putin's Russia. With BBC experts in the region, John explores how a second Trump presidency may affect the war in Ukraine and looks at the Baltic balancing act over the threat from Moscow.

**SAT 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mccck2)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 12:06 World Book Club (w3ct5r3z)**

Meg Rosoff: How I Live Now

Novelist Meg Rosoff joins Harriett Gilbert to answer listeners' questions about one of her best-loved novels, How I Live Now.

It is the story of Daisy, an American teenager shipped off to live with her aunt and cousins in England. What is at first an idyllic escape into English countryside life is shattered at the onset of War, when England is suddenly occupied by an unknown enemy. Daisy finds herself struggling to survive and keep her new family safe as they face violence, fear and starvation, while at the same time experiencing her first love, with her own cousin - Edmond.

Beautiful, brutal, and laced with Daisy's razor-sharp, jaded teenage humour, this is a book that brings readers into a world that feels incredibly, terrifyingly real, and will likely stay in your memory for years to come.

(Photo: Meg Rosoff. Credit: Gloria Hamlyn/Penguin Books)

**SAT 13:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mch96)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 13:06 Newshour (w172zb9c0k59bs5)**

Trump administration imposes tariffs on China, Canada and Mexico

As the US administration imposes tariffs on its three largest trading partners - Canada, Mexico and China - we ask what impact they will have, first and foremost, on China. Also on the programme: as Rwandan-backed rebels advance on the city of Bukavu in the Democratic Republic of Congo, a women's rights activist tells us people are scared; and how to ensure the survival of calculations chalked on a blackboard by Albert Einstein.

Photo: US President Donald Trump holds a press conference at the White House in Washington DC Credit: WILL OLIVER/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock

**SAT 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mcm1b)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w172zbn945s2x4s)**

Live Sporting Action

Lee James presents live Premier League commentary of Liverpool's trip to Bournemouth. Three-time Premier League winner Robert Huth and former West Ham and Wolves winger Matt Jarvis join Lee ahead of kick off.

The Sportsworld team have reaction to the opening weekend of rugby union's Six Nations and netball's Nations Cup. We'll also assess what moves might be made before the NBA trade deadline.

Plus, we'll reflect on this week's Africa Cup of Nations draw.

Photo: Trent Alexander-Arnold of Liverpool and Dango Ouattara of Bournemouth during the Premier League match between Liverpool FC and AFC Bournemouth at Anfield on

September 21, 2024 in Liverpool, England. (Credit: AFC Bournemouth via Getty Images)

**SAT 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9md30v)**

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**SAT 18:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgcl59f5)**

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**SAT 18:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd0172g97)**

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**SAT 18:32 Diddy On Trial (w3ct7m4r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 today]

**SAT 18:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wfp)**

George Best scores a double hat-trick

On 7 February 1970, footballing legend George Best returned from a month-long ban to score six goals in one game.

The striker wanted to prove the critics wrong who said Manchester United had been playing better without him.

Ray Fairfax, from Northampton Town, was tasked with marking the Ballon d'Or winner.

He tells Vicky Farncombe the unusual methods his side used to prepare for the match – including drinking sherry and eggs - and how it felt to face Best's skill.

"It seemed as though he was destined for everything that had gone before to say: 'I'm here, this is what I can do,'" says Ray.

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: George Best. Credit: Getty Images)

**SAT 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9md6rz)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 19:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjk)**

Why is China building the world's biggest dam?

China has approved the construction of what will become the world's largest hydropower dam in Tibet. Located in the lower reaches of the Yarlung Tsangpo river, it could generate three times more energy than the Three Gorges Dam – also built by China - and currently the worlds' biggest.

This Inquiry examines how important hydropower is for China's economy, whether it will meet its climate goals and whether this new dam is a "safe project that prioritises ecological protection" as China claims. We look at how it'll be built, and why some in neighbouring countries have concerns.

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Image credit: China News Service via Getty Images

**SAT 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd017211e)**

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**SAT 19:32 Happy News (w3ct5sq)**

The Happy Pod: From security guard to sculptor at the Met Museum

We meet security guard Armia Khalil, whose kindness to a visitor led to his sculpture being exhibited at New York's Met Museum. Also, new hope for Parkinson's, beer that's good for you and Bhutan welcomes Ed Sheeran.

Presenter: Oliver Conway

Music: Iona Hampson

**SAT 20:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mdbj3)**

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**SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qkq)**

Author Nayantara Roy

Nikki Bedi is in conversation with the multi award-winning British filmmaker Mike Leigh, who's reunited with actor Marianne Jean Baptiste for his latest film Hard Truths.

Korean American author Juhea Kim reveals the mystical inspiration for her award-winning first novel.

Oscar-nominated American actor Colman Domingo talks about working with a cast of former inmates as opposed to actors in the prison set film Sing Sing.

And Nikki is joined by the Indian American author Nayantara Roy who'll be talking about her debut novel The Magnificent Ruins.

Katie Puckrik is Nikki's cultural critic.

(Photo: Nayantara Roy. Credit: Alex Wall)

**SAT 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mdg87)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9c0k5b9r6)**

Politicians react to US tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China

The Trump administration has imposed tariffs on the US's three largest trading partners: Mexico, Canada and China. Canadian officials say twenty-five percent tariffs will come into force on Tuesday. We get the reactions on those import duties from former Mexican foreign Minister Jorge Castenada and Miles Yu, China advisor to former US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

Also on the programme: the BBC visits the Panama Canal ahead of a US Secretary of State visit and; the Taliban has taken over the luxury Serena Hotel in Kabul, one correspondent tells us what it was like to stay there.

Image: Trudeau speaks on U.S.-Canada relations in Toronto, January 31, 2025. (Credit: Cole Burston for Reuters).

**SAT 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mdl0c)**

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**SAT 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgcl5sdp)**

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**SAT 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd0172y8r)**

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**SAT 22:32 This Is Africa (w3ct5y66)**

Grammys 2025

On the eve of the Grammys, CEO Harvey Mason Jr tells TIA why the world's most famous music awards wanted to include a category for African music and how artists get nominated.

The first ever Best African Music Performance gong was won last year by Tyla from South Africa with her monster hit,

Water.

In 2025, the nominees are all Nigerian, bar one. They are Yemi Alade, Tems, Burna Boy, Asake, Wizkid, Davido and Lojay.

The exception is Chris Brown, from the USA.

So does African not mean African? All will be revealed...

Image: Tyla poses with her 2024 Grammy award for Best African Music Performance (Credit: Emma McIntyre/Getty Images for The Recording Academy)

**SAT 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mdprh)**

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**SAT 23:06 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'.

With thanks to the Buabeng family and Derrick Asiamah, MrAnchor.

Presenter: Hannah Ajala  
Producer: Adele Armstrong  
Editor: Clare Fordham

(Photo: Traditional Atumpan drummers in Kumasi, Ghana. Credit: Hannah Ajala)

**SAT 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd017320w)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SAT 23:32 Assignment (w3ct5mv0)**

Reel Revolution? The dramatic rise of Saudiwood

Saudi Arabia is rolling out the red carpet to filmmakers and foreign companies as it sets out to establish itself as a major player in the entertainment industry. After lifting a 35-year ban on cinemas in 2018, the Kingdom is now luring Hollywood with cash incentives to shoot in the desert, and playing host to a glitzy international film festival. The move is all part of Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman's 'Vision 2030' - a grand blueprint to rewrite the Kingdom's script, diversify its economy away from oil, and expand its cultural influence through films, gaming and sport, all at the same time seeking to keep an overwhelming young population happy. It is a dramatic transformation with writers, directors and actors now prepared to test boundaries and break taboos on screen. But as Emily Wither finds out Saudi Arabia is still a country where not every story can be told.

Presenter: Emily Wither  
Producers Emily Wither and Ben Carter  
Editor: Penny Murphy  
Sound Engineer: Neil Churchill  
Production manager: Gemma Ashman

(Image: Spike Lee presents an award at the Red Sea International Film Festival 2024 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Credit: Daniele Venturelli/Getty Images for The Red Sea International Film Festival)

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**SUN 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mdthm)**

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**SUN 00:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rcw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]

**SUN 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd01735s0)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 00:32 Diddy On Trial (w3ct7m4r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

**SUN 00:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wfp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

**SUN 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9m9dy7r)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 01:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:06 on Saturday]

**SUN 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd01739j4)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 01:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69jt)**

Inside an Iranian prison

Thousands of women in Iran were arrested in 2022 after the Woman, Life, Freedom protests against the mandatory hijab. Many of them were sent to Evin, a notorious prison known for housing people with political charges. Through multiple reliable sources BBC Persian has pieced together what day to day life is like for women in Evin. World Service editor Golnoosh Golshani has the story. Plus, BBC Africa's Jelilat Olawale explains the meaning of some of the Nigerian words that were recently added to the Oxford English Dictionary.

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

'Songs from Inside' is part of the BBC 100 Women series and is available to watch on the BBC World Service YouTube page. To find out more about the other inspiring and influential women on this year's list go to [bbc.co.uk/100women](http://bbc.co.uk/100women). You can also follow BBC 100 Women on Facebook and Instagram.

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

**SUN 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mf1zw)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgcl68d6)**

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**SUN 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd0173f88)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 02:32 Health Check (w3ct5t9w)**

USA issues stop-work order on global aid

What will President Trump's order stopping work on foreign aid projects mean for global health?

Also on the program, a new method for repairing heart muscles using stem cells shows promise, and do weight-loss drugs also stop the 'food noise' so many people hear? GP and medical journalist Graham Easton joins Claudia in studio to discuss.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond

Producer: Margaret Sessa-Hawkins

**SUN 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mf5r0)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 03:06 World Book Club (w3ct5r3z)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

**SUN 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mf9h4)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sk0)**

Trump's deportation drive hits home in Mexico

Pascale Harter introduces correspondents' and reporters' despatches from Mexico, the USA, Bangladesh and Ivory Coast.

In cities across the US, the Immigration Enforcement Agency has been conducting raids and arresting thousands of undocumented migrants, as part of President Trump's immigration crackdown. Many Latin American nations are preparing for the potential arrival of tens of thousands of people in the coming weeks. Will Grant reports from both sides of the US-Mexico border.

Donald Trump has been moving at a blistering pace to set in train his agenda for his second term. A flood of executive orders and announcements was unleashed - including ending federal diversity programmes, renaming landmarks, and withdrawing the US from the Paris climate agreement and the WHO. Anthony Zurcher joined the president on board Air Force One.

Bangladesh's success in lowering infant mortality rates has made it something of a global public health success story. But deaths related to diarrheal diseases, like cholera and rotavirus, still run high because of long-standing problems of overcrowding, poor sanitation and scarcity of clean water. Rebecca Root visited the world's largest diarrhoeal hospital, the ICCDR-B in Dhaka, and heard how climate change is adding to its staff's worries.

You might have noticed your favourite treats getting a little smaller recently. As costs of manufacture, shipping and raw cacao nibs have risen, chocolate makers have been reducing their packet or bar sizes - even if the price tags have gone up. But how much of the money goes back to the growers? John Murphy asked the people working cocoa plantations in Ivory Coast if they're seeing any benefits from booming cocoa prices.

(Image: Migrants deported from the United States at the El Chaparral crossing port in Tijuana, Baja California state, Mexico (Photo by GUILLERMO ARIAS/AFP via Getty Images)

**SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd0173nrj)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 04:32 Trending (w3ct5y9t)**

The dark side of music streaming

In September last year, musician Michael Smith of North Carolina was charged with stealing millions from music streaming services. The US Department of Justice has accused him of using artificial intelligence tools and thousands of bots to fraudulently stream songs billions of times - taking millions of dollars of royalties which otherwise would have been paid to real artists.

The case has been labeled as 'unprecedented' and 'the first of its kind'. But could fraud on music streaming services actually be much more prevalent than any of the platforms let on? BBC Trending speaks to music industry insiders, and those fighting back against streaming fraud.

Reporter and producer: Beth Godwin

Editor: Flora Carmichael

Credits: The opening sequence contains an excerpt from a news report by WBTW Charlotte (USA). We also include a trailer for the show 'One Shot' from Black Entertainment Television (BET)

**SUN 04:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wfp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

**SUN 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mf7f8)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgcl6mml)**

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**SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd0173shn)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct7m68)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:06 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mfjzd)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 06:06 Weekend (w172zxcf97dsw7)**

Mexico and Canada hit back at Trump's tariffs

Canada's prime minister, Justin Trudeau, and Mexican president ,Claudia Sheinbaum, have threatened retaliatory tariffs after Donald Trump announced he would impose 25% tariffs on both nations' goods beginning on Tuesday. Canadian energy faces a lower 10% tariff.

Also on the programme: The US Secretary of State, Marco Rubio, is due to hold talks with the President José Raúl Mulino of Panama today amid threats by President Trump to seize the Panama Canal; and in recognition of the huge crowds it draws, Da Vinci's masterpiece, the Mona Lisa, is to be moved to what's being described as its own "special space" within the Louvre museum in Paris.

Presenter Julian Worricker is joined in our London studio by Dayo Forster, a Gambian-born writer and data specialist now based in the UK, and Roman Krznaric, a UK-based writer and social philosopher.

(Photo: Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum during a press conference at the National Palace in Mexico City, Mexico on 30 January 2025. Credit: SASHENKA GUTIERREZ/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

**SUN 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mfngj)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 07:06 Weekend (w172zxcf97dxmc)**

Trump to host Israeli PM

Benjamin Netanyahu will be the first foreign leader invited to the US White House on Tuesday to meet Donald Trump since President Trump began his second term in office.

Also on the programme: a view from Mexico on the imposition of tariffs from the United States; and Saudi Arabia's immersive theatre.

Host Julian Worricker is joined by guests Dayo Forster, a Gambian-born writer and data specialist now based in the UK, and Roman Krznaric, a UK-based writer and social philosopher.

(Photo: U.S President Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu shake hands after Trump's address at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem on May 23 2017. Credit: REUTERS/Ronen Zvulun)

**SUN 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mfsgn)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 08:06 Weekend (w172zxcf97f1ch)**

Canadian PM announce retaliatory tariffs on the US

Justin Trudeau said Canada was putting tariffs on over 100 billion dollars of US goods, and about one third of those measures will take effect on Tuesday, when American tariffs on Canadian goods also start.

Also on the programme: Burundi's president has said the conflict in the east Democratic Republic of Congo risks escalating into a broader regional war; and we head to London's Warburg Institute to hear about an exhibition exploring the history of tarot cards.

Host Julian Worricker is joined by guests Dayo Forster, a Gambian-born writer and data specialist now based in the UK, and Roman Krznaric, a UK-based writer and social philosopher.

(Photo: Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at a press conference in Ottawa, Canada on 1 February, 2025. Credit: REUTERS/Patrick Doyle)

**SUN 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mf6s)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sk0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today]

**SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd01748h5)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 09:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xp2)**

Crunch!

Why do we enjoy foods that crunch?

Listener Sheila Harris contacted The Food Chain with that question and asked us to find out if the food texture has any benefits.

Ruth Alexander speaks to Danielle Reed, Chief Science Officer at the Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia, US, who says that crunchy foods signal freshness and help our brains decide if a food is safe to eat.

Paediatric dentist Ashley Lerman in New York, US says crunchy fruit and vegetables can act as a natural tooth cleaner.

Anthropologist Professor Noreen von Cramon-Taubadel at the University at Buffalo in New York, US says that the texture of our diets can impact the shape of our faces. Her work has studied how jaw shape has changed as humans switched from hunter gatherer to farming diets.

Ciarán Forde, Professor of Sensory Science and Eating

Behaviour at Wageningen University in the Netherlands explains how crunchy and other hard textures could help us to eat more slowly and consume fewer calories.

And could crunch make foods more palatable? Chef Dulsie Fadzai Mudekwa in Zimbabwe says the texture is key to convincing people to try edible insects.

If you have a question for The Food Chain email [thefoodchain@bbc.co.uk](mailto:thefoodchain@bbc.co.uk)

Produced by Beatrice Pickup.

(Image: a woman biting a stick of celery. Credit: Getty Images/BBC)

**SUN 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mg0yx)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 10:06 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](mailto:peoplefixingtheworld@bbc.co.uk)

Image: Senor Rogelio Valverde sits by his water source

**SUN 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd0174d79)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 10:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69jt)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 01:32 today]

**SUN 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mg4q1)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgcl7c3c)**  
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**SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd0174hzt)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 11:32 Trending (w3ct5y9t)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

**SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct5trf)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

**SUN 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mg8g5)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 12:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rcw)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]

**SUN 12:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd0174mqk)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 12:32 Assignment (w3ct5mv0)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:32 on Saturday]

**SUN 13:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mgd69)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 13:06 Newshour (w172zb9c0k5d7p8)**

Rubio lands in Panama after Trump threat to 'take back' canal

The US secretary of state, Marco Rubio, is in Panama to meet its president and tour the canal. Mr Rubio's meeting with President Jose Raul Mulino has taken on urgency following President Trump's stated determination to take back the canal, with military force if necessary.

Also on the programme: We look at how the US freeze on foreign aid has impacted HIV treatment in South Africa; and the storytellers of Marrakesh - spinning a yarn for a new record.

(Photo: Secretary of State Marco Rubio is received by Panamanian Foreign Minister Javier Martinez-Acha. Credit: Mark Schiefelbein/Pool via REUTERS)

**SUN 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mghyf)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 14:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wsz)**  
Grace and Kisilu's Story

The Musya family from rural Kenya have become the stars of two documentaries, inspiring audiences around the world with their efforts to fight the impact of climate change.

The award-winning 'Thank You For The Rain' shows how Kisilu Musya manages to keep his family on their farm by planting trees, diversifying their crops and adapting to more extreme weather events. 'Grace And The Storm' tells the story from the perspective of his daughter Grace and was made by CBBC for children around the world.

The Climate Question visits the Musya farm in Kenya and talks to the documentary-maker Julia Dahr. Dahr directed 'Thank You For The Rain' and co-directed 'Grace And The Storm' with Dina Mwende. UK viewers can watch 'Grace And The Storm' via the link.

Presenter: Jordan Dunbar  
Reporter in Kenya: Michael Kaloki  
Producers: Ellie House and Graihagh Jackson  
Sound Design: Tom Brignell  
Editor: Simon Watts

If you have a question, email us at [theclimatequestion@bbc.com](mailto:theclimatequestion@bbc.com) or leave a WhatsApp message at + 44 8000 321 721

**SUN 14:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd0174w6t)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 14:32 Happy News (w3ct5sqd)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:32 on Saturday]

**SUN 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mgmpk)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 15:06 Sportsworld (w172zbn945s5xt0)**  
Live Sporting Action

Sportsworld has full commentary from the Emirates Stadium as Arsenal take on Manchester City. There will also be updates and reaction from Manchester United v Crystal Palace, and Brentford v Tottenham.

Former Spurs defender Sébastien Bassong joins Delyth Lloyd to look back over all the weekend's action. The Milan derby is the highlight of the weekend's action in Italy's Serie A, and Italian football expert Daniele Verri is the guest for EuroStars.

And it's a busy time for cricket, and Sportsworld has the latest from the Women's Ashes and the T20 series between India and England.

Photo: Arsenal and Manchester City teams confront each other during the Premier League match between Manchester City FC and Arsenal FC at Etihad Stadium on September 22, 2024 in Manchester, England. (Credit: Visionhaus/Getty Images)

**SUN 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mh3p2)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgcl8b2d)**  
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**SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd0175gyg)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 19:32 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 protesters.

Presenter: Nyima Pratten  
Producer: Ly Truong, Ruth Evans  
BBC Eye producer: Alex Matholie  
Editor: Rebecca Henschke  
Sound engineer: Neil Churchill

**SUN 20:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mh7f6)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q33)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 on Saturday]

**SUN 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mhcb5b)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9c0k5f6n9)**  
Israeli PM heads to Washington to meet Trump

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is en route to meet US president Donald Trump. He will be the first foreign leader to meet President Trump since his return to office. The meeting comes as the first phase of the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas continues. However, negotiations on phase two are meant to start tomorrow except that negotiator Qatar says there are no clear plans to do so at the moment.

Also in the programme: The US warns Panama it must make immediate changes to what it calls the "influence and control" of China over the Panama canal; and we find out about the early years of the tech billionaire Bill Gates.

(FILE PHOTO: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addresses a joint meeting of Congress on July 24, 2024. REUTERS/Craig Hudson)

**SUN 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mhgxg)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrgcl8p9s)**  
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**SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd0175v5v)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 22:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69jt)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 01:32 today]

**SUN 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mhlml)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 23:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wsz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 today]

**SUN 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd0175yxz)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 23:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v1s)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

**SUN 23:50 Over to You (w3ct5tv0)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

**MONDAY 03 FEBRUARY 2025**

**MON 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfkk9mxmknw)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 00:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sk0)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

**MON 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggd0175xy8)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 00:32 Trending (w3ct5y9t)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 on Sunday]

**MON 00:50 More or Less (w3ct5trf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

**MON 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkmpf0)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 01:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtrmwdfwb)**

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**MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jb1pd)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 01:32 Discovery (w3ct5rnrx)**

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 is 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 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkmt54)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtrmwdf0kg)**

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**MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jb5fj)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 02:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rjd)**

Is my smartwatch good for my health?

Smartwatches are increasingly popular and 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?

CrowdScience listener Caitlin from Malawi is a big fan of her smartwatch. Her husband Fayaz, however, is much more sceptical of its accuracy, and has asked us to investigate. We meet up with them both at the gym, where Caitlin and presenter Caroline Steel put their fitness trackers – and themselves – to the test.

We visit public health researchers Dr Caibhe Doherty and Rory Lambe, who investigate the accuracy of wearable consumer devices, at University College Dublin. Caroline again pushes herself to the limit to see how her smartwatch results measure up to those from gold standard laboratory equipment.

But is it crucial for smartwatches to be accurate? If they get us off the couch, is that what makes the difference to our health? Health behaviour expert Dr Ty Ferguson from the University of South Australia has studied this very question. And finally, how does quantifying our every move affect the way we think about ourselves and how we live? Professor Deborah Lupton from UNSW Sydney, shares some insights.

Presenter: Caroline Steel

Producers: Jo Glanville and Sophie Ormiston

Editor: Cathy Edwards

Technical producer: Sarah Hockley

Production co-ordinator: Ishmael Soriano

**MON 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkxmx8)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 03:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct4y0g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Sunday]

**MON 03:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jb95n)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 03:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v1s)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

**MON 03:50 Over to You (w3ct5tv0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

**MON 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkx1nd)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtrmwdf81q)**

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**MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jbdxs)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct5x0s)**

Lessons from female philosophers

Datshiane Navanayagam speaks to two academics dedicated to uncovering the vital role of women in shaping philosophical thought, both past and present.

Dr Giulia Cavaliere is an Italian philosopher who lectures at University College London. Her research focuses on infertility, assisted reproductive technologies and the desire to have genetically related children.

Dr Sabrina Ebbersmeyer is a German philosopher who made history as the first woman to be appointed as a professor of Philosophy at the University of Copenhagen. She specialises in uncovering the historical contributions of female intellectuals to the discipline during the Renaissance, Early Modern period and Nordic Enlightenment.

Produced by Emily Naylor

(Image: (L) Giulia Cavaliere courtesy of Giulia Cavaliere. (R) Sabrina Ebbersmeyer courtesy of Sabrina Ebbersmeyer.)

**MON 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkx5dj)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 05:06 Newsday (w172zbkgwz4g923)**

US imposes tariffs on Canada, China and Mexico

Canada and Mexico call for retaliatory tariffs after Washington imposed twenty-five percent import taxes on goods, raising worries of a potentially crippling trade war. We'll speak to a former Mexican deputy trade minister.

It was Grammys Night and Beyonce won big, winning Album of the Year. We'll be finding out how Afro-Caribbean artists fared.

The BBC has gained access into the city of Goma in the Democratic Republic of Congo, after widespread violence.

(Photo: A customer at a liquor store in Vancouver, February 2, 2025; Credit: Reuters)

**MON 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkx94n)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 06:06 Newsday (w172zbkgwz4gd17)**

Mexico, Canada, China condemn US tariff hike

Donald Trump is threatening more trade tariffs, this time on another ally, the European Union. Levies on goods from Canada and Mexico are due to be imposed on Tuesday. But President Trump is due to speak to both countries' leaders later on Monday. We'll speak to a trade expert in China about how Beijing is likely to respond.

The former president of Spain's football federation, Luis Rubiales, goes on trial to face charges of sexual assault. The case has raised broader questions about women's football and society.

The British husband of a Thai woman whose body was found over twenty years ago in a mountain stream in northern England has been arrested.

The BBC has gained access into the city of Goma in the Democratic Republic of Congo. M23 rebels killed more than seven-hundred people in the past week. We'll get the latest from a journalist in Goma city.

We'll hear from Panama after the new US Secretary of State visited to talk about President Trump's threat to take back the Panama Canal.

(Photo: A sign in a liquor store in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, February 2, 2025; Credit: Reuters)

**MON 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkxndws)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 07:06 Newsday (w172zbkgwz4gjkc)**

President Trump to hit EU with tariffs

Canada and Mexico call for retaliatory trade tariffs after Washington imposed 25 percent import taxes on goods, as well as an additional 10% tax on China, raising worries of a potentially crippling trade war. We'll speak to a former Trump administration appointee at the State Department.

We'll also hear from a former political aide to the Canadian prime minister and turn to Europe, whose countries could be next in the firing line when it comes to US tariffs.

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It was Grammys Night and Beyonce won Album of the Year after eleven previous nominations. We'll be looking out how African music categories fared.

(Photo: President Trump arrives at the White House, 02 February, 2025; Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

**MON 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkxjmx)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t3t)**

Tom Shakespeare: Redefining disability

Stephen Sackur speaks to the bioethicist, disability rights campaigner and writer Tom Shakespeare. Should we embrace difference, rather than use science to root it out?

**MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jbx9j)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z7q)**

California's insurance crisis

Thousands of homes burned to the ground in the recent wildfires in Los Angeles which will likely become the most expensive natural disaster in US history.

Many victims did not have insurance, because they couldn't afford California's increasingly expensive policies or because they were dropped by their insurer.

Lexy O'Connor meets some of those affected and finds out what's fuelling California's insurance crisis.

Presented and produced by Lexy O'Connor

(Image: Two people survey the damage during the Eaton Fire in Altadena, California on 8 January 2025. Credit: Getty Images)

**MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5y3j)**

Jacques Derrida: 'Rock star' philosopher

In 1966, at Johns Hopkins University in the US, a little-known glamorous French philosopher called Jacques Derrida took to the stage and eviscerated the prevailing philosophy of the day, making him an overnight sensation.

The following year, he published three hugely influential books making the case for his theory of "deconstruction", which questioned the foundations of Western thought and knowledge.

Deconstruction's influence can still be felt today: from calls to decolonise the curriculum, to experimental architecture, to feminist retellings of the classics. While the word "deconstruct" has become widely used.

On his death in 2004, The Guardian newspaper wrote: "Derrida's name has probably been mentioned more frequently in books, journals, lectures, and common-room conversations during the last 30 years than that of any other living thinker."

Hélène Cixous is one of France's most influential writers and a lifelong friend of Derrida. She speaks to Ben Henderson.

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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

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**MON 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxns45)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n30)**

The 'Wolf Children' of World War Two and China's TV lessons

We hear from 'wolf child' Luise Quietsch who was separated from her family and forced to flee East Prussia. Whilst trying to survive during World War Two, these children were likened to hungry wolves roaming through forests.

Journalist and documentary film-maker Sonya Winterberg who recorded the testimony of "wolf children" for her book, discusses the profound impact it had on their lives.

We also hear about the first major series of English lessons which were broadcast on Chinese television in 1981. 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 what it was like becoming the most famous foreign person in China.

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. Monifa Edwards 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.

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

Finally we head to Eastern Europe in 1989, where approximately two million people joined hands across across Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania to form a human chain demanding independence from the Soviet Union. 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.

(Photo: Luise Quietsch. Credit: Rita Naujokaitytė)

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**MON 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jc84p)**

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**MON 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dmj)**

Will Germany lift the firewall around the AfD?

Since the end of World War Two and Nazi rule, Germany has been hyper-vigilant about keeping right-wing hardliners out of

government. For decades, mainstream politicians have shunned parties like the AfD. But now, with a federal election just weeks away and the AfD rising in the polls, a frontrunner in the race for chancellor has accepted the party's support on an immigration bill. It's an unprecedented step. But does it mean the far-right is being normalised?

On this episode, Jonny Dymond speaks to the BBC's correspondents in Berlin, Damien McGuinness and Jess Parker, about the evolution of the AfD, and how the party's growing popularity challenges the way Germans think about their own politics and history.

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**MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nrc)**

The DNA request that revealed my child had gone missing

In April 2010, Cathy Terkanian received a letter that turned her world upside down. It revealed that her daughter, Alexis, whom she'd had to place for adoption in 1974, had gone missing. Then she was given more shocking news—the police had a new lead, could the unidentified body of a young woman found in Wisconsin be Alexis? They needed Cathy's DNA to confirm it. As Cathy began to process this, her own painful past surfaced. She had run away from home as a teenager, joining a circus before getting pregnant with Alexis aged 15. In the years after Cathy was pressured to have Alexis adopted, Cathy became a nurse and married, but never had any other children, always thinking about the daughter she had to say goodbye to.

Following the news of Alexis' disappearance Cathy couldn't sit and wait for the DNA test results, she needed answers. Determined to find them she turned detective, connecting with Carl Koppelman, an amateur sleuth investigating cold cases. Together they started to unearth evidence that made Cathy suspect the worst—that Alexis' adoptive father, Dennis Bowman, had something to do with her disappearance.

Cathy had always hoped her daughter Alexis would come looking for her; instead she spent a decade searching for Alexis. This mother's quest for truth and justice has also been made into a Netflix documentary called Into the Fire: The Lost Daughter.

Presenter: Jo Fidgein

Producer: Thomas Harding Assinder

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(Photo: Missing poster; Credit: Cathy Terkanian, Photo: Cathy Terkanian from Into the Fire: The Lost Daughter; Credit: Netflix)

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**MON 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxp83p)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 14:06 Newshour (w172zb9cctgm3ln)**

Trump says US tariffs on EU will happen

President Trump says he has spoken to Canada's prime minister about the sweeping tariffs he has imposed. He is also expected to speak Mexico's president. Both countries have said they will retaliate to US tariffs, though the White House has suggested a solution could yet be found. There are fears of the trade war widening, with Mr Trump threatening to target the EU. Global stock markets have fallen.

Also, our BBC team reaches the eastern hub of Goma in the Democratic Republic of Congo, as we try to unpick who is really in charge there.

And Beyonce's groundbreaking country album Cowboy Carter scoops up the top award at the Grammys.

(Photo: Donald Trump waves. Credit: EPA)

**MON 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxpcvt)**

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**MON 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t3t)**

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**MON 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jcr46)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zz9)**

Trade wars, tariffs and Trump

Will Bain hears about a day of turmoil on the international stock and currency markets, after U.S. President Donald Trump imposed 25% tariffs on all imports from Canada & Mexico at the weekend. Both nations have threatened to retaliate over the move, which will come into effect on Tuesday.

In this special edition we hear from the US and Mexico, and get a European response too as fears of an international trade war intensify.

**MON 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxpxhy)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj310b4p9)**

Fears of global trade war

Shares in the US, Mexico and Canada have all opened down as businesses react with alarm to Mr Trump's trade tariffs. We answer audience questions about why the US has announced tariffs and hear from people who could be affected.

We speak to our correspondents to hear about the reaction in Mexico, China, Canada and Europe.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: A sign notifying customers that a store will stop selling U.S. liquor from Tuesday, in response to U.S. President Donald Trump's imposition of tariffs on Canada, is displayed on a shelf carrying U.S. alcohol in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, February 2, 2025. Credit: Ed White/Reuters)

**MON 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxpmc2)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj310b8ff)**

US delaying tariffs on Mexico for a month

President Trump has spoken to the leaders of Canada and Mexico about the sweeping tariffs he's imposed on both countries. Mexico says he has agreed to pause the imposition of tariffs by a month, in return for increased efforts to combat cross border drug trafficking. We hear about the reaction in China, Mexico, the EU and Canada.

Spain's World Cup football star, Jenni Hermoso, has been giving evidence in the trial of the country's former football chief, Luis Rubiales. He's charged with sexual assault and coercion, after he grabbed and kissed Hermoso following Spain's World Cup victory in Australia. Our correspondent in Spain explains.

The president of the Democratic Republic of Congo and his Rwandan counterpart are expected to attend a regional summit to discuss the fighting in eastern Congo. We hear from our correspondent in the city of Goma.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Mexican President Sheinbaum and US President Trump agree to pause tariffs for a month, Mexico City - 03 Feb 2025. Credit: ISAAC ESQUIVEL/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

**MON 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxpr36)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5nrc)**

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**MON 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5yj3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**MON 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxpvvb)**

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**MON 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrtmwh27n)**

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**MON 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jd73q)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w4p)**

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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 (w172zgfkkxqzlg)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sk0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

**MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jdbvv)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct5rny)**

Uncharted: The golden spike

At a conference in Mexico, one scientist's outburst sparks a global quest to find a 'golden spike' - the boundary marking the shift into a new geological period dominated by humans, not volcanoes or asteroids. From plastics and concrete to nuclear fallout, the data they uncover reveals a planet profoundly altered. But can they convince their colleagues and the world of the extent of this transformation? Meanwhile, in a small Italian city nestled in the Apennine mountains, a series of low-level tremors raise the question: Is this just a passing phase, or a warning of something much more devastating?

**MON 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxq3bl)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9cctgmytk)**

US pauses tariffs on Mexico for one month

Mexico will increase its efforts in combating drug trafficking. Mexico's president, Claudia Sheinbaum, says the US has agreed to take steps to limit the flow of guns south.

Also on the programme: the US Secretary of State, Marco Rubio, is taking over the running of the US aid agency, saying he's determined to end its refusal to follow Mr Trump's agenda; and we meet the pub landlady who promised her customers a free drink every time her favourite football team scored a goal, only to see them win seven nil.

(Picture: Mexico's President Claudia Sheinbaum. Credit: Reuters / Cunha)

**MON 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxq72q)**

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**MON 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrtmwhfh1)**

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**MON 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jdlc3)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct601k)**

Trump steps back on his tariffs

US President Donald Trump and Canadian prime minister Justin Trudeau reached the deal. Proposed tariffs will be paused

for at least 30 days.

We hear from the US, Canada and Mexico. What businesses should expect in the future?

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**MON 23:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t3t)**

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**MON 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jdq37)**

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**MON 23:32 The Conversation (w3ct5x0s)**

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**TUESDAY 04 FEBRUARY 2025****TUE 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxqgkz)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n30)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]

**TUE 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxqlb3)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfy4581vgz)**

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**TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrtmwhxgk)**

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**TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jf2bm)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 02:32 Assignment (w3ct5mv1)**

Spain: 'Liquid gold' under pressure

Spain is the world's largest producer of olive oil. But successive, brutal droughts have led to plummeting production, whilst prices have reached record highs. For 2024 / 2025, the weather's been better - Spain's predicted to increase the quantity of olives harvested. Even so, this remains a stressed industry. Climate change hasn't gone away - as we saw so devastatingly last year in Valencia. And in some areas of Spain, the scarcity of water has persisted, with predictions of a near 90% drop in olive production. Critics say super-intensive farming - the rise of the olive 'mega-farm' - may also further threaten depleted water resources. Meanwhile, the soaring price of the olives that produce 'liquid gold' means rural law enforcement is taken up with cases of theft by criminal gangs targeting this precious commodity.

For Assignment, Linda Pressly and Esperanza Escrubano report from the olive groves of Spain at harvest time.

Sound Mix: Neva Missirian  
Production Co-ordinator: Gemma Ashman  
Editor: Penny Murphy

(Image: Maria Miro, olive grower, and Dr Raul de la Rosa Navarro of the Institute of Sustainable Agriculture. Credit: BBC)

**TUE 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxqtte)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nrc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Monday]

**TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yj3)**

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**TUE 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxqykh)**

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**TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrtmwhj4yt)**

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**TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9j9ftw)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct4yfn)**

Ken Loach: The Sequel

The shooting starts on The Old Oak and Sharuna Sagar is there to witness Ken Loach's unique style of directing. Throughout his career from Kes to The Wind That Shakes The Barley to I, Daniel Blake, the 87-year-old film-maker does not like to tell the cast what is going to happen in the next scene. He explains his reasons, while star Dave Turner reveals what it is like to be surprised every day on set.

Presented by Sharuna Sagar.  
Executive produced by Stephen Hughes.

(Photo: Ken Loach. Credit: Courtesy of Ken Loach)

**TUE 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkr29m)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 05:06 Newsday (w172zbkgwz4k5z6)**

US tariffs on Mexico and Canada delayed

US President Donald Trump's proposed twenty-five percent tariffs on Canada and Mexico, which were set to come into effect today, will be paused for a month, after Mexico and Canada agreed to get tough on border security. We'll speak to a former special assistant to Mr Trump.

We'll speak to a American veteran who disagrees with Mr Musk's assessment that USAID is an unaccountable and left wing organisation.

We'll head to the Greek island of Santorini as tremors raise fears of future seismic activity and speak to a man who has left the island with his family.

(Photo: Liquor store in in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada February 3, 2025; Credit: Reuters)

**TUE 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkr61r)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 06:06 Newsday (w172zbkgwz4k9qb)**

China retaliates to Trumps tariffs

A trade conflict between the US and China, the world's two biggest economies, has intensified, after the US imposed a further border tax of 10% on goods from China. Minutes after that came into effect, Beijing announced retaliatory tariffs against US energy exports and farm equipment. It also announced an investigation into the activities in China of the US tech giant Google. We'll get the latest from our business presenter and from correspondent in Beijing.

Meanwhile the North American trade war is off, at least for the next month anyway. Donald Trump has postponed the imposition of border taxes on goods from Canada and Mexico after both nations agreed to bolster border security. We'll explain what's been happening.

And we'll hear the story of one child from Gaza, one of many keen to leave the territory for medical attention abroad.

(Photo: A tugboat guides a container ship at the Port of Oakland in Oakland, California, USA, 03 February 2025; Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

**TUE 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkr9sw)**

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**TUE 07:06 Newsday (w172zbkgwz4kfgg)**

China announces retaliatory tariffs on some American goods



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We'll hear the story of one child from Gaza, one of many keen to leave the territory for medical attention abroad.

And M23 rebels in the Democratic Republic of Congo have declared a ceasefire, days after capturing a key eastern city. We'll hear from a hospital chaplain.

(Photo: Shipping containers at the Port of Oakland in Oakland, 03 February 2025; Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

**TUE 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkrfk0)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 08:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tx9)**

Improving our eyesight

Many agricultural workers don't have the eyesight they need for the work they do, affecting both their comfort and their ability to earn more money. They're among the billion plus people who have visual impairments but can't get the assistance they need. We visit a coffee plantation in southern India where workers are being given glasses on the spot. As well as easing eye strain, the intervention has been shown to increase workers' pay significantly.

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Presenter: Myra Anubi  
Producer: William Kremer  
Editor: Jon Bithrey  
Sound mix: Annie Gardiner

(Image: An Indian worker being given an eye test, Shruti Kulkarni/Vision Spring)

**TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jfst)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zjr)**

Why do Germans take so much time off sick?

The country's sick leave policy is one of the most generous in the world.

Employees get full pay for the first six weeks they're off, after that their health insurance policy will pay them a large portion of their salary for a further 18 months.

This means the culture around taking sick leave is different to other countries, and the average worker takes 20 days off sick each year.

We find out why, and look at the impact on business and the German economy.

Produced and presented by Hannah Mullane

(Image: German commuters on bikes at a junction. Credit: Getty Images)

**TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ynn)**

Oradour massacre

In June 1944, a village in France was destroyed in just one day. German soldiers entered Oradour-sur-Glane and gathered the villagers together. They separated the men from the women and children and took groups to different locations of the village.

On that day, 642 were killed. Robert Hébras was just a teenager at the time.

Robert's granddaughter, Agathe Hébras tells Gill Kearsley his powerful story, from the arrival of the soldiers to his escape and then his realisation that he was one of the few survivors of the massacre.

A warning, this programme contains descriptions of death.

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(Photo: Robert Hebras at age 86, walks through the ruins of Oradour-sur-Glane. Credit: Jean-Pierre Muller/AFP via Getty Images)

**TUE 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkrk94)**

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**TUE 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrtmwjrpg)**

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**TUE 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkrp18)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 10:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qkq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

**TUE 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkrssd)**

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**TUE 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrtmwk05q)**

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**TUE 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jg51s)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6fc3)**

Syria's illegal drug empire

The deposed President Bashar al-Assad has been linked to the multi-billion dollar trade of a narcotic called Captagon. Syria's new rebel leaders have promised to stamp it out. So what will it take to end the country's association with the drug? Presenter Caitriona Perry speaks to the BBC's Emir Nader, who has been reporting on the drug trade in the Middle East.

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**TUE 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5p5x)**

The boy who brought anime to life in Pakistan

Usman Riaz grew up in Karachi with a passion for Japanese cartoons, spending hours drawing out individual frames of Studio Ghibli films every day after school. So while he

obsessed over movies like My Neighbour Totoro, Princess Mononoke and Kiki's Delivery Service, he never dreamed he could become a hand-drawn animator because the industry didn't exist in Pakistan.

So Usman turned to music, getting a scholarship to Berklee College in the US and found success performing for Coke Studio and NPR's Tiny Desk. But then an awkward encounter in Tokyo, a traumatising moment at the Boston Marathon bombings, and a leap of faith propelled him to build his own animation studio. He marshalled an unlikely team of animators - including a janitor, former doctors and dentists - to create Pakistan's first ever hand-drawn animated feature film. The Glassworker, Usman's homage to the anime films of his childhood, was longlisted for the 2025 Oscars.

Presenter: Mobeen Azhar  
Producer: Taqwa Sadiq and Maryam Maruf

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(Photo: Usman Riaz as a young boy. Credit: Courtesy of Usman Riaz)

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The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 14:06 Newshour (w172zb9cctgq0hr)**

China announces retaliatory tariffs on some American goods

China is retaliating against US tariffs by restricting exports on a group of rare metals crucial to defence and other industries.

Also, the Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu is to meet with president Trump for talks in Washington later today.

And Spain's scientists search for solutions to a fungus that ravages valuable olive crops.

(Photo credit: REU)

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**TUE 15:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tx9)**

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**TUE 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jgn19)**

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**TUE 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct608b)**

Estonia's Defence Minister calls for greater NATO spending

Estonia's Defence Minister Hanno Pevkur tells Will Bain that more countries should up their military spending to five per cent of GDP, in an effort to combat Russian aggression. It follows US President Donald Trump's assertion that too many members of the NATO military alliance rely on America's military might and spending.

China announces retaliatory tariffs against the US after President Trump imposed a ten per cent tax on all Chinese imports. The counter-measures includes tax on coal, gas, oil and cars.

Plus we hear about why Germans take more sick leave than most - and hear about a iconic gaming franchise - The Sims, which celebrates 25 years.

**TUE 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxksdj1)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbjj310f1ld)**

Shooting attack at school in Sweden

According to Swedish media police are saying several people have been killed. The shootings took place in the city of Orebro and people have been asked to stay away from the area.

We'll look at the fallout from President Trump's tariffs on some of America's trade partners. China has fired back at the US with new taxes on some American goods, starting next Monday. This is in retaliation for the 10% tariffs imposed by President Trump on Chinese exports heading to the United States.

And in the Democratic Republic of Congo - the United Nations is calling for the airport in Goma in eastern Congo to be reopened immediately to help address a humanitarian emergency. The city was captured by Rwandan-backed M23 rebels last week and hundreds of people were killed in the fighting.

Presenter: Mark Lowen

(Photo: An officer unrolls police tape as a major police operation is underway at Risbergska School, following reports of a serious violent crime, in Orebro, Sweden. Credit: Kicki Nilsson/Reuters)

**TUE 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxksj85)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbjj310f5bj)**

Donald Trump's trade war begins

China has introduced export restrictions on a group of rare metals in response to US tariffs on Chinese imports. Earlier President Trump had delayed imposing tariffs on imports from Canada and Mexico for a month, following last minute talks, with Mexico and Canada agreeing to boost border security.

El Salvador has offered to take in criminals deported from the US, including those with US citizenship, and house them in its mega-jail. We'll look at what the response has been in El Salvador.

And nearly 700,000 women across the UK are being recruited for a world-leading trial on breast cancer. Researchers are hoping they will learn whether artificial intelligence can be used to speed up detection.

Presenter: Mark Lowen

(Photo: A tugboats guides a container ship at the Port of Oakland in Oakland, California, USA. Credit: John G Mabanglo/ EPA-EFE)

**TUE 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxksn09)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5p5x)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

**TUE 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5nym)**

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**TUE 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxksrrf)**

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**TUE 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtrmwkz4r)**

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**TUE 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jh40t)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w96)**

2025/02/04 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 (w172zgfkkxkswhk)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 20:06 Assignment (w3ct5mv1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

**TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jh7ry)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 20:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wnh)**

China's AI world

As DeepSeek shocked the world, we speak to an AI expert who worked at a Chinese AI firm. We hear about a new battery exchange system for EVs in Addis Ababa. And imagine a world without potholes - we've got a scientist on who is working on self-healing roads.

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Presenter: Chris Vallance  
Producer: Imran Rahman-Jones  
Editor: Monica Soriano

(Photo: The logo of the Alibaba AI model Qwen, a blue triangle with Chinese characters beneath. Credit: Getty Images.)

**TUE 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkt07p)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9cctgqvqn)**

Netanyahu and Trump meet at White House

The Israeli PM has said that this shows how close the bond is between the two countries and the two men. But is that really so?

Also on the programme: Sweden experiences the worst mass shooting in its history as ten people are killed in the central city of Örebro; and we hear from Pokrovsk in Ukraine; a place only two kilometres from the Russian forces.

(Image: Supporters of U.S. President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu carry flags, in Washington. Credit: Reuters / Nishimura)

**TUE 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkt3zt)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtrmwld4)**

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**TUE 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jhh86)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct60bl)**

China hits back - the latest in the trade war

The US China tariffs are still on, even if Donald Trump pressed pause on the ones on Mexico and Canada.

A call had been expected between President Trump and his Chinese counterpart... but it hasn't happened - and the US president says he's in no hurry. So, it's 10% on China's imports to the US and China has put on its own 10% on US goods and curbing exports of rare earth metals.

We'll bring you the latest in the trade war.

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**TUE 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkt7qy)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 23:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tx9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**TUE 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jhm0b)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 23:32 In the Studio (w3ct4yfn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

**WEDNESDAY 05 FEBRUARY 2025**

**WED 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxktch2)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 00:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qkq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

**WED 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkt76)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbzy4584rd2)**

Trump says US will 'take over' and 'own' the Gaza Strip

The US president Donald Trump during the news conference with Israel leader Benjamin Netanyahu says the US will 'take over' and 'own' the Gaza Strip.

The US China tariffs are still on, even if Donald Trump pressed pause on the ones on Mexico and Canada.

A call had been expected between President Trump and his Chinese counterpart... but it hasn't happened - and the US president says he's in no hurry. So, it's 10% on China's imports to the US and China has put on its own 10% on US goods and curbing exports of rare earth metals.

How is Argentina reacting to President Trump threats?

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The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtrmwltcn)**

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**WED 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jhz7q)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 02:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5wsz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

**WED 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxktqg)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5p5x)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5nym)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxktvlg)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtrmwlm1vx)**

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**WED 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jj6qz)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 04:32 Good Bad Billionaire (w3ct6xky)**

Miuccia Prada: 'Ugly fashion'

How a communist mime artist became the billionaire boss of a luxury fashion house. Miuccia Prada changed her name, then made it famous with one of the runway's biggest brands. BBC business editor Simon Jack and journalist Zing Tsjeng explain how the Italian fashion designer turned her grandfather's shop into a fashion powerhouse. Alongside her husband, she's run her empire from Milan for over four decades, becoming known affectionately known as 'the master of ugly'. Simon and Zing look back on her life before deciding if they think she's good, bad, or just another billionaire.

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**WED 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxktz6q)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 05:06 Newsday (w172zbkgwz4n2w9)**

Trump says he wants US to 'take over' Gaza

He says the US could turn the Palestinian territory into the "Riviera of the Middle East" and the entire population relocated. His comments follow a meeting with the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who is the first world leader to have a formal meeting with the American president since the inauguration.

Police in Sweden say around 10 people were killed in a shooting at the Risbergska school in Orebro, Sweden. The prime minister of Sweden has described the incident as the "worst mass shooting in Swedish history".

And the billionaire philanthropist and spiritual leader Aga Khan has died at the age of 88. Prince Karim Aga Khan was the 49th hereditary imam of the Ismaili Muslims and his lineage traced directly to the Prophet Muhammad.

Presenters: James Copnall and Victoria Uwokunda

(Photo: US President Donald Trump speaks during a press conference with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Credit: Jim Lo Scalzo/EPA-EFE/Rex/Shutterstock)

#### WED 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxv2yv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### WED 06:06 Newsday (w172zbkgwz4n6mf)

President Trump says he wants US to take ownership of Gaza

President Trump held talks with the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House and said all Palestinians in Gaza should "be resettled". He said Gaza could be the "Riviera of the Middle East".

In Sweden police say around 10 people, including the suspected gunman, have been killed in a shooting at an education centre in Orebro. The Swedish Prime Minister has described the incident as the "worst mass shooting in Swedish history".

And philanthropist and spiritual leader, the Aga Khan, has died at the age of 88. He became the spiritual leader of the world's millions of Ismaili Muslims at the age of 20 and is considered a direct descendant of the prophet Mohammad.

Presenters: James Copnall and Victoria Uwokunda.

Photo: U.S. President Donald Trump speaks during a joint press conference with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the East Room at the White House in Washington. Credit: Leah Millis/Reuters.

#### WED 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxv6pz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### WED 07:06 Newsday (w172zbkgwz4nbck)

Trump says US should 'take over' Gaza

Donald Trump proposed the US "take over" the Gaza strip after its nearly two million Palestinian residents are resettled in neighbouring countries. He describes the enclave as a "demolition site" and said it could be turned into the "Riviera of the Middle East".

Police in Sweden say around 11 people were killed in a shooting at a school in Sweden Wednesday, with the suspected gunman also pronounced dead. The Swedish Prime Minister has described the incident as the "worst mass shooting in Swedish history".

The leader of the world's Ismaili Muslims, the Aga Khan, has died at the age of 88. The 49th hereditary imam, is considered by his followers to be the direct descendant of the Prophet Muhammad.

Presenters: James Copnall and Victoria Uwokunda

(Photo: US President Donald J Trump during a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, 4 Feb 2025, Credit Shawn Thew/EPA-EFE)

#### WED 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxvbg3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### WED 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct4p3t)

Carlo Rovelli: Life, the universe and white holes

Stephen Sackur speaks to Carlo Rovelli, one of the world's best known physicists. How much do his remarkable ideas matter outside the scientific community?

#### WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jppqh)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

#### WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zp8)

What now for Canada?

After Justin Trudeau resigned as prime minister last month, what does the in-tray look like for Canada's next leader?

The country is facing a major challenge from new US president Donald Trump who introduced 25% tariffs on Canadian exports - now postponed for 30 days - and is even questioning the country's identity.

But Canada also has a list of problems to address from within, such as rising property costs and new rules on immigration.

We find out how people are feeling – and what happens next.

Produced by Megan Lawton

Presented by Sam Gruet

(Image: Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announcing his resignation during a news conference in Ottawa, Canada on 6 January 2025. Credit: Getty Images)

#### WED 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yqw)

Cuban blindness

In the early 1990s, as Cuba faced a devastating economic crisis, leading to severe food shortages and malnutrition, around 50,000 Cubans were inexplicably struck down with sight loss.

One of America's leading eye specialists, Dr Alfredo Sadun, was invited to the communist-ruled island by Fidel Castro to help figure out what was going on. Mike Lanchin spoke to Dr Sadun in 2021.

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(Photo: A man undergoes an eye examination in Cuba in 1993. Credit: Adalberto Roque/AFP/Getty Images)

#### WED 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxv67)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### WED 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbrqtmwmlk)

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#### WED 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jttgm)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

#### WED 09:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5wsz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

#### WED 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxvkye)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### WED 10:06 World Book Club (w3ct5r3z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

#### WED 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxvpph)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### WED 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbrqtmwx2t)

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#### WED 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jk1yw)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

#### WED 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6ds1)

Can Trump win a trade war with China?

The long-running economic battle between the world's two biggest economies has escalated. This week US President Donald Trump brought tariffs against China in an effort to strongarm the growing superpower into submission and strengthen American markets. But Beijing hit back, raising its own tariffs, escalating a trade war that could have implications for both countries. Trump is betting that tariffs will make America, and American people, richer. But does anyone win in a trade war?

On this episode, Lucy Hockings speaks to the BBC's Asia Pacific editor Micky Bristow, and Ritika Gupta, a North America business correspondent, about why Trump loves tariffs and what impact a trade war between China and America could have on the global economy.

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#### WED 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxvtfm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### WED 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5pdp)

The NYPD cop who gave children a break from the Troubles

Irishman Denis Mulcahy emigrated from County Cork to the United States in 1962 and ended up becoming an expert with the NYPD bomb squad. Watching the Troubles back home in Northern Ireland, Denis and his friends hatched a plan to give children caught up in the violence, six weeks respite in the United States over the summer. Over four decades, the programme known as Project Children, brought together 23,000 Catholic and Protestant kids from either side of the divide, helping to inoculate them from the sectarianism tearing their homeland apart. Among the first group of children brought over to the US in 1975 were nine-year-old Kevin Brady and eleven-year-old John Cheevers. For them, that first visit to upstate New York would not only shape them as individuals but alter the course of their lives. Denis Mulcahy has received numerous awards for his work in bomb disposal and with Project Children, and has been nominated twice for a Nobel Peace Prize.

Archive clips from: News Center 4, WNBC & the documentary Project Children: Defusing the Troubles by Alleycat TV.

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Producer: June Christie

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(Photo: Denis Mulcahy with kids involved in Project Children on the tarmac outside an aeroplane. Credit: Project Children)

#### WED 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5yqw)

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#### WED 13:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxv5r)

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#### WED 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbrqtmwn412)

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#### WED 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jkg4)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

#### WED 13:32 Good Bad Billionaire (w3ct6xky)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

#### WED 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxw1xw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

#### WED 14:06 Newshour (w172zb9cctgsxd)

Palestinians, Saudis, Egypt, and others reject Trump's plans for US takeover of Gaza

There's been international condemnation of plans by US President Donald Trump to seize control of Gaza. He said he wants the US to take a "long-term ownership position" and turn it into the "Riviera of the Middle East", while Palestinians could be resettled in other countries. We have reactions from a Palestinian representative in London and a former Israeli official.

Also in the programme: The spiritual leader of Ismaili Muslims worldwide, the Aga Khan, has died in Portugal at the age of eighty-eight; and the new study which shows people usually feel their best in the mornings.

(Picture: US President Donald Trump speaks during a press conference at the White House in Washington on 4th February, 2025. Credit: JIM LO SCALZO/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

**WED 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxw5p0)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct4p3t)**  
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**WED 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jkjyd)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct60dv)**  
Spain: EU remains "key player" in transatlantic trade

Economy and trade minister Carlos Cuerdo outlines the strong trade ties between Madrid and Beijing, with Spain importing large volumes of trucks, cars, vans and spare parts from China. After the United States, China is the European Union's second-biggest trading partner.

Why has the US Postal Service changed its mind and is now accepting all packages from China and Hong Kong?

And Honda's share price rises on reports a merger with Nissan may be called off.

**WED 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxw9f4)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj310hyhh)**  
Reaction from Gaza to Trump's takeover plan

There's been international criticism of President Trump's call for the US to take control of Gaza and displace its entire Palestinian population. By contrast, far right politicians in Israel have welcomed Mr Trump's proposal. We hear from people in Gaza.

Our International Chief Correspondent Lyse Doucet joins to talk about the reaction in Israel and what the immediate impact could be on the Gaza ceasefire and the hostage release process.

We speak to BBC Arabic about the reaction in the region geographically closest to Gaza.

The Taliban has suspended Afghanistan's only women's radio station. We speak to our colleague from BBC Afghan.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu meets with US President Donald Trump at White House, Washington, USA - 04 Feb 2025. Credit: JIM LO SCALZO/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

**WED 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxw58)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj310j27m)**  
Reaction from Israel to Trump's Gaza takeover plan

There's been international criticism of President Trump's call for the US to take control of Gaza and displace its entire Palestinian population. By contrast, far right politicians in Israel have welcomed Mr Trump's proposal.

We hear two different views from Israel, and we speak to two people in Gaza about the US plan.

We also speak to BBC Arabic about the reaction in the region geographically closest to Gaza.

We also hear messages from people around the world reacting to President Trump's Gaza plan.

The Taliban has suspended Afghanistan's only women's radio

station. We speak to our colleague from BBC Afghan.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Palestinians gather outside a building destroyed during the Israeli offensive, amid a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip February 5, 2025. Credit: Hatem Khaled/Reuters)

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**WED 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jl4p1)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct5t9x)**  
Guinea eliminates sleeping sickness

As Guinea becomes the latest country to eliminate sleeping sickness, how close are we to defeating the disease completely?

Also on the program, what does a massive shakeup at the US Agency for International Development mean for global health? And a new discovery is shedding a bit more light on a neural fossil in our ears.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond  
Producer: Margaret Sessa-Hawkins  
Assistant Producer: Katie Tomsett

**WED 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxw4s)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9cctgrmr)**  
Gazan rejects Trump's takeover plan

We hear from a resident of Gaza who gives her reaction to Donald Trump's announcement that he wants to take over Gaza and move out the 2m people living there while it's redeveloped; also on the programme, are President Trump's orders to shut down a federal agency and fire federal employees legal; and the legendary heavy metal band Black Sabbath say they'll play their final concert in July. How influential were they?

(Picture: Palestinian children repair a portion of a building destroyed during the Israeli offensive in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza. Credit: Reuters/Hatem Khaled)

**WED 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxw0wx)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtrmwp797)**  
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**WED 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jld59)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct60h3)**  
Tariff wars: What can the World Trade Organisation do?

China complains to the World Trade Organisation about Donald Trump's tariffs, but with no active judging panel, what can the WTO do?

Roger Hearing discusses why the US Postal Service has U-turned after refusing to handle any parcels from China and Hong Kong, as well as the growing trade war between the World's two leading economies.

Elsewhere, the issue of de-banking has been debated in the US Congress, so are financial institutions discriminating against certain groups or industries?

And a man from Indonesia has been hired as Japan's first-ever foreign bus driver. Does this show the Japanese government's new determination to let in more overseas workers.

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

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**THU 00:06 World Book Club (w3ct5r3z)**  
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**THU 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxw4d9)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 01:06 Business Matters (w172zb9fy4587n95)**  
Tariffs, China and the US - Can the WTO intervene?

China complains to the World Trade Organisation about US President Donald Trump's tariffs, but with no active judging panel, does the WTO have the capabilities to intervene?

As the growing trade war between the World's two leading economies heats up, Roger Hearing discusses whether the WTO has a future in adjudicating international trade disputes.

Elsewhere, do you use artificial intelligence in your workplace? Or are you allowed to? We find out why some people are sneakily using AI tools without their managers approval.

And a man from Indonesia has been hired as Japan's first-ever foreign bus driver. Does this show the Japanese government's new determination to let in more overseas workers?

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

**THU 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxw4hf)**  
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**THU 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtrmwpq8r)**  
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**THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jlw4t)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 02:32 The Documentary (w3ct7m69)**  
Germany: Rebellion on the Rhine

After talks in Germany on government spending collapsed, chancellor Olaf Scholz was forced to dissolve his coalition and call for snap elections, to be held on 23 February. The new

chancellor looks like a foregone conclusion - opposition leader Friedrich Merz. But there is so much more at stake in these elections than the next few years in the chancellor's seat.

The bigger question is what this vote will tell us about Germany's post-war political "firewall" against anti-democratic parties. Germany has long resisted the influence of the far-right and left in their coalitions, but as politics around the world realigns, could Germany's famously staid political culture be about to get a whole lot less boring overnight? Jeremy Cliffe goes to Ludwigshafen to find out.

Producer: Jeanny Gering  
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(Photo: A flag reading "No neighbourhood for racism" is mounted on a canoe during a protest against right-wing extremism on the Rhine river, Cologne, Germany. Credit: Thilo Schmuegelgen/Reuters)

**THU 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxxmmk)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5pdp)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Wednesday]

**THU 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yqw)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxxrep)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrtmwpys0)**  
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

**THU 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jm3n2)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xp3)**  
The world's oldest restaurants

People have been eating out in restaurants and bars for hundreds of years, and some of those early establishments are still open today.

This week Ruth Alexander meets the people running some of the world's oldest restaurants. When so many close within the first 12 months of opening, what's the secret to centuries-old success?

Antonio Gonzales Gomez runs Botin, in the Spanish capital Madrid. The restaurant is judged as the oldest by the Guinness World Records, and he tells us how he and his family have kept it going for so long.

Ruth heads to the east of England to Nottingham, where the battle to claim the title of 'world's oldest pub' is fierce. Buildings archaeologist Dr James Wright explains what evidence he's found to declare the winner.

We hear how a 200-year-old tavern in Missouri, in the United States, has been battling to stay open, and the man who runs the "oldest sausage restaurant in the world" tells us why being located at an historic German town boosts business.

**THU 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxxw3t)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 05:06 Newsday (w172zbgkwz4qzsd)**  
Widespread condemnation of US plan for Gaza

There's been international condemnation of President Trump's plans for Gaza and Arab states have rejected it. Meanwhile the United Nations Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, has warned the US leader against ethnic cleansing. The US Secretary of State, Marco Rubio, said Mr Trump only wanted Palestinians to leave temporarily, while Gaza was reconstructed.

A key figure in any future plan for Gaza will be Mr Trump's Special Envoy to the Middle East Steve Witkoff. We'll take a closer look at the billionaire property developer and friend of the president.

And in another move to exclude women from work and public life, a women run radio station in Afghanistan has been shut down by the Taliban

Presenters: James Copnall and Victoria Uwunkunda

Photo:Palestinians fill up containers with water, amid a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, in Jabalia refugee camp. Credit: Mahmoud Issa/Reuters.

**THU 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxxzvz)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 06:06 Newsday (w172zbgkwz4r3jj)**  
Warmest January on record

Last month was the world's warmest January on record and the result is puzzling climate scientists who were expecting lower temperatures because of a shift away from a natural weather pattern in the Pacific known as El Nino.

The world is still reacting to President Trump's comments about the future of Gaza. For many his proposal, to move two million people out of Gaza, is simply a non-starter.

And we'll head to the Caucasus where a jailed Georgian based journalist who runs two online independent news organisations and has been on hunger strike is now in hospital.

Presenters: James Copnall and Victoria Uwunkunda

Photo:a crowd of people watch the setting sun from a hill in Ealing, west London. Credit: Victoria Jones/PA Wire

**THU 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy3m2)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 07:06 Newsday (w172zbgkwz4r78n)**  
Hottest January on record surprise scientists

The world has just experienced the hottest January on record according to the European Copernicus Climate Service.

Washington officials have clarified some of President Trump's comments on Gaza, saying that the proposed movement of Palestinians out of Gaza would be a temporary measure. The US president's remarks is attracting criticism from around the world.

Also in the programme, Rapper and music mogul Sean 'Diddy' Combs is awaiting trial on sex trafficking charges, we hear from people who worked at his Bad Boy Records company.

And, we look at the African Gaming market which is growing at an exponential rate.

(Photo: Warm weather in the Moscow region, Russian Federation - 04 Feb 2025. Credit: EPA/Yuri Kochetkov)

**THU 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy7c6)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjl)**  
Where are we in the battle against inflation?

In the decade that followed the Great Financial Crisis, inflation rates remained low and steady, and in some cases even threatened to turn negative, as economies around the world struggled to recover.

This era came to an abrupt end in recent years following the double economic shocks of the Covid pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Many central banks and senior policymakers were caught on the back foot as inflation rates soared to levels not seen for nearly half a century in some countries.

Although rates have since come down from those highs, they are still proving tricky to completely get under control, causing concern among some observers. We explore what inflation is, where it comes from, what has been happening in recent years and what the outlook might be. Our panel includes Stephen D. King, author and senior economic adviser at HSBC, Vicky Pryce, chief economic adviser at the Centre for Economics and Business Research, Marieke Blom, chief economist and global head of research at ING and Manoj Pradham, author and chief economist at Talking Heads Macroeconomics.

Presenter: Tanya Beckett  
Producer: Ben Cooper  
Researcher: Katie Morgan  
Sound engineer: Richard Hannaford

**THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jmlml)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zd7)**  
Rebuilding Africa's largest second-hand clothes market

Ed Butler travels to Kantamanto market in Accra, Ghana.

15 million used garments arrive in Ghana every week from all over the world - most ends up at Kantamanto but a lot can't be sold because it's in poor condition. That ends up as landfill.

Just weeks after Ed's visit, a disastrous fire raised it to the ground, so he's been back in touch with some of the vendors he spoke to as they try and get the market, and their livelihoods, up and running again.

Produced and presented by Ed Butler

**THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ykc)**  
The first global case of coral bleaching

In 1998, a mysterious phenomenon turned many of the world's most colourful coral reefs deathly white.

It was the first recorded global coral bleaching event in history, and ecologists blamed it on rising ocean temperatures caused by climate change.

Studies showed that when the oceans get warmer, it stresses the corals, causing them to expel the algae that give them their colour, and so turn white.

Since then there have been four global bleaching events, which have destroyed up to 20% of the world's reefs, and threatened the economy, tourism and livelihoods of more than 30 countries.

Marine ecologist Clive Wilkinson worked as co-ordinator for the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network, based in Queensland, Australia. He tells Jane Wilkinson how the first reports of the phenomenon caused shockwaves in 1998.

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: Reef in Trat, Thailand, damaged by coral bleaching. Credit: Sirachai Arunrungsitchai/Getty Images)

**THU 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy3b)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrtmwpqkhn)**  
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

**THU 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jmqc)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 09:32 The Documentary (w3ct7m69)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

**THU 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxyvg)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 10:06 The Explanation (w3ct6pmw)**  
The Media Show: Bill Gates on tech and politics

Bill Gates sits down with presenter Katie Razzall in Seattle to discuss technology's impact, from social media to AI, as he reflects on themes from his new autobiography. He shares his thoughts on misinformation, regulation, and his most recent meeting with Donald Trump.

Also, how can news outlets engage Gen Z? New research shows young consumers trust social media posts and influencers as

much as traditional journalism. Alex Mahon, CEO of Channel 4, David Rhodes of Sky News, and Geordie Greig of The Independent discuss the challenge.

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

**THU 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jmv3v)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 10:32 Happy News (w3ct5sqd)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:32 on Saturday]

**THU 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkxylll)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtrmwqsxz)**  
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**THU 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jmyzv)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dv9)**  
Trump's Gaza plan: The end of the two-state solution?

President Donald Trump wants to take over Gaza and rebuild it as an international hotspot for business and tourism. The plan could drastically change the future of the Middle East. For decades, US presidents have said that establishing a sovereign Palestinian state, to exist alongside Israel, is the only way to achieve a permanent peace. But can that ever happen if Gazans are moved out of Gaza, as President Trump has suggested?

On this episode, presenter Jonny Dymond speaks to the BBC's diplomatic correspondent Paul Adams and the longstanding – if distant – diplomatic hopes for two-state solution.

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**THU 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkxybq)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nzd)**  
A stroke of insight: A doctor who learnt as her brain failed

Dr Jill Bolte Taylor was a Harvard neuroanatomist researching the brain when in 1996, aged 37, she woke to find she was having a massive stroke. For most people it would be a harrowing, life-threatening experience, but for Jill, it brought about a new insight into the workings of the mind. As her brain functions - motion, speech, and memory - failed her, she felt an overwhelming sense of peace. Once the surgeons had removed a clot the size of a golf ball from the left side of her brain, she began an eight-year recovery. Learning to walk and talk again, she was determined to share with the world what she had glimpsed.

When South African Vuvu Mpofu was a teenager in Port Elizabeth, she saw La Traviata on DVD for the first time and it made her fall in love with opera. At first, her family did not approve of her opera obsession and her friends even mocked her. But Vuvu was determined and started studying opera at university, eventually changing their minds. A year before graduating, her mother died and it was then that opera came to her aid. Rather than counselling sessions, she turned to the art as it "soothed her soul." Vuvu now performs at some of the world's most prestigious opera houses. She says that every time she takes to the stage, she thinks of her mother. This was first broadcast in 2019.

Presenter: Jo Fidgen  
Producer: Edgar Maddicott

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(Photo: Dr Jill Bolte Taylor (right) with her mother, after surgery. Credit: courtesy of Dr Jill Bolte Taylor)

**THU 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5ylc)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**THU 13:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkxy2v)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtrmwr1h5)**  
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**THU 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jn6c7)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 13:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xp3)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

**THU 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkxytz)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 14:06 Newshour (w172zb9cctgwt9y)**  
Trump reaffirms plan for US takeover of Gaza

US President Donald Trump has restated his plan for a US takeover of the Gaza Strip, after his idea was rejected by Palestinians and leaders around the world on Wednesday. Writing on social media, Trump said Gaza, "would be turned over to the United States by Israel at the conclusion of fighting." We speak to a former foreign minister of Jordan about the idea and an Israeli politician.

Also in the programme: European Union scientists say the world has just experienced the hottest January on record; and reggae legend Bob Marley's birthday. He would have been 80 today.

(Photo: The Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the US President Donald Trump during a joint press conference in the East Room of the White House in Washington, DC, 04 February 2025. Credit: Photo by Shawn Thew /POOL/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

**THU 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkz2l3)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 15:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**THU 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jnfvh)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct603t)**  
South Africa's president addresses the nation as the economy struggles

South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa is expected to deliver his first State of the Nation address since last year's elections, focusing on development and driving economic growth, job creation, and development.

Norwegian energy giant Equinor is halving investment in renewable energy over the next two years while increasing oil and gas production.

And Sam Fenwick also hears about more than 100 farmers in County Kerry in southwest Ireland, who are set to become millionaires after their dairy cooperative agreed to sell its shares to the Kerry Group, one of Ireland's biggest food producers.

**THU 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkz6b7)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj310lvd)**  
Record January warmth puzzles scientists

January 2025 had been expected to be slightly cooler than January 2024 because of a shift away from a natural weather pattern in the Pacific known as El Niño. But instead, last month broke the January 2024 record by nearly 0.1C, according to the European Copernicus climate service. We hear messages from around the world about people's concerns over climate change. We also bring together climate journalists to discuss whether climate is still on the top of political agenda.

We have the latest on President Trump's plan for Gaza and the West Bank.

We hear a conversation with residents in Texas who support President Trump's decision to declare a national emergency at

the southern border to reduce illegal migration.

The American Heart Association has shown how Kendrick Lamar's "Not Like Us" can save someone's life. We explain.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Rio de Janeiro registers record heat with temperatures above 41C, Brazil - 20 Jan 2025. Credit: ANDRE COELHO/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

**THU 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkz2c)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj310lz4q)**  
South Africa: State of the Nation Address

South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa will deliver his first State of the Nation address since last year's elections which saw the ANC lost its majority in government. We hear from South Africans and speak to our reporter there.

We hear a conversation with residents in Texas who support President Trump's decision to declare a national emergency at the southern border to reduce illegal migration.

Police in London have launched a crackdown on phone thefts. We speak to our reporter who went on an undercover raid with the police.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo the rebel M23 group have been holding a rally in the city of Goma for the first time after they took control of it last week. We have the latest on the conflict.

A popular fish and chip shop in Scotland has fans going crazy for their latest creation. We speak to restaurant owners who after becoming a viral story changed their businesses.

Today marks what would have been the 80th birthday of the reggae legend Bob Marley, with celebrations of his life and music happening in multiple countries.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: South African President Cyril Ramaphosa arrives to deliver his 2025 State of the Nation Address in Cape Town, South Africa, February 6, 2025. Credit: Esa Alexander/Reuters)

**THU 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkzft)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5nzd)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

**THU 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5ylc)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**THU 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxkzkkm)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtrmwr1y)**  
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**THU 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jnxv0)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w6y)**  
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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 (w172zgfkkxkz9r)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 20:06 The Documentary (w3ct7m69)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

**THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jp1l4)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 20:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vf3)**  
Earthquakes swarms and whale chart toppers

The mystery swarm of small earthquakes near the island of Santorini beg for more data collection. Also, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the US goes offline and whales learn song like kids learn language.

Presenter: Roland Pease  
Producer: Alex Mansfield  
Production co-ordinator: Josie Hardy

(Photo: Greece earthquake. Credit: AFP)

**THU 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxz1w)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9cctgxjv)**  
Would a US takeover of Gaza be against international law?

In a social media post earlier today, US President Donald Trump seemed to double down on claims his country would fight to control the territory of Gaza. He had also suggested recently at a press conference that Palestinians should leave the region and be taken in by neighbouring nations. We explore to what extent a US takeover of Gaza would be in violation of international law.

Also on the programme: A US immigration lawyer weighs in on whether President Trump can end birth-right citizenship, after the US leader tried to have the constitutional right rescinded; new findings on where Indo-European languages originated; and the launch of lab-grown meat for dogs in a world first.

(Photo: Demonstrators attend a protest against US President Donald Trump's plan to resettle Palestinians from Gaza, in front of the US consulate in Istanbul, Turkey, 6th February 2025. Credit: Umit Bektas/REUTERS)

**THU 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxz10)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtrtms46b)**  
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**THU 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggde9jp92d)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct6062)**  
Trump tariffs: What does the US Trade Representative actually do?

Another day, another Senate confirmation hearing for one of Donald Trump's top team, this time Jamieson Greer, the nominee for US Trade Representative. So all the talk was of tariffs.

China has filed a World Trade Organisation (WTO) complaint against US president Donald Trump's 10% tariffs on Chinese goods after a trade war between two global powers began this week. What does Pascal Lamy, former director general of WTO have to say?

We hear from Gene Seroka, the Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles, the busiest container port in North America.

And more than 100 farmers in County Kerry in southwest Ireland, are set to become millionaires.

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

**THU 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy01k4)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 23:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**THU 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggde9jpdjt)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 23:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xp3)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

## FRIDAY 07 FEBRUARY 2025

**FRI 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy0598)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 00:06 The Explanation (w3ct6pmw)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggde9jpkjn)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 00:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct5ybc)**  
Donald Trump's whirlwind start to his second term

John Simpson, in discussion with the BBC's unparalleled range of experts across the world, examines Donald Trump's first few weeks in office, analyses whether the United States is going to start a trade war, and looks at how Mexico is dealing with the new administration in Washington.

(Photo: President Donald Trump. Credit: Jim Lo Scalzo/EPA)

**FRI 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy091d)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfy458bk68)**  
Trump tariffs: US Trade Representative nominee faces Senate committee

Another Senate confirmation hearing for one of Donald Trump's top team, this time its Jamieson Greer, the nominee for US Trade Representative. So all the talk was of tariffs.

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We hear from Gene Seroka, the executive director of the Port of Los Angeles, the busiest container port in North America.

And egg prices are soaring in the States. But why? That's what we asked a poultry farmer from South Carolina.

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

**FRI 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy0dsj)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtrtms5v)**  
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**FRI 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggde9jps1x)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 02:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wnh)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Tuesday]

**FRI 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy0jjn)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nz4)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Thursday]

**FRI 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yle)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy0n8s)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtrtmsvp3)**  
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**FRI 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggde9jq0k5)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tfg)**  
Feminism is my jihad

The Muslim feminist movement is growing in Turkey with young women becoming increasingly vocal about their rights and place in a traditionally patriarchal society. Emily Wither has been speaking to the co-founders of the country's first Muslim Feminist association about how they have overcome pushback from their own communities, threats to their organisation and navigated a civil society that's rooted in secularism.

Producer/presenter: Emily Wither  
Executive producer: Rajeev Gupta  
Editor: Chloe Walker  
Production co-ordinator: Mica Nepomuceno

**FRI 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy0s0x)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 05:06 Newsday (w172zbkgwz4twpb)**  
President Trump sanctions International Criminal Court

US president Donald Trump continues to remake American foreign policy. He has signed an executive order sanctioning the International Criminal Court. The US has refused to join the ICC and has criticised it in the past for taking action against its ally Israel.

We'll visit the mysterious city of Shwe Kokko in Myanmar, accused of being a city built on scams, drugs and human trafficking.

And we'll hear from Sudan. The war there continues to bring pain and suffering to large parts of the population, but in the city of Omdurman there are signs of a return to normality.

(Photo: President Trump meets PM Netanyahu, Washington, February 4, 2025. Credit: Reuters)

**FRI 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy0ws1)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 06:06 Newsday (w172zbkgwz4v0fm)**  
USAID staff placed on leave from Friday

Today we're looking at how President Donald Trump is reshaping American foreign policy in a blitz of executive orders and statements that could have major implications for many nations around the world. We'll be speaking with a former USAID head.

The presidents of Panama and the US are scheduled to talk later today to discuss tensions over the Panama Canal. The talks follow a war of words about the control of the strategic waterway.

The authorities on the Greek island of Santorini have declared a state of emergency. The measures come after a week of seismic activity which has prompted more than eleven-thousand people to seek safety off the island.

In eastern Democratic Republic of Congo the rebel M23 group have installed a new governing administration. The group are consolidating their position and also threatening other towns in the region.

(Photo: People hold placards outside the USAID building, Washington, February 3, 2025. Credit: Reuters)

**FRI 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy10j5)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 07:06 Newsday (w172zbkgwz4v45r)**  
Impact of freeze on US foreign aid

We look at how President Donald Trump is reshaping American foreign policy with a barrage of executive orders having major implications for many nations and millions of people around the world. We hear from a former USAID director, the humanitarian agency Mr Trump is trying to overhaul or perhaps dismantle. Meanwhile, the US president has signed an executive order sanctioning the International Criminal Court. We ask what practical implications that could have on the operations of the court.

We hear about the mysterious city of Shwe Kokko in Myanmar, accused of being a city built on scams, drugs and human trafficking. Our correspondent was able to visit.

The M23 rebels are moving to consolidate their control over the city of Goma in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo. We speak to our Africa correspondent and the UN peacekeepers in the region.

And we look at the problem of recovering the bodies of tens of thousands of missing people in Syria.

(Photo: USAID building sits closed after staff were asked to work remotely, Washington, 3 February, 2025; Credit: Reuters)

**FRI 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy1489)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5swc)**

Hardeep Singh Puri: India's big ambitions

Stephen Sackur is in New Delhi to speak India's Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri. India has big ambitions to be a global economic superpower. What does that mean for the country's geopolitical alliances and commitment to decarbonisation?

(Photo: Hardeep Singh Puri, India's Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas)

**FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jqhjp)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z36)**

Business Daily Meets: Makiko Ono

We speak to one of Japan's very few female CEOs.

Makiko Ono leads Suntory Beverage and Food, part of the Suntory conglomerate that makes soft drinks including Orangina, Lucozade and Ribena.

She shares her 40-plus years journey at the company; including how she led company's first acquisition to opening doors for the next generation of women in business.

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

Presenter: Sam Fenwick  
Producer: Amber Mehmood

(Image: Makiko Ono, chief executive officer of Suntory Beverage and Food Ltd, at the company's headquarters in Tokyo, Japan, on 23 March 2023. Credit Getty Images)

**FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yfv)**

Heathers: The making of a cult classic

In 1989, a dark teen comedy exploring self-harm and suicide flopped at cinemas.

Heathers would have to wait years before achieving cult status through home video tape releases.

Its stark portrayal of teenage life launched an age of more radical teen movies.

Actress Lianne Falck played one of the 'Heathers', a titular trio of girls who ruled their school, until someone started taking them down.

She tells Drew Hyndman about Heathers' journey to cult classic.

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.

**FRI 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy180f)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtrmtwtdr)**

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**FRI 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jqm8t)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 09:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vf3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Thursday]

**FRI 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy1crk)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q34)**

All by myself

French president Emmanuel Macron recently announced that Leonardo da Vinci's famous Mona Lisa painting will be moved to her very own room at the Louvre, as part of a plan to renovate the iconic museum.

And that got us thinking. Once the crowds have gone home every night, the Mona Lisa will be all by herself, with no other paintings to smile at enigmatically across the room.

So this week, we are talking all things isolation. We start things off by finding out about a key cognitive skill that may have been impacted by COVID-19 lockdowns.

Next, we discover more about the history of loneliness and the impact it can have on your health, before discussing what evolutionary roads isolated island species will go down.

Plus, we're joined by Professor Jonathan Harrington from the University of Munich. He reveals how our accents can be affected by isolation.  
That, plus many more Unexpected Elements.

Presenters: Marnie Chesterton, with Christine Yohannes and Affelia Wibisono.  
Producers: Alice Lipscombe-Southwell, with Dan Welsh, William Hornbrook and Imaan Moin.

**FRI 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy1hhp)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtrmtwtpx0)**

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**FRI 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jqvs2)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dxx)**

Is the working from home era over?

Many companies are calling staff back to the office for more or all of the working week. When the Covid-19 pandemic upended the usual way of doing business around the world, most firms were forced to change their typical operating practices, allowing employees to work remotely where possible. But what may have looked like a permanent revolution at one stage is becoming a distant memory for some workers.

Host Caitríona Perry talks to the BBC's employment correspondent Zoe Conway and Stanford University economics professor Nicholas Bloom about whether working remotely for all or part of the week is better for business efficiency, and why some employers are calling time on the practice.

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**FRI 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy1m7t)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 12:06 Outlook (w3ct69b2)**

Outlook Mixtape: The museum of memories and dreams

Bosnian Edis Kolar guarded a life-saving tunnel built in the basement of his family home during the siege of Sarajevo. The secret passage provided a safe way to move people and supplies in and out of the surrounded city. Edis tells Outlook's Mariana Des Forges how he lived in the tunnel house for the whole war, helping the thousands who crossed through the passage every day. When the war ended Edis turned his home into a museum to honour the 'Tunnel of Hope'. This interview was first broadcast in 2020.

At his day job as a security officer at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, Egyptian Armia Malak Khalil spends his

time guarding precious artworks, including paintings from great masters like Rubens, Caravaggio and Rembrandt. By night Armia works in a studio in New Jersey making his own artworks – sculptures carved out of wood. One day while at work, Armia thought he was having a conversation with just another museum visitor but this chat would catapult him to an opportunity he could only dream of.

Aparecida Vilaça is a Brazilian anthropologist who spent years in the Amazon recording the stories of Brazil's indigenous Wari' people. Many of them were told by the elderly storyteller, Paletó. Aparecida's original recordings of Paletó were held in Rio de Janeiro in the Indigenous Language collection at the National Museum but were destroyed when the museum burned down in 2018. And Brazilian Beatriz Hörmanseder is a paleontologist who lost all her work in the fire but came up with a unique way to cope with the trauma of that loss. She got a tattoo of the building's facade and set up a project where other students and staff could do the same. Outlook's Maryam Maruf reports. This interview was first broadcast in 2019.

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Producer: May Cameron

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(Photo: Cassette Tape. Credit: Getty Images)

**FRI 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5yfv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**FRI 13:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy1qzy)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtrmtwyd8)**

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**FRI 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9j38b)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 13:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tgf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

**FRI 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy1vr2)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 14:06 Newshour (w172zb9cctgzq71)**

Top criminal court condemns US sanctions on officials

The International Criminal Court has said it will continue to provide justice and hope to the victims of atrocities, after Donald Trump signed an order to impose US sanctions on its staff. The court said it stood firmly by its personnel. Mr Trump signed the order during a visit by the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who faces an ICC arrest warrant for alleged war crimes in Gaza. We hear reaction from the former ICC chief prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo.

Also in the programme: we visit the border between Thailand and Myanmar and a strange city built on scams; and what whale song and language learning have in common.

(Photo: Trump previously sanctioned ICC officials during his first term in office in 2020. Credit: Getty Images)

**FRI 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy1zh6)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5swc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**FRI 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jrb1)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zts)**

Japan's leader is meeting President Trump

U.S. President Donald Trump hosts the Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba for the first time, as the two allies work to boost business and security ties.

But, given Japan runs a trade deficit with America - can the two stay on friendly economic terms? We hear from one business owner who certainly hopes so...

Also on the programme today we'll be live at a major meeting of those looking to mine critical minerals in Africa.



And it's Super Bowl Sunday in the United States this weekend and that means a lot of people watching television adverts which cost companies million dollars. Despite their cost, are these ads good for business?

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**FRI 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy237b)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj310pr9p)**  
Regional summit on eastern DRC conflict

With warnings of the violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo spreading beyond the country's borders, we find out about today's regional summit, and we hear a conversation between a Congolese mother and her daughter.

Most of the employees of USAID will be placed on administrative leave at midnight on Friday. We bring together people who until now have relied on USAID's support.

We hear from residents in the Greek island of Santorini where a state of emergency has been declared after days of consecutive earthquakes.

Thailand's government says it is trying to shut down criminal scam compounds which have spread along its border with Myanmar. We speak to our South East Asia Correspondent Jonathan Head who was allowed limited access to the hub across border.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: M23 rebel group takes over Goma, DR Congo, Congo The Democratic Republic Of The - 04 Feb 2025. Credit: STRINGER/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

**FRI 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy26zg)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj310pw1t)**  
USAID could slash staff to hundreds

America's foreign aid agency could see its staff slashed from about 10,000 to fewer than 300 globally as the Trump administration makes major cuts to government spending. We bring together three employees who are about to lose their jobs.

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New York City's beloved owl Flaco is getting his very own exhibit at The New York Historical, called "The Year of Flaco". We speak to a couple who took some of the photos of him which appear in the exhibition.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: The USAID building sits closed to employees after a memo was issued advising agency personnel to work remotely, in Washington, D.C., U.S., February 3, 2025. Credit: Kent Nishimura/File Photo/Reuters)

**FRI 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy2bql)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 18:06 Outlook (w3ct69b2)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

**FRI 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5yfv)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**FRI 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy2ggq)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrtmwwn1)**  
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**FRI 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jrtr3)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w2f)**  
2025/02/07 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 (w172zgfkkxy216v)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 20:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rcx)**  
Donald Trump and the future of Gaza

Many countries have condemned President Trump in recent days for his proposal to "take over" the Gaza strip while "resettling" Palestinians in neighbouring countries.

In our conversations we hear from two women in Gaza, returning to what's left of their homes. Weam shares with us an audio diary of her recent experiences and we bring her together with Farida to discuss why they want to stay where they are.

"The people of Gaza have always endured suffering, facing hunger and displacement," Weam tells host Mark Lowen. "We have never had a say in our fate."

Donald Trump's proposal for Gaza would be the largest shift in US policy on the Middle East in decades. Many other nations still support the two-state solution, which would create two separate states – Israel and an independent Palestine – something the Netanyahu government of Israel is against. For our second conversation, we bring together two Israelis who have been involved in past peace talks. What do they think of Donald Trump's plan?

Presenter: Mark Lowen.  
BBC producers: Laura Cress, Iqra Farooq and Kira Fomenko.  
Boffin Media producer: Richard Hollingham.

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(Photo: Weam in Gaza. Credit: Weam)

**FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9jrjh7)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rjf)**  
Why can't I remember my early childhood?

Some of our biggest achievements happen in the first years of our lives. Taking our first steps, picking up a complex language from scratch, and forming relationships with some of the most important people we'll ever meet. But when we try to remember this period of great change, we often draw a blank.

After losing his Dad aged four, CrowdScience listener Colin has grappled with this. Why can't he recall memories of such a monumental figure in his life, yet superficial relationships from his teens remain crystal clear in his mind? Colin takes presenter Marnie Chesterton to visit some of the significant locations of his childhood, places he would have spent many hours with his late father; and he recounts his earliest memories.

On this trip down memory lane, Marnie discovers the psychological mechanisms behind our lack of early childhood memories. Sarah Power from the Max Planck Institute for Human Development discusses the evolution of our memory systems, detecting false memories from real ones, and her world-first study exploring how infants form memories in real time. Elaine Reese from the University of Otago digs into the relationship between environment and culture when our earliest experiences solidify into memories. And Tomás Ryan, neuroscientist at Trinity College Dublin, reveals fascinating new insights from animal studies that hint that these memories could still be lurking inside our heads...

Presenter: Marnie Chesterton  
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(Photo: Marnie Chesterton and CrowdScience listener, Colin, on the swings in Belfast.)

**FRI 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy2pyz)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9ccth0kfy)**  
Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

**FRI 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy2tq3)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqrtmww13f)**  
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**FRI 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9js5zh)**  
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**FRI 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zx1)**  
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The latest business and finance news from around the world, on the BBC.

**FRI 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfkkxy2yg7)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 23:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5swe)**  
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**FRI 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggdc9js9qm)**  
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