

SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2025

SAT 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3kncf1)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 00:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q36)
Standing on the shoulders of giants

Monty the giant schnauzer won best in show at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. And rather than thinking of all things canine, this week the Unexpected Elements team turn their attention to all things giant.

First, we find out how a giant virus could help keep our planet cool.

Next up, we discover the origins of enormous Greek characters, such as the Titans and the Cyclops.

We then find out how giant clams put solar panels to shame.

Plus, we're joined by Professor Shinobu Ishigaki, director of the Museum of Dinosaur Research at the Okayama University of Science. He tells us about the ginormous footprints he found in the Gobi Desert, and what they could teach us about herbivorous dinosaurs.

That, plus many more Unexpected Elements.

Presenters: Caroline Steel, with Chhavi Sachdev and Camilla Mota.

Producers: William Hornbrook, with Alice Lipscombe-Southwell, Debbie Kilbride, Imaan Moin and Noa Dowling.

SAT 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3knh55)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfvypwzrb1)
Apple vs UK: Data Showdown

Apple is removing its highest level data security tool from customers in the UK. So what does that mean for iPhone users? We hear from a cyber security expert.

And the New York Yankees dropped their ban on beards, 49 years after it was imposed by owner.

Also, are soap operas dead? This is following the news that the long running Australian series, 'Neighbours' will come to an end this year.

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

SAT 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3knlx9)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsk5jft9m)
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf2v5bz5p)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct5wj1)
The secret to Alana King's success

Eleanor Oldroyd, Jim Maxwell and Charu Sharma discuss Pakistan's disappointing opening performance in the Champions Trophy and how that could impact their match on Sunday against India.

Australia's Alana King is often hailed for her spin bowling, but what about her exploits with the bat? We are joined by one of her club coaches Carl Sandri. Like King, Sandri also has roots in baseball, so he tells us how he has used their shared interest to improve her batting. He also tells us about his cricketing journey from playing cricket for Italy to coaching Papua New Guinea.

We hear from India's greatest ever female batter Mithali Raj after she was awarded the lifetime achievement award at the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year awards. She tells us about her journey into cricket and the challenges she has faced.

And we hear from South Africa men's captain Temba Bavuma who shares his experience of being the first black African player to be appointed as permanent captain of the Proteas.

Photo: Alana King of Australia reacts during day one of the Women's Ashes Test Match between Australia and England at Melbourne Cricket Ground on January 30, 2025 in Melbourne, Australia. (Photo by Daniel Pockett/Getty Images)

SAT 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3knqnf)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 03:06 Outlook (w3ct69b4)
Outlook Mixtape: The smelly edition

It's a smell bonanza with people's noses as the centrepiece.

British perfumer Jo Malone has the most incredible sense of smell and it has turned her into a very wealthy woman. She has built up a business empire called Jo Malone London, selling scented products, things like candles, and perfume and skin creams. She sold the company for undisclosed millions in the 1990s, and now has a new business, Jo Loves. She spoke to Jo Fliden in 2016.

When Alix Fox was 17 years old she had an extreme allergic reaction. She was rushed to hospital, but never experienced anything like it again. However, after that, something changed. It's unclear if it was caused by the allergic reaction, but Alix started to smell things that didn't exist. The scents would be triggered by certain emotions or locations. Alix believes she has something called olfactory synaesthesia. She spoke to Saskia in 2018.

Cecilia Bembibre is an olfactory heritage specialist who uses innovative means to collect and preserve smells that might be in danger of dying out. In 2016 Emily Webb went to meet her to find out how she does it.

Professor Luca Turin has always been interested in how perfumes smell. But he's also interested in how we smell perfumes. Because how we are able to experience smell is still unknown. In the 90s, there was one prevailing theory: that our noses have a way to sense the shapes of molecules and therefore we experience their scent. Luca didn't think this theory made sense and then revived an old and unpopular idea: that the nose detects smells through the vibration of molecules. Because of his unorthodox beliefs, Luca has faced opposition in the olfaction community.

Presenter: Saskia Edwards

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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yfx)
Assassination of Malcolm X

Sixty years ago, on 21st February 1965, the controversial black leader, Malcolm X, was assassinated in Harlem, New York as he was preparing to speak there.

In 2011, Simon Watts spoke to Herman Ferguson who was one of the people who was in the audience that day.

This programme contains outdated racial language that may offend.

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

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

(Photo: Malcolm X speaks in Harlem six days before he was shot to death. Credit: Bill Quinn/NY Daily News Archive via Getty Images)

SAT 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3knvdk)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 04:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q36)
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 today]

SAT 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3knz4p)
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SAT 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsk5jg5k0)
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SAT 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf2v5cbf2)
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SAT 05:32 Diddy On Trial (w3ct7m4y)
Does hip-hop have a problem? Plus Diddy's influence on the music industry

Does hip hop have a problem? Diddy denies the federal offences he's accused of, but has previously apologised for physically assaulting Cassie Ventura, seen in a video widely shared online. That moment of violence and other incidents involving high-profile stars mean there's a spotlight on the wider genre.

Anoushka Mutanda-Dougherty speaks to Mark Anthony Neal, professor of African-American studies who runs courses on the history of hip-hop at Duke University, North Carolina; along with Dr Jason Rawls - known as J. Rawls - who's assistant professor of hip-hop at Ohio State University and a musician, producer and DJ.

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? 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 (w3ct5trj)
Are 150 year olds getting social security payments?

Last week Elon Musk revealed that he had been through the Social Security Agencies database and found millions of people aged over 100.

The vast majority of these people are dead, but their accounts and social security numbers remain live.

Elon claimed that he had uncovered 'the biggest fraud ever' prompting some news outlets to speculate that billions of dollars might be being paid to these dead people every month.

But is it true? We look at whether this is new information and what the data actually tells us.

Produced and presented by: Lizzy McNeill
Series producer: Tom Colls
Editor: Richard Vadon
Production Co-ordinator: Brenda Brown
Sound Mix: James Beard

SAT 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3kp2wt)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 06:06 Weekend (w172zcxgh35nbsn)
Hamas to hand over more hostages

Hamas is expected to hand over six living Israeli hostages later today, in exchange for hundreds of Palestinians. Also in the programme: The US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has called for an immediate ceasefire in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, where Rwandan backed M23 rebels have captured large areas. We speak to the DRC's ambassador to the UN plus the curious case of a French man appealing to thieves who stole his credit card and used to win a jackpot to reach out to him for a deal to share the winnings.

Joining presenter Julian Worricker to discuss these and other stories of the day are Elisabeth Schimpfössl, senior lecturer in sociology at Aston University in the UK and the author of Rich Russians: From Oligarchs to Bourgeoisie and Nelson Abbey, a writer and broadcaster based in London.

(Picture: Palestinian civilians and fighters from Hamas's Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades watch a Red Cross vehicle drive by during the handover of the bodies of four Israeli hostages, in Khan Yunis, southern Gaza Strip, Thursday, 20 February, 2025. Credit: Mandatory Credit: Photo by HAITHAM IMAD/EPA-

EFE/REX/Shutterstock (15160338t)

SAT 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3kp6my)

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SAT 07:06 Weekend (w172zcxgh35ngjs)

Hamas set to hand over more hostages

Hamas is expected to hand over six living Israeli hostages later today, in exchange for hundreds of Palestinians, as part of the Gaza ceasefire deal.

Also in the programme: We look at how the issue of immigration is shaping Germany's upcoming election; and why a simple advertising slogan designed to encourage tourists to visit New Zealand has not gone down well with some people.

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(Picture: A Red Cross representative presides over the handover of the bodies of four Israeli hostages, in Khan Yunis, southern Gaza Strip, Thursday, 20 February, 2025. Credit: Mandatory Credit: Photo by HAITHAM IMAD/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock (15160338o)

SAT 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3kpbd2)

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SAT 08:06 Weekend (w172zcxgh35nl8x)

Israel awaits the release of Gaza hostages

Hamas is releasing a group of living hostages in Gaza, in exchange for hundreds of Palestinians, as part of the Gaza ceasefire deal.

Also in the programme: US President Donald Trump says Presidents Zelensky and Putin will have to get together to end the war between their countries; and we speak to author Nnedi Okorafor, about her new novel which draws on her own experiences to highlight the complexities of being a black, disabled woman in America who is trying to make a break in the cutthroat publishing industry.

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(Picture: People gather at Hostages Square in Tel Aviv, Israel, 22 February 2025, ahead of the scheduled release of six hostages held by Hamas in Gaza. The Israeli military expects Hamas to release the six Israeli hostages from two separate locations in Gaza. Hostage and prisoner exchange between Israel and Hamas, Tel Aviv - 22 Feb 2025. Credit: Photo by ABIR SULTAN/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock (15163223au)

SAT 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3kpg46)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 09:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rcz)

Ukraine: Three years of war

The past week has seen talks between the United States and Russia – without Ukraine. This was followed by what seems to be a deepening rift between US President Trump and Ukrainian leader President Zelensky. Meanwhile, the war on the ground grinds on and Russia continues to bombard Ukraine with drones and missiles.

In our conversations we bring together three people who we first met on the programme shortly after the full-scale invasion of the country in 2022.

“The war completely permeates our lives,” Ludmyla tells us. “Even when we meet with friends, we still talk about the war but at the same time we talk about the value of life and its fragility because every moment can be the last.”

More than three million people have been displaced to other parts of the country and 6.7 million Ukrainians live abroad as refugees. We catch up with two of them.

We also hear from two women involved in a project to rebuild Ukraine to the sound of rave.

“You have a DJ playing, you have destroyed buildings that need restoration, and you have people who are volunteers,” Darka explains. “Instead of dancing to the music of the DJ, they’re actually building the house or clearing up the debris.”

Presenter: Luke Jones
BBC OS producer: Iqra Farooq
Boffin Media producer: Richard Hollingham

An EcoAudio certified Boffin Media production in partnership with the BBC OS team.

(Photo: Sasha in Ukraine helping to restore destroyed buildings. Credit: Sasha)

SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf2v5ctdl)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 09:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v1w)

Is the working from home era over?

Our podcast The Global Story looks at worldwide trends around work and where we do it, from the office or a hybrid week? Plus, why the Panama Canal is at the centre of growing tensions between the United States and China. 20 Nigerian words are added to the latest edition of the Oxford English Dictionary, the Kenyan who taught himself piano on a keyboard drawn on a piece of cardboard - and we imagine a world where dogs have their own society.

SAT 09:50 Over to You (w3ct5tv3)

Putting the focus on the making of a war drama

Purple Heart Warriors is a time-travelling drama about the Japanese-American legends of the 442nd regiment who fought the Nazis in World War Two. We hear listeners' reactions and we are joined by its director and producer.

Plus, a listener wonders if the BBC has a language guide for the proper use of terminology?

Presenter: Rajan Datar
Producer: Howard Shannon
A Whistledown production for BBC World Service

SAT 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3kpkwb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 10:06 Sportshour (w3ct5qc1)

The solo ocean challenge and Damian King's return to the waves

Craig Wood was just 18 when he lost both legs and his left arm in a roadside bomb whilst serving in the British Army in Afghanistan. 16 years on and he's attempting to become the first triple amputee to sail solo non-stop across the Pacific. He tells Sportshour's Shabnam Younus-Jewell the reasons for doing it and the challenges he's expecting on the journey from Mexico to Japan.

From an ocean challenge to someone who knows all about the waves - three-time world champion bodyboarder Damian King is making his comeback more than a decade after retiring from the sport. He shares what's brought him back to Hawaii and why he will be using the board he rode to victory at the 2004 World Championships.

One of the rising stars of women's snooker, India's Anupama Ramachandran reveals how it still feels like a dream from being introduced to the sport 10 years ago at a summer camp to now reaching a career-high seventh in the world rankings. And Jo Currie reports from Melbourne where Afghanistan's women cricketers have vowed to keep fighting cricket's world governing body for recognition after playing their first official match.

Image: Damian King in action bodyboarding on a wave. (Supplied by Damian King)

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SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbgks5jgx0s)

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SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf2v5d1wv)

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SAT 11:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct5ycd)

Where do the US-Russia talks leave Ukraine?

This week John Simpson, in discussion with the BBC's unparalleled range of experts across the world, analyses exactly what's at stake following talks between the US and Russia over the Ukraine war, examines whether a second Trump presidency

has opened new avenues for China abroad, and looks at the new challenges Syrians are facing following the fall of Bashar al-Assad.

SAT 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3kptd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 12:06 The Forum (w3ct5n0k)

How the US dollar came to dominate the world

From Colombia to Vietnam and beyond, the US dollar is the currency in which much of international business is conducted, and which many people outside the US use as a means of exchange and a store of value. So how did a country with just over 4 percent of the world's population come to dominate global banking and trade? When the position of the US dollar as the linchpin of global commerce was confirmed at the end of the Second World War, not everyone was happy with this state of affairs: the French soon spoke of the Americans having an 'exorbitant privilege'. Did they have a point? And what of the more recent efforts to replace the Greenback with other currencies?

Iszi Lawrence follows the history of the US dollar from its origins to today with H W Brands Jr., Professor of history at the University of Texas at Austin; Barry Eichengreen, Professor of economics and political science at the University of California, Berkeley; Carola Frydman, Professor of finance at the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University in Evanston; Perry Mehrling, Professor of international political economy at the Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University and World Service listeners.

(Photo: A roll of US dollar notes. Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3kpy3q)

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SAT 13:06 Newshour (w172zb9d3c3mslp)

Six Israeli hostages handed over to Red Cross by Hamas in Gaza

Hamas has released more Israeli hostages at highly stage-managed events in Gaza. In all, six men have been freed so far on Saturday. Television pictures of them being handed to the Red Cross were met with cheers by crowds in Tel Aviv's Hostage Square. In exchange, more than six hundred Palestinian prisoners will be released by Israel.

As Germany's far right AfD party is in second place before tomorrow's election, we hear from one recent Syrian immigrant about her life in Berlin.

And And we take a look at the Trump policies on American science – a Harvard professor tells us what's being cut.

(Photo: The moment hostage Omer Shem Tov is released at the handover. Credit: Reuters)

SAT 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3kq1vv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w172zbnb6zqfz9)

Live Sporting Action

Sportsworld has live Premier League commentary as title challengers Arsenal host West Ham United. The former West Ham first team coach Mark Warburton and the former Liverpool and Crystal Palace defender Martin Kelly will join Lee James to preview that match and all the other games in the Premier League. We'll talk La Liga with leaders Barcelona and third place Atletico Madrid in action on Saturday.

Away from football, there's Six Nations rugby with England against Scotland and Wales versus holders Ireland. We'll be in Riyadh to talk about the best boxing card of all-time. The undisputed light heavyweight rematch between Artur Beterbiev and Dmitry Bivol and Daniel Dubois's heavyweight title fight against Joseph Parker share top billing on a card featuring four title fights and three interim bouts.

There will also be discussion on two huge matches in cricket's Champions Trophy. Australia play England on Saturday and India play Pakistan on Sunday.

Photo: Martin Odegaard of Arsenal is challenged by Lucas Paqueta of West Ham during the Premier League match between West Ham United FC and Arsenal FC at London Stadium on November 30, 2024 in London, England. (Credit: Arsenal FC via Getty Images)

SAT 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3kqjvc)

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SAT 18:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsk5jhr7p)

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SAT 18:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf2v5dx3r)

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SAT 18:32 Diddy On Trial (w3ct7m4v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 today]

SAT 18:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wfs)

Exploring the caves of the world's biggest iceberg

In 2000, a Canadian diver became the first person to explore the underwater caves of a giant iceberg.

Jill Heinerth was already renowned for her exploits mapping vast underground cave networks in Florida.

But when a vast iceberg known as B-15 broke away from an ice shelf in Antarctica, Jill was given a unique challenge.

Braving sub-zero temperatures and the treachery of constantly shifting ice, she became the first person to ever enter one of these caves - a historic milestone in diving.

She spoke to Emily Finch in 2022. A Whistledown production.

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: Jill Heinerth. Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3kqnlh)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 19:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjn)

Are we ready for the new male contraceptives?

Women have been using the female contraceptive pill for over 60 years, and many other options have followed. Yet, after decades of research, there is still no male version of a birth control pill.

Male options for contraception are limited to the condom, vasectomy or withdrawal. However, clinical trials are underway around the world testing new innovations in male contraception. New options may be less than a decade away but, when they arrive, will people want to take them? In this edition of the Inquiry Sandra Kanthal asks: Are we ready for the new male contraceptives?

Contributors:

Allan Pacey, Professor of Andrology, University of Manchester
Dr Diana Bliethe, Chief of the Contraceptive Development Programme, National Institutes of Health
Dhananjay Vaidyanathan Rohini, Founder and Partner, Alstonia Impact
Logan Nickels, Chief Research Office, Male Contraceptive Initiative

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Technical Producer: James Beard
Editor: Tara McDermott

SAT 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf2v5f0vw)

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SAT 19:32 The Global Jigsaw (w3ct7mw0)

Life in occupied Ukraine: Crimea

Russia's land grab playbook aimed at erasing local identity and Russifying "liberated" territories. Three years into the full scale invasion of Ukraine, we ask what life is like in areas under Russian control. Part one looks at "ripe for Russification" Crimea, which was annexed 11 years ago. Part two focuses on Moscow's subsequent efforts to assert itself in the separatist East. And in part three we explore the Kremlin's challenges in subjugating parts of the newly occupied Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions. As time passes, the uncertainty over the future of what Ukraine calls "temporarily occupied territories" grows bigger.

Producer: Kriszta Satori

Presenter: Krassi Twigg

SAT 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3kqsbm)

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SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qkt)

TV writer and co-creator Samuel Jefferson

Nikki Bedi and cultural critic Rhianna Dhillon discuss Renee Zellweger's return to the big screen as Bridget Jones, alongside Hugh Grant.

American musical theatre star Marisha Wallace explains how she set her sights on being the first Black Sally Bowles on stage in Cabaret. Plus, Hollywood star Harrison Ford on joining the Marvel Universe and US artist Theaster Gates on the messages behind his work.

Also, there is music from Venezuelan singer Luzmira Zerpa.

And TV writer and co-creator Samuel Jefferson talks about his excellent, dynamic and gripping TV series Berlin ER.

Producer: Oliver Jones

Assistant producer: Lucy Collingwood

SAT 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3kqx2r)

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SAT 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9d3c3nrkq)

Final day of German election campaign

Economic woes, worries about immigration and the rise of the far right have loomed over the campaign ahead of Sunday's election in Germany. We hear the latest from our team on the ground in Berlin.

Also in the programme: President Trump fires the United States' highest-ranking military officer; and the Vatican says Pope Francis is in a critical condition after a week in hospital.

(Photo: German Chancellor Scholz holds final rally ahead of general election, in Potsdam. Credit: REUTERS/Liesa Johannssen)

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SAT 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsk5jj776)

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SAT 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf2v5fd38)

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SAT 22:32 This Is Africa (w3ct5y69)

Imilo Lechanceux

Imilo Lechanceux was born in Ivory Coast, but when he returned to the land of his parents as a young man he was determined to win the love of the people of Burkina Faso. As he tells This Is Africa, he wrote songs singing the praises of Burkina Faso, and he began to sing in the local language. More, as well as blending Burkinabe traditional sounds and instruments with coupe decade from Ivory Coast and other genres picked from elsewhere.

Imilo had a big hit during last year's Africa Cup of Nations with his song Taper Dedans which was designed to encourage Burkina Faso's national football team, the Stallions. His love of sport is reflected in another hit, Fitness, which has become a favourite soundtrack for gym workouts.

In this episode, Imilo also talks about his love of children and his charitable work in prisons, as well as his hopes for peace in Burkina Faso and across the region.

SAT 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3kr410)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 23:06 The Documentary (w3ct7nf3)

Saudi and trans: Eden's final message

In March 2023, the "final message" from Eden Knight, a young Saudi transgender woman, went viral on Twitter. It was viewed more than 35 million times. It laid bare Eden's journey from the US back to Saudi Arabia, and the betrayal she claimed to have suffered. BBC Eye investigates the events that led up to Eden's death, and those she claims were responsible for her return to Saudi Arabia where she tragically took her own life.

SAT 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf2v5fhvd)

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SAT 23:32 Assignment (w3ct5mv3)

The village that came back from the dead

In Germany some 300 villages have been destroyed since the Second World War because of the coal that lay beneath them. Villagers have grown up in the knowledge that one day their house will be torn down and generally they've accepted the deal on offer: the mine buys their house and they build a new one in a brand-new village. But the demands of climate change and the need to curb CO2 emissions has changed attitudes to fossil fuels. In one region west of Cologne all mining activity will cease by 2030, 15 years earlier than planned. Which means that villages designated for demolition are now going to survive. That news isn't always welcome. Tim Mansel has visited one of them.

Produced and presented by Tim Mansel

Studio Manager: Rod Farquhar

Production Coordinator: Gemma Ashman

Editor: Penny Murphy

The programme includes music composed and performed by Bernd Servos

(Image: Bürgewald, once doomed to demolition, now the "village of the future. Credit: Tim Mansel/BBC)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

SUN 00:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wfs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3krd28)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 19:06 on Saturday]

SUN 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf2v5frbn)

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SUN 01:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69jx)

Syria after Assad

In December 2024, rebel forces took control in Syria, and former President Bashar al-Assad fled the country. What's happened since? Salma Khattab from BBC Arabic has just come back from Syria and she'll share what she's seen on the ground. Plus, a profile of Peruvian artist singer Chacalón, by Santiago Vanegas from BBC Mundo, and how young people in Tunisia and Algeria are trying to detoxify from social media, with Saïfeddine Rebai from BBC Arabic's Xtra TV show.

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

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

SUN 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3krhtd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsk5jjq6q)

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

SUN 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf2v5fw2s)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 02:32 Health Check (w3ct5t9z)

The global oxygen crisis

The global need for medical oxygen is high, but there are huge gaps in safe and affordable access. The first report of its kind identifies not only who is most vulnerable, but how the world can strengthen the supply of medical oxygen to improve public health and pandemic preparedness.

We hear first-hand the impact of the USAID freeze on health clinicians in practice. And we learn how health systems are rebuilt after conflict, integrating resilience to protect them against future shocks.

Also on the show, can weight-loss drugs curb alcohol addiction? Plus, scientists discover it is not just your tongue that can taste sweetness - sweet taste receptors have been found on the heart, and they could play a role in heartbeat regulation.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond

Producer: Katie Tomsett

(Photo: A woman uses an oxygen mask at a medical health centre in Ondurman, Sudan, 3 September, 2023. El Tayeb Siddig/Reuters)

SUN 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3krmkj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 03:06 The Forum (w3ct5n0k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3krr9n)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sk3)

Missing in Ukraine

Max Pearson presents stories from Ukraine, The Gambia and Uzbekistan.

Its three years since Russia began its full-scale invasion of Ukraine, during which time hundreds of thousands of people have been killed or injured - though others have simply disappeared without trace. Sarah Rainsford travelled to Ukraine, where she met families left wondering what has happened to their loved ones.

Each year thousands of people leave sub-Saharan Africa in hope of reaching Europe and forging a better life. It's a dangerous and potentially deadly journey - and for some the challenge is just too much. So what happens after they return home? Alex Last went to The Gambia to find out.

The city of Bukhara in Uzbekistan is located on the route of the legendary Silk Road, and in the Middle Ages it became a major intellectual hub of the Islamic world. It's also home to a centuries-old Jewish community, which over generations blended culture with the Muslim community. Post-Soviet emigration means it's now much smaller than it used to be, but Monica Whitlock met one man who is still happy to call Bukhara home.

Image: Lviv Commemorates Heavenly Hundred Heroes. Priests conduct prayer to commemorate Heavenly Hundred Heroes, who were killed in 2014 during the mass Euromaidan protest. (Photo by Les Kasyanov/Global Images Ukraine via Getty Images)

SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf2v5g311)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:32 Trending (w3ct5y9x)

Can Community Notes clean up your feed?

Meta has decided to abandon the use of independent fact-checkers on Facebook and Instagram in the United States, citing concerns that fact-checkers have become too politically biased.

Instead, the company seems to be following X's lead by shifting to a Community Notes-style system, where users rather than

professional fact-checkers and experts correct accurate.

But what does this shift really mean? Will it lead to more free speech and fewer errors? Or does it open the door for misinformation to spread more easily? How well are social media users equipped to discern fact from fiction?

BBC Trending speaks with former insiders, users and a social psychologist to explore how effective this new approach might be.

Presenter: Marianna Spring

Producer: Marta Pausilli

Editor: Flora Carmichael

SUN 04:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wfs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

SUN 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3krw1s)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsk5jk2g3)

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SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf2v5g7b5)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct7nf3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:06 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3krzxs)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 06:06 Weekend (w172zcxgh35r7pr)

Israel delays release of Palestinian prisoners

Israel has postponed the planned release of six-hundred Palestinian prisoners, despite the release of six Israeli hostages on Saturday. It is accusing Hamas of violating the ceasefire terms.

Also in the programme: Germans are voting today in a general election to elect a new government following the collapse of a coalition of the social democrats, liberals and greens; and we'll hear the latest on the condition of Pope Francis who remains in a critical condition in hospital.

Joining presenter Julian Worricker to discuss these and other stories of the day are Stefan Meister, the Head of the Center for Order and Governance in Eastern Europe, Russia and Central Asia at the German Council of Foreign Affairs, and Emma Graham Harrison who is senior International Affairs Correspondent at The Guardian & The Observer newspapers.

(Picture: Palestinians wait for the release of their relatives from Israeli prisons, at the culture center in the West Bank city of Ramallah, early 23 February 2025. Credit: Photo by ALAA BADARNEH/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock (15164044n)

SUN 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3ks3k1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 07:06 Weekend (w172zcxgh35rcfw)

Germans vote in snap election

Germans are voting today in a closely watched snap election to elect a new government following the collapse of a coalition of the social democrats, liberals and greens parties.

Also in the programme: Israel has suspended the planned release of six-hundred Palestinian prisoners accusing Hamas of violating the ceasefire terms; and we get a taste of the array of films at this year's Berlinale Film Festival as it marks its 75th anniversary.

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(Picture: A person votes at a polling station in a pub during the 2025 general election, in Berlin, Germany, February 23, 2025. REUTERS/Fabrizio Bensch)

SUN 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3ks795)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 08:06 Weekend (w172zcxgh35rh60)

The human toll of three years of Ukrainian war

We hear about the human toll of the Ukrainian war as the country marks three years since its full invasion by Russia.

Also in the programme: Voting is underway in Germany's general election, we get a view from East Germany; and the Vatican says Pope Francis who is suffering from double pneumonia spent a peaceful night in hospital.

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(Picture: Self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) militia monitors a section of the road near Avdiivka, Donetsk region, eastern Ukraine, 20 July 2022 (reissued 20 February 2025). The war in Ukraine, which began with Russia's full-scale invasion in 2022, reaches its third anniversary on 24 February 2025. The conflict has caused widespread destruction and a humanitarian crisis. Credit: Photo by ALESSANDRO GUERRA/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock (15160667a)

SUN 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3ksc19)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sk3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today]

SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf2v5g9p)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xp5)

Masters of the craft

What motivates someone to dedicate years of their life to learning one skill?

Ruth Alexander finds out what it takes to master a craft, the exacting standards one must meet, and why it's all worth it.

Sushi chef Eddie Chow tells us how it took more than ten years to achieve the title of 'master sushi chef', and the pain of getting there.

What does it take to become an illustrious master butcher in Germany? Claus Bobel explains the importance of tradition, and his daughter Yulia tells us why she's following in his footsteps.

And 'Lady of the Ham' Cati Gomez describes the process of becoming a cartadora, and why ham carving is getting more and more popular around the world.

SUN 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf1n3ksgsf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5txc)

How to have better sex

Sex is one of the few things in life that is available to everyone and is free. But achieving enjoyable sex is not possible for many. Some people are held back by fear, ignorance or culture - others don't know or understand their rights around sex. For years public health campaigns focused on warning people about the downsides of sex - danger, disease and death - but increasingly the work is focused on the reasons people have sex. We're in Brazil where we meet Ana Autoestima. She's a 'virtual friend' who provides positive advice about sex to women living some of the poorest neighbourhoods in Rio de Janeiro. We also visit Iraq to find out how a project is helping women who've suffered from female genital mutilation or FGM to enjoy their bodies and sexuality. And we'll hear from Kenyan celebrity and musician Kaz Karen Lucas whose mission is to change the way Kenyans think about sex.

This programme contains adult themes.

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Presenter: Myra Anubi

Producer: Claire Bowes
Editor: Jon Bithrey
Sound mix: Gareth Jones

(Image: Podcaster Kaz recording The Spread with guests, Kaz Karen Lucas)

SUN 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf2v5gv1t)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69jx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 01:32 today]

SUN 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfln3ksljk)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsk5jksxw)
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SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf2v5gysy)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:32 Trending (w3ct5y9x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct5trj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

SUN 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfln3ksq8p)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rcz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]

SUN 12:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf2v5h2k2)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:32 The Documentary (w3ct5mw5)
UkraineCast: Three years of war

Three Ukrainians reflect on how lives have changed in the last three years since Russia's full-scale invasion, and discuss the prospects for peace in Ukraine. We speak to Vitalii from Lutsk, Anastasiia in Kyiv and Pavlo in Lviv.

Producers: Ben Carter, Julia Webster and Ryan Johnstone
Studio manager: Hannah Montgomery
Series producer: Tim Walklate
Assistant editor: Ben Mundy

SUN 13:00 BBC News (w172zgfln3ksv0t)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 13:06 Newshour (w172zb9d3c3qphs)
Israel has stepped up its military operation in the occupied West Bank

Israeli tanks have been sent into the northern part of the occupied West Bank for the first time in decades. Israel has expelled the residents of three refugee camps in the territory as it steps up its military presence there. Israel's defence minister, Israel Katz, said Palestinian camps in Jenin, Tulkarm and Nur Shams were now empty and would be occupied by the military for a year.

Also on the programme: Germans are voting in one of the country's most consequential parliamentary elections of recent times; and we hear from a former BBC entertainment correspondent about the changing art of interviewing stars from Bette Davis to Ethan Hawke.

(Photo: Israeli soldiers stand near a tank as it is positioned just outside the occupied West Bank on the Israeli side of the north barrier between Israel and the occupied West Bank on February 23, 2025. Credit: REUTERS/Rami Amichay)

SUN 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfln3ksyry)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wt2)
How can we build mental resilience to climate change?

How can we protect our mental health from climate change related trauma? Can family, friends and community help to

boost recovery and resilience in places hit by extreme weather?

Graihagh Jackson finds out about a local support network called "After The Fire", set up following the wildfires which swept through Northern California in 2017. And she hears how the Manobo tribe in the Philippines are protecting their community from flooding and typhoons.

Plus, we hear some top tips about mental health first aid, and how to build psychological resilience, from Jyoti Mishra, Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, University of California and Dr. John Jamir Benzon R. Aruta, Associate Professor at the de La Salle University in the Philippines.

You can find out more about the story from the Philippines by following the link to an article by our friends at BBC Future Planet.

Presenter: Graihagh Jackson
Producer: Diane Richardson
For BBC Future Planet: Gab Mejia, Ivan Torres, Jeremy Riggall and Isabelle Gerretsen
Production co-ordinator: Brenda Brown
Sound Mix: Tom Brignell
Editor: Simon Watts

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

SUN 14:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf2v5h1b)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:32 Happy News (w3ct5sqx)
Happy News

Positive news stories

SUN 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfln3kt2j2)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 15:06 Sportsworld (w172zbnb6zqjcmj)
Live Sporting Action

Sportsworld has commentary of one of the most eagerly anticipated fixtures of the season as champions Manchester City host Liverpool – the team in pole position to take the title from them.

There will also be updates and reaction from the meeting of two sides with top-four hopes, as Nottingham Forest take on Newcastle United. Former DR Congo defender Gabriel Zakuani joins Delyth Lloyd to look back over all the weekend's action.

There will also be reaction to a huge night of boxing in Riyadh, with Artur Beterbiev up against Dmitry Bivol in their light-heavyweight rematch, and Daniel Dubois' heavyweight title fight against Joseph Parker. The Sportsworld team also bring you the latest from India against Pakistan in cricket's Champions Trophy, and the third round of matches in the rugby union Six Nations.

Photo: Manchester City's Dutch defender #06 Nathan Ake vies with Liverpool's Colombian midfielder #07 Luis Diaz during the English Premier League football match between Liverpool and Manchester City at Anfield in Liverpool, north west England on December 1, 2024. (Credit: AFP via Getty Images)

SUN 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfln3ktkhl)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsk5jlrwx)
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SUN 20:00 BBC News (w172zgfln3ktpt7q)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q36)
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 on Saturday]

SUN 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfln3ktszv)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9d3c3rngt)
Centre-right leads in German exit polls, with far-right party in second place

The centre-right Christian Democrats look likely to lead in the German election, with the far-right AfD party coming second with around a fifth of the vote. We ask what it all means, and hear from politicians of both parties.

Also in the programme: Christians across the world pray for the health of Pope Francis, who remains in hospital in Rome; and after major cuts to jobs in the US federal government, Elon Musk shocks civil servants with an email asking them to justify their positions.

(Photo: Christian Democratic Union (CDU) supporters dance after the first exit poll results are announced in the 2025 general election in Berlin, Germany. Credit: REUTERS/Fabrizio Bensch)

SUN 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfln3ktxqz)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsk5jm449)
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SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf2v5j90c)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69jx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 01:32 today]

SUN 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfln3kv1h3)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wt2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 today]

SUN 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf2v5jdrh)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v1w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

SUN 23:50 Over to You (w3ct5tv3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

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MON 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfln3kv0hd)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 00:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sk3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf3gnrcs)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 00:32 Trending (w3ct5y9x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 on Sunday]

MON 00:50 More or Less (w3ct5trj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

MON 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfln3kv47j)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 01:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsk5jlrwx)
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MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf3gnhhx)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 01:32 Discovery (w3ct5rp0)
The Life Scientific: Bill Gates

Bill Gates is one of the world's best-known billionaires - but after years at the corporate coalface building a software empire and a vast fortune, his priority now is giving that wealth away. And his ethos for doing it has been shaped by science.

Famed for co-founding Microsoft, in recent decades Bill's attention has turned to philanthropy via The Gates Foundation: one of the largest charities in the world. Since its inception in

2000, the organisation has helped tackle issues around health, education, inequality and climate change in some of the world's poorest countries, with an undeniable impact, from contributing to the eradication of wild poliovirus in Africa, to helping halve global child mortality rates within 25 years.

But, as Jim al-Khalili discovers, for a man with lofty ambitions and an even loftier bank balance Bill has surprisingly humble tastes.

MON 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cvz7zn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqxsfrtgrcz)

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MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gnm81)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 02:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rjh)

Why isn't the sky green?

Vermillion red, vibrant orange, golden yellows, even violet – we're enchanted by the colours that make up a stunning sunset or sunrise. CrowdScience listener Paulina, a lighting designer from Chile, often uses the sunsets she sees from her balcony as inspiration for her designs. And during the day and night, the sky can be all sorts of shades of blue. But Paulina wonders why, in the colour palette of the sky, she never sees any green.

CrowdScience gazes skywards to investigate. Presenter Caroline Steel travels to the Arctic Circle to meet atmospheric physicist Katie Herlingshaw. Katie explains why we usually see the sky as blue, and what makes it transform into fiery reds and oranges at sunrise and sunset. We also peer into the science of perception, as neuroscientist Bevil Conway tells us what's going on in our eyes (and brains) to make the colours we see in the sky.

But there are some rare occasions when the sky can appear to be green, such as in a rainbow or a green flash at sunset. And then there is the spellbinding green glow of the aurora – the Northern and Southern Lights. We visit the northernmost aurora observatory in the world to try to understand this phenomenon. Are green skies more common than we think?

Presenter: Caroline Steel

Producer: Hannah Fisher

Editor: Cathy Edwards

Production Co-ordinator: Ishmael Soriano

Studio Manager: Sarah Hockley

(Photo: View of sunset in Santiago, Chile. Photo montage courtesy of Paulina Villalobos)

MON 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cvzqcs)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 03:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5txc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gnr05)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 03:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v1w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

MON 03:50 Over to You (w3ct5tv3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

MON 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cvzhgx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqxsfrtpw7)

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MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gnvr9)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct5x0w)

Women investigating bribery and corruption

Ella Al-Shamahi talks to women from Egypt and the US about their work detecting fraud, bribery and corruption for multi-national corporations and law enforcement.

Yoursr Khalil is from Egypt, after 20 years working in the

United States she now heads the Paris Office of Forensic Risk Alliance, a company specialising in in complex, cross-border forensic investigations, regulatory compliance matters and disputes. She was part of the team investigating the aerospace giant Airbus after it admitted paying bribes via middlemen.

US lawyer Judy Krieg has worked both in government and for private businesses. She was a joint head of fraud, bribery, and corruption at the UK Serious Fraud Office. Judy has also been an enforcement lawyer at the UK Financial Services Authority (now the Financial Conduct Authority) handling criminal and regulatory matters. She's worked at Rolls Royce and Microsoft is now at law firm, DLA Piper representing corporations and individuals in white collar matters, including government and internal investigations, financial crime, compliance, and cyber issues.

Produced by Jane Thurlow

(Image: (L) Yoursr Khalil credit Bénédicte Verley. (R) Judy Krieg credit DLA Piper.)

MON 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cvzm71)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 05:06 Newsday (w172zbkhzs2sqwm)

Friedrich Merz's conservatives win Germany's election

Germany's conservatives have come out on top, with the far-right AfD party coming in second place. The country now faces weeks of coalition talks. We'll speak to an MP from Germany's largest party bloc.

Germany's likely next chancellor Friedrich Merz has said he will work towards a Europe that's independent from the United States, criticising what he called outrageous interventions from US officials. We'll hear from a German foreign policy expert.

And as Ukraine marks three years since the launch of Russia's invasion, we'll speak to a Ukrainian MP on how Kyiv will navigate this sudden US foreign policy shift.

(Photo: Christian Democratic Union (CDU) party leader Friedrich Merz, Germany, February 23, 2025; Credit: Reuters)

MON 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cvzqz5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 06:06 Newsday (w172zbkhzs2svmr)

Conservatives win German election

German voters have turned to the right, putting the conservative Friedrich Merz in pole position to be Germany's next leader. He has pledged what he called independence from the United States, saying Donald Trump is 'largely indifferent' to Europe's fate.

Friedrich Merz's party will need to form a coalition, but says it won't allow the the hard right second placed party in to government. The far-right AfD secured more than a fifth of the vote. We'll speak to a newly-elected MP for that party.

It's the third year anniversary of Russia's full scale invasion of Ukraine. We'll hear how Ukrainians feel about their future as Washington resumes relations with Moscow. President Zelensky has said he would promise to resign in exchange for NATO membership. We'll hear what Ukrainians make of that.

Sudan's army makes fresh gains against the paramilitary RSF. What could this mean for the direction of the war?

A resident of Goma in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo tells us what life is like in the rebel controlled city. Meanwhile, the musician John Legend responds to criticism for performing in Rwanda which is backing the M23 rebels in the DRC.

(Photo: Christian Democratic Union party leader Friedrich Merz, flanked by his wife Charlotte Merz, February 23, 2025; Credit: Reuters)

MON 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cvzvq9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 07:06 Newsday (w172zbkhzs2szcw)

Friedrich Merz set to become Germany's new chancellor

Conservative Friedrich Merz looks set to be Germany's next leader. He has pledged - what he called independence - from the United States, saying Donald Trump is "largely indifferent" to Europe's fate. We get an update from James Coomarasamy, who is in Berlin.

It is the third anniversary of Russia's full scale invasion of

Ukraine. It comes as Washington has resumed relations with Moscow and President Zelensky has said he would resign in exchange for Nato membership. We speak to a former Ukrainian foreign minister.

We get an update from our correspondent in Rome, on the health of Pope Francis, who is currently in hospital where he is being treated for double pneumonia.

The Ugandan opposition leader Bobi Wine warns that the world "must not ignore what is happening" in his country. He claims that many political opponents, including his brother, have been kidnapped, interrogated, and sometimes even tortured by the Ugandan army. We get a response from the Ugandan army.

(Photo: Christian Democratic Union party leader Friedrich Merz, after the exit poll results are announced for the 2025 general election, Berlin, 23 February, 2025; Credit: Angelika Warnuth/Reuters)

MON 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cvzqzf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5f0z)

N. Ram: Freedom of expression in India

Stephen Sackur speaks to one of India's most influential media voices, N. Ram, director of the Hindu Publishing Group. With independent journalists complaining of intimidation and social media facing new curbs, is freedom of expression under threat in the world's biggest democracy?

MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gpbqt)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z7t)

Philippines: The remittance lifeline

The estimated 2.3 million Filipino overseas workers form the economic backbone of their nation. The remittances they send home are vital; sustaining household incomes, driving consumer spending, supporting community development, and ensuring national economic stability - contributing 8.5% to GDP.

In the first of our two-part series looking at the Philippine economy, Sam Fenwick meets overseas workers who send money home and those who have returned to set up businesses.

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

Producer/presenter: Sam Fenwick

(Picture: Angel Kho, a head chef, in the kitchen of a care home in the UK. Credit: BBC)

MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5y6j)

Discovering the structure of haemoglobin

What was it in September of 1959 that caused an Austrian scientist to rush out from his lab and buy children's modelling clay?

Austrian born Dr Max Perutz had made one of the greatest scientific discoveries of the 20th century. For the first time, he could see what a molecule of haemoglobin looked like in 3D. Using lectures and programmes from the BBC archive, Josephine McDermott tells the story of how his fellow Cambridge University students in the UK thought he was "mad" to try and map a molecule made of 10,000 atoms, and the "appalling task" which took 22 years to complete.

It was an achievement that earned him and his colleague John Kendrew the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1962. It has since contributed to the study of blood diseases like sickle cell anaemia and Huntington's disease.

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Recent episodes explore everything from football in Brazil, the history of the 'Indian Titanic' and the invention of air fryers, to Public Enemy's Fight The Power, subway art and the political crisis in Georgia. We look at the lives of some of the most famous leaders, artists, scientists and personalities in history, including: visionary architect Antoni Gaudi and the design of the Sagrada Familia; Michael Jordan and his bespoke Nike trainers; Princess Diana at the Taj Mahal; and Görel Hanser, manager of legendary Swedish pop band Abba on the influence

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(Photo: Dr Max Perutz in 1962. Credit: AP)

MON 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw036k)

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MON 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsf91w)

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MON 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gpggy)

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MON 09:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rjh)

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MON 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw06yp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n33)

Death of a language and the world's longest kiss

Max Pearson presents a collection of the week's Witness History interviews from the BBC World Service.

We hear about the death of one of the oldest languages in the world, when an 85 year old woman died and took it with her in 2010.

Our expert guest is Dr Mandana Seyfeddinipur, who is the Head of the Endangered Languages Archive which endeavours to preserve languages that are disappearing at "an alarming rate."

We also hear about the historian who helped bring a former Stasi officer to justice decades after he killed a man.

Also the moment Bolivia elected its first ever indigenous president in 2005.

The Thai couple that broke the world record for the longest kiss twice.

Plus, it's 60 years since the controversial black activist, Malcolm X was assassinated. We hear from a man who was in the audience in New York when it happened.

This programme contains outdated and offensive language.

Contributors:

Dr Anvita Abbi – linguist who documented one of the oldest languages before it died

Dr Mandana Seyfeddinipur – Head of the Endangered Languages Archive

Dr Filip Gańczak – the historian who helped convict a former Stasi officer of murder

Herman Ferguson who was in the audience when Malcolm X was assassinated

Álvaro García Linera – Vice President of Bolivia under Evo Morales for 14 years

Ekkachai – one half of the couple who broke the record for the world's longest kiss

(Photo: Boa Senior in Hospital. Credit: Anvita Abbi)

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MON 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gppz6)

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MON 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dmm)

Inside Russia: Putin's war, three years on

What have Russians won and lost during the conflict in Ukraine? Three years after the start of its full-scale invasion, Russia has entered talks with Donald Trump – and not Kyiv – about ending the war. For Vladimir Putin, this could be a chance to end the conflict on his terms, and forge a new international order with Russia and the US at its centre. But what about the people who live under Putin's rule? What do Russians stand to gain from these talks?

On this episode, presenter Lucy Hockings is joined by the BBC's Russia editor Steve Rosenberg.

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MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nrg)

My hunt for the Gutenberg – the rare book that solved a family mystery

Michael Visontay thought he knew everything about his family's past, but there was one shadowy character he was aching to know more about: his grandfather's second wife, Olga. As Michael went through old papers, he uncovered a trail to the world's most coveted book, the Gutenberg Bible – a rare antique printed in the 1450s – and the scandalous scheme to break it up.

Presenter: Asya Fouks

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(Photo: Background a page from the Gutenberg Bible; Clockwise from top left Gabriel Wells; Michael with his parents in 1972; Michael's grandfather Pali; Olga Visontai; Michael's parents. Credit: Courtesy of Michael Visontay/Getty Images)

MON 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5yj6)

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MON 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsf91w)

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MON 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gpygg)

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MON 13:32 The Conversation (w3ct5x0w)

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MON 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw0py6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 14:06 Newshour (w172zb9dgmkyf5)

Next German chancellor: The US is indifferent to Europe's fate

The man due to become Germany's next chancellor, Friedrich Merz, has issued a stark warning to Europe that the United States has become indifferent to the continent's fate and it must become independent. The far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) had a record second-place result of 20.8%. We're in Berlin to cover the election result.

Also in the programme: On the third anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, we speak to a member of parliament who is also a soldier; and the winners of the Screen Actors Guild Awards.

(Photo: A poster of Friedrich Merz, the German Christian Democratic Union (CDU) party leader, hangs at the party headquarters near a poster of rival Olaf Scholz of SPD, after the general election in Berlin, Germany, February 24, 2025. Reuters/Angelika Warmuth)

MON 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw0tpb)

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MON 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5f0z)

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MON 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gq5yq)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zzd)

Germany has a new chancellor

The man set to lead Germany, is facing challenges at a pivotal moment for Europe's largest economy. He's already expressed concern about relations between Europe and the US.

The European Union has hit Russia with more sanctions today.

And we have a BBC investigation into where the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah gets its money from.

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

MON 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw0yfg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbjk5tynlht)

Ukraine war: Three years on

European leaders have promised enduring support for Ukraine on the third anniversary of Russia's invasion, as they react to the abrupt change in US policy under President Trump. We hear from Ukrainians who recall the day three years ago.

We speak to our colleagues with BBC Ukraine about what it has been like to cover the war and about today's meetings in Kyiv.

We also hear from two Ukrainian women who are involved in a project to rebuild Ukraine to the sound of rave.

Our reporter with BBC Russian explains how the day is being marked in Russia and what do we know about the number of Russian losses in the war.

The man who'll be Germany's new chancellor -- Friedrich Merz -- has said the rapid gains made by the far-right AfD are the final warning for mainstream parties. We explain why Merz is, hear from voters and speak to our correspondent.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: A woman kisses a cross at the grave of her fallen son at a cemetery on the 3rd anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, in Irpin, outside Kyiv, Ukraine, February 24, 2025. Credit: Anatolii Stepanov/Reuters)

MON 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw125l)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbjk5tynq7y)

European leaders promise enduring support for Ukraine

Many of Ukraine's allies have promised additional military and financial support, on the third anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion. They've been meeting President Zelensky in Kyiv, as they scramble to respond to President Trump's unilateral decision to pursue direct peace talks with Moscow. We speak to our correspondent in the capital.

We also bring together journalists across Europe to discuss public opinion on the support for Ukraine.

President Trump has named Dan Bongino as his nominee for the deputy director of the FBI. Mr Bongino - a conservative radio talk show host - previously worked as an agent for the Secret Service. Our correspondent in Washington explains.

China's government has vowed to stamp out the practice of exorbitant bridal dowries and extravagant weddings. We have some messages from people with their thoughts on extravagant weddings.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Press conference after 'Support Ukraine' summit marking the third anniversary of the Russian invasion, in Kyiv. Credit: Gleb Garanich/Pool/Reuters)

MON 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw15xq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5nrg)

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MON 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5yj6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

MON 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw19nv)

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MON 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsf0ttj25)

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MON 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gqny7)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w4s)

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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 (w172zgf0cw1fdz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sk3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gqspc)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct5rp1)

The Life Scientific - Darren Croft

Darren Croft studies one of the ocean's most charismatic and spectacular animals – the killer whale. Orca are probably best known for their predatory behaviour: ganging up to catch hapless seals or attack other whales. But for the last fifteen years, Darren Croft's focus has been on a gentler aspect of killer whale existence: their family and reproductive lives. Killer whales live in multi-generational family groups. Each family is led by an old matriarch, often well into her 80s. The rest of the group are her daughters and sons, and grandchildren. Especially intriguing to Darren is that female orca go through something like the menopause - an extremely rare phenomenon in the animal kingdom, only documented in just five species of toothed whales and of course in humans. Halting female reproduction in midlife is an evolutionary mystery, but it is one which Darren Croft argues can be explained by studying killer whales.

Darren is Professor of Animal Behaviour at the University of Exeter. He talks to Jim Al-Kalili about his research on killer whales, his previous work revealing sophisticated social behaviour in fish, his life on the farm, and the downsides and upsides of being dyslexic.

MON 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw1k53)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9dgmzdnd2)

'Peace must not mean a surrender of Ukraine,' Macron says alongside Trump

President Trump has said the cost and burden of securing peace in Ukraine must be borne by the nations of Europe, following talks with his French counterpart, Emmanuel Macron, at the White House. President Macron said Europeans were committed to taking part in such security guarantees in Ukraine, and more fairly sharing the burden for wider European security. But he stressed that any peace needed to be lasting, and could not constitute a surrender by Ukraine. We'll hear a US response to Europe's concerns.

Also on the programme: On the third anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, a psychologist and mother tells us what war has done to her; and farewell to a music legend: we'll look back at the life and career of Roberta Flack.

(Photo: US President Trump meets French President Macron at the White House, Washington, 24 Feb 2025. Credit: SHAWN THEW/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

MON 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw1nx7)

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MON 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsf0ttw9k)

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MON 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gr15m)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct601n)

How will Ukraine's minerals deal with the US look?

Could we see a deal this week between Ukraine and the US on Ukraine's valuable mineral deposits?

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But what would such a deal involve? And how much are the minerals really worth?

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MON 23:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t0z)

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MON 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gr4xr)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 23:32 The Conversation (w3ct5x0w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

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The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n33)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw214m)

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TUE 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfz6z6d99h)

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TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsf0ttvc92)

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TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3grj54)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:32 Assignment (w3ct5mv4)

Road wars: Cycling in Paris

On 15 Oct 2024, a 27-year-old cyclist was killed in a bike lane in Paris. His name was Paul Varry. He was run over by a car after an argument with a driver. What happened to Paul was extreme, but it resonated with many Parisians. For Paris is undergoing a cycling revolution. The city has created a vast network of bike lanes, introduced new restrictions for cars. The number of cyclists has soared. But there have also been conflicts, as cars, bikes and pedestrians try to navigate the new balance of power. So is Paris's plan working? Is this transformation the future for other major cities? Anna Holligan goes to Paris for Assignment, to find out.

Presenter: Anna Holligan
Producer: Alex Last
Paris producer/translator: Léontine Gallois
Sound mix: Neil Churchill
Production Coordinator: Gemma Ashman
Editor: Penny Murphy

(Image: A man rides a bicycle near the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Credit: Reuters/Gonzalo Fuentes)

TUE 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw28mw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nrq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Monday]

TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5y16)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw2dd0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsf0ttvlsb)

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TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3grnd)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tm1)

Mohammad Barrangi: The Last Rain in Wonderland

Iranian-born artist and former Paralympian Mohammad Barrangi creates intricate, dreamlike worlds - Wonderlands - where myth and reality collide. His bold, layered works - spanning murals, prints, and 3D sculptures - fuse Persian aesthetics, ancient symbols, and surreal hybrid creatures, often blending women and animals into fantastical forms.

Born without the use of his left arm, Barrangi has developed a distinctive printmaking technique, working on the floor and stabilizing his materials with his feet. His art, exhibited in major international galleries - including the British Museum and the Royal Collection - explores themes of identity, exile, and disability.

For his latest project, The Last Rain in Wonderland, Barrangi shifts his focus to the global climate crisis, weaving the stories of displaced communities and endangered animals in southern Iran into his visually striking work.

Following his creative process, Sahar Zand documents Barrangi's journey as he prepares for a major exhibition at Nottingham Exchange. Through vivid imagery and intricate textures, his work becomes a powerful reflection on migration, memory, and the fragile landscapes we risk losing - a Wonderland that is both breathtaking and disappearing.

TUE 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw2j44)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 05:06 Newsday (w172zbkxzs2wmsq)

Macron and Trump optimistic about Ukraine

After visiting the White House, the French President Emmanuel Macron has gone on President Trump's favourite TV channel to say a truce deal between Ukraine and Russia could be sealed in the coming weeks and that Europe could provide troops to police any ceasefire. We'll speak to a former Republican Congressman.

A deadline has passed for US federal government employees to send an email summarising their work to Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency. Those who don't reply risk losing their job. We'll be speaking to someone from a government employees union.

The new authorities in Syria are holding a national dialogue conference to discuss a way forward for the nation. We'll speak to someone who's attending - and who has concerns.

(Photo: French President Emmanuel Macron and U.S. President Donald Trump, Washington, 24 February 2025; Credit: Reuters)

TUE 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw2mw8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 06:06 Newsday (w172zbkxzs2wrjv)

Macron says Ukraine ceasefire could be weeks away

President Emmanuel Macron of France says a truce between Ukraine and Russia could be agreed in the coming weeks. Mr. Macron was speaking after his visit to the White House designed to keep the US President, Donald Trump on side.

Israel has expelled residents of three refugee camps in the Occupied West Bank. Israel says the camps were now 'empty' and would be occupied by their military. We'll be going there and hear how the displaced residents are faring two days after their removal.

Oded Lifschitz, the Israeli hostage and peace activist whose body was released recently by Hamas, will be laid to rest. We'll speak to one of his friends.

The environmental advocacy group Greenpeace says they are facing bankruptcy and could be wiped out following a lawsuit by an American energy company.

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(Photo: French President Emmanuel Macron, Washington, February 24, 2025; Credit: Reuters)

TUE 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw2rmd)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 07:06 Newsday (w172zbkhs2ww8z)
Syria holds national dialogue conference

Hundreds of Syrians are meeting in Damascus for a two-day dialogue to try to chart the country's political and economic future. We'll speak to a former leader of the Democratic Union Party, which says it has not been invited to the conference.

France's president Emmanuel Macron says a ceasefire between Ukraine and Russia could be weeks away. Meanwhile, Russian attacks on Ukrainian cities have increased, forcing close to two-hundred thousand people to flee their homes in the east of the country the past six months. We'll get more on that from a humanitarian aid organisation.

A former surgeon is standing trial in France, accused of assaulting or raping close to three-hundred people, the vast majority under fifteen years of age. We'll turn to our correspondent covering the trial.

(Photo: Syria's leader Ahmed al-Sharaa, Damascus, Syria, December 23, 2024; Credit: Reuters)

TUE 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw2wcj)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5txd)
The artificial limbs bringing hope in Gaza

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that one in every 100 people in Gaza have a life-changing injury because of the conflict. It's currently impossible for most to leave the strip and get medical treatment but a team of Jordanian medics has been able to enter Gaza and fit war victims with cutting-edge prosthetics which clip on quickly and easily. The BBC's Yolande Knell in Jerusalem has been hearing from innovators, medics and those who are being helped about how the new technology works and how it could help in other parts of the world, either in conflict or in healthcare provision more generally.

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London producer: Craig Langran
Editor: Jon Bithrey
Sound mix: Annie Gardiner

(Image: A man in Gaza being assisted as he walks with a new prosthetic leg, BBC)

TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gs7mx)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zjv)
Philippines: Back-office powerhouse

The outsourcing sector in the Philippines has seen significant growth, positioning itself as a global leader. However, the rise of AI technologies is reshaping the job landscape, potentially displacing traditional roles.

In the second part of our series looking at the Philippine economy, Sam Fenwick investigates how the government is adapting to the change by investing in infrastructure and

promoting foreign investment.

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

Produced/presenter: Sam Fenwick
Additional reporting: Camille Elemia

(Picture: Customer agents sit behind computers on the AI training in Taguig City, Metro Manila, Philippines. Credit: Getty Images)

TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ynq)
The Nellie massacre

The Nellie massacre on 18 February 1983 was the worst bloodshed in the country since Indian independence in 1947. It is estimated that 3,000 people died that day.

Bedabrata Lahkar was a journalist working for the Assam Tribune newspaper at the time. He tells Gill Kearsley about the events that led up to the massacre and the devastating scenes he witnessed.

A warning this programme contains descriptions of violence and language that some people may find offensive.

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(Photo: Survivors of the 1983 Assam massacre. Credit: Santosh Basak/Gamma-Rapho via Getty Images)

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TUE 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw33vs)
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TUE 10:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qkt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

TUE 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw37lx)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsfwtg07)
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TUE 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gslw9)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6fc6)
China's approach to Trump 2.0

The challenges and opportunities facing Beijing. China has been recalibrating its economic, political and diplomatic strategies since Donald Trump returned to the White House. From renewing the state's relationship with powerful tech giants to expanding Chinese influence in the developing world,

President Xi Jinping is preparing his country for a new international order.

On this episode, presenter Jonny Dymond speaks to the BBC's China correspondent Laura Bicker.

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(Picture: Headshot of China's President Xi Jinping. Credit: Adriano Machado/Reuters)

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Senior news editor: China Collins

TUE 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw3cc1)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5p60)
The unmaking of a child soldier

Ishmael Beah was just 13 when war reached his village in Sierra Leone and he was made to flee. In the chaos, he was separated from his family. He ended up with a group of other children at what they thought was the safety of an army base. But instead, he was taught to become a hardened killer and sent out to fight. Nearly three years went by before he was finally rescued by child protection specialists from Unicef, but he was so brainwashed that he didn't want to leave. It took months of careful rehabilitation and the support of a very special woman to break down his defences.

In 1996, at the age of just 16, he gave a speech at the UN in New York where he recalled his experiences. His testimony formed part of a pivotal report into the impact of armed conflict on children. A decade later, he would become the first Unicef Advocate for Children Affected by War. Today he is a bestselling author and married with three children. This interview was first broadcast in 2020.

This interview contains disturbing descriptions of violence.

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(Photo: Ishmael Beah; Credit: Priscillia Kounkou Hoveyda)

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TUE 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw3lv9)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 14:06 Newshour (w172zb9dgmf1gb8)
Britain to spend more on defence

Prime Minister Keir Starmer says the UK will increase defence spending to 2.5% just days before meeting Donald Trump in the US. We will explore the direction of the transatlantic alliance under President Trump.

Also on the programme: Syria holds a national dialogue meeting; and the man who broke a marathon record on crutches.

(Photo: Challenger Megatron main battle tank, seen here being

demonstrated as part of Project Virtuo at Lulworth Range in the UK. Credit: UK MOD)

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TUE 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gt2vt)

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TUE 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct608f)

Singapore: AI taking over jobs

Singapore's biggest bank says it expects to cut 4,000 roles over the next three years because of AI. DBS bank expects AI to take on more roles carried out by humans.

In Bahrain, the international ratings agency Fitch has downgraded its outlook for the country to "negative".

And Gideon Long hears about how Pakistan and Bangladesh have started direct government-to-government trade. He speaks to the Chairman of Pakistan's Rice Exporters Association.

TUE 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw3vbk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbj5tyrhdx)

Why does the US want Ukraine's minerals?

Kyiv and Washington are close to signing a deal over US access to Ukraine's mineral deposits, a Ukrainian minister says. It comes as the European Union is proposing to jointly exploit the country's reserves of critical minerals. We discuss the latest on the negotiations with the BBC's Ukrainian Service and hear from Ukrainians and Russians on how they want the war to end.

In January a fire broke out at a prison in Goma in the Democratic Republic of Congo, killing more than 150 women prisoners and their children. We hear from a survivor and relatives trying desperately to find the remains of their loved ones.

Stargazers are in for a treat this week as seven planets will all be briefly visible in the evening sky. We are joined by BBC space journalist Ezzy Pearson.

And we discuss alternative relationships after a video of singer Ne-Yo went viral showing him kissing three of his girlfriends in public. We bring together sologamists - people who have married themselves - in conversation.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: A general view shows the open pit mine of Zavallievsky Graphite in Zavallia in Ukraine, February 10, 2025. Credit: REUTERS/Thomas Peter)

TUE 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw3z2p)

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TUE 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbj5tyrm51)

ICC prosecutor arrives in DR Congo as conflict continues

The prosecutor for the International Criminal Court Karim Khan has arrived in the DR Congo as the country grapples with an upsurge in fighting in the east. We speak to our reporter in Kinshasa.

Kyiv and Washington are close to signing a deal over US access to Ukraine's mineral deposits. It comes as the European Union is proposing to jointly exploit the country's reserves of critical minerals. We explain why the EU and US are interested in Ukraine's rare earth minerals.

More than 1000 musicians in the UK have released a silent album in protest at the government's planned changes to copyright law. They say the law would make it easier for artificial intelligence companies to use their work without a licence. We speak to the BBC's AI correspondent.

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(Photo: Congolese police surrender to M23 armed group in

South Kivu's capital Bukavu, DR Congo, Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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TUE 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsxftxd8)

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TUE 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gtkvb)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w99)

2025/02/25 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 (w172zgf0cw4bb2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:06 Assignment (w3ct5mv4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gtplg)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wnl)

Could AI pick the next James Bond?

With Amazon now in charge of James Bond, how will they use data to shape the franchise. We speak to a company which analyses scripts using AI and suggests actors or story changes. Plus, the computer scientist who got her native language on to Google Translate, and the Indian village which became a YouTube sensation.

We love hearing from you. Send us an email on techlife@bbc.co.uk or send a Whatsapp to +44330 1230 320.

Presented and produced by Imran Rahman-Jones. Our editor is Monica Soriano.

(Image: Daniel Craig in a black tuxedo and bow tie, looking down the barrel of the camera. Credit: Getty Images.)

TUE 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw4g26)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9dgmf29k5)

UK to boost defence spending and cut aid

The British prime minister, Keir Starmer, has announced an increase in defence spending to two point five percent of GDP by 2027. International development aid will be cut to pay for the rise. Sir Keir said he'd been forced to act by exceptional circumstances. He meets President Trump in Washington on Thursday.

Also, Ukrainian officials say a deal has been reached with the United States on the joint exploitation of Kyiv's mineral riches. Such an agreement has been a key demand of President Trump.

We have a special report from eastern Congo on the terrible cost of the rebel advance.

And as the impeachment trial of south Korea's president has its final hearing, we'll hear from the man who thinks he could replace him-- Ahn Cheol-soo, a member of the National Assembly from the president's own party, the PPP.

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TUE 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsxftxs6n)

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TUE 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gty2q)

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TUE 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct60bp)

Ukraine reach minerals deal with US

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Also, we look at a growing trend - the cutback aid programs across the globe - how will it affect African countries?

And will tech giant Apple change its diversity practices?

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The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5txd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

TUE 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gv1tv)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tm1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2025

WED 00:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw4t9l)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 00:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qkt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

WED 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw4y1q)

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WED 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfz6z6h66l)

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WED 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsxfty865)

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WED 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gyf27)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 02:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5wt2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw55jz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5p60)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Tuesday]

WED 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ynq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw5993)

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WED 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsfxyhpf)

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WED 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gvnkh)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 04:32 Good Bad Billionaire (w3ct6x11)

George Soros: 'The man who broke the Bank of England'

George Soros escaped Nazi occupation in Hungary, before becoming one of the most successful investors in history. After making his name on Wall Street and setting up the hedge fund Quantum, he also became known as "the man who broke the Bank of England" after making a billion dollars in a day by "betting against" the pound. BBC business editor Simon Jack and journalist Zing Tsjeng track the incredible life of one of the world's most polarising billionaires, and find out how the philanthropist became the target of countless conspiracy theories. According to Soros himself, he's "a little good, a little bad". Ultimately, Simon and Zing decide whether they think he's good, bad, or just another billionaire.

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WED 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw5f17)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 05:06 Newsday (w172zbkhs2zjpt)

Ukraine and US agree minerals deal

President Trump has been pushing for access to Ukraine's minerals in return for previous military and other aid to the country since Moscow launched a full-scale invasion three years ago.

Israeli warplanes have struck targets in Syria, hours after a conference of Syrian leaders called on Israeli forces to pull out of Syrian territory - we'll speak to a Syrian politician.

We'll bring you a report about the Disability Protection Law in Somalia and how it might ensure greater inclusion for disabled people.

(Pic: U.S. President Donald Trump and President Zelensky meet at Trump Tower in New York City, in 2024; Credit: Reuters)

WED 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw5jsc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 06:06 Newsday (w172zbkhs2znfy)

Trump: The minerals deal with Ukraine is big

Media reports say Washington has dropped initial demands for a right to \$500bn (£395bn) in potential revenue from utilising the natural resources but has not given firm security guarantees to war-torn Ukraine - a key Ukrainian demand.

At least two people were killed when Israel launched airstrikes inside Syria. Israel says it was targeting weapons stores.

An agreement has been reached for the release of the more than six hundred Palestinian prisoners Israel refused to free last weekend.

(Pic: U.S. President Donald Trump smiles as he returns to the White House; Credit: Reuters)

WED 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw5njh)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 07:06 Newsday (w172zbkhs2zs62)

Ukraine strikes minerals deal with USA

President Trump has been pushing for access to Ukraine's minerals in return for previous military and other aid to the country since Moscow launched a full-scale invasion three years ago.

We bring you a powerful report from DRC - eyewitnesses accounts of survivors of a fire in a prison in Goma.

Negotiators say an agreement has been reached with Israel to go ahead with the suspended release of six hundred Palestinian prisoners. We get the latest from Jerusalem

(Photo: A woman wears an outfit with the names of rare earth minerals during a demonstration. Credit: Adam Gray/Reuters)

WED 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw5s8m)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t5h)

Victoria Spartz: Has Donald Trump switched sides on Ukraine?

Stephen Sackur speaks to US Congresswoman Victoria Spartz. Born and raised in Ukraine and now a Donald Trump loyalist, what does she make of the US president's strategy of pushing for peace in Ukraine by labelling Ukraine's President Zelensky a dictator and appearing to hand Vladimir Putin a series of diplomatic gifts?

WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gw4k0)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zpc)

How do you save a brand in crisis?

We look at how to rescue brands on the brink.

We hear inspired sloganeering and learn about the audacious marketing that have helped companies – even towns and cities – to turn their reputations around.

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

Producer/presenter: David Reid

(Photo: A businessman covers his eyes and extends his arm to prevent a series of heavy walls from falling on him. Credit: Getty Images)

WED 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yqz)

Denmark's Inuit children experiment

In 1951, a group of 22 Inuit children from Greenland were sent to live with foster parents in Denmark. It was part of a social experiment aimed at improving the lot of the Inuit people. But, for the children involved it was a confusing experience.

Helene Thiesen was one of those children. She spoke to Ellen Otzen in 2015.

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(Photo: Helene Thiesen. Credit: Helene Thiesen)

WED 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw5x0r)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsfxtz3f2)

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WED 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gw894)

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WED 09:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5wt2)

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WED 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw60rw)

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WED 10:06 The Forum (w3ct5n0k)

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WED 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw64j0)

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WED 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsfxtzbxh)

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WED 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gwhsd)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6ds4)

Why are more younger adults getting cancer?

The number of cancer cases among the under-50s around the world appears to have risen sharply in the past 30 years. Studies have shown that there are rising cases of breast, colorectal and other cancers in people in their 20s, 30s and 40s. But what is driving the increase in younger adults getting cancer and can anything be done to stop it?

Presenter Jonny Dymond speaks to freelance health journalist David Cox about what scientists think could be driving this worrying trend.

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WED 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw6884)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5pds)

Why I talk to warlords

Priscillia Kounkou Hoveyda's office is a war zone – she goes to meet warlords and military commanders to persuade them to release the children in their ranks and from prisons. And it's not always just the military leaders who need convincing; sometimes the children are too afraid to leave, so she often shares her own story of growing up as a Congolese Iranian during the violence of the Iran-Iraq war. Priscillia is a human rights lawyer and the co-founder of the Collective for Black Iranians, a not-for-profit organisation with the mission to represent Black and Afro-Iranians' voices within the Iranian diaspora. This interview was first broadcast in 2020.

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Producer: Jo Impey

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(Photo: Priscillia Kounkou Hoveyda at work; Credit: Priscillia Kounkou Hoveyda)

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WED 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsfxtzldl)

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WED 13:32 Good Bad Billionaire (w3ct6x11)

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WED 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf0c6hrd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 14:06 Newshour (w172zb9dgmf4c7c)

Ukraine PM says minerals deal agreed with US

Ukraine's Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal says a major minerals deal has been agreed with the US. But the details are not yet clear. We ask an adviser to the Ukrainian government.

Also, an interview with the president of the think tank which drew up what is essentially a manifesto for the second Trump term, called Project 2025, and we look at how the energy giant BP says it will pump \$10 billion a year into boosting oil and gas production while slashing spending on cleaner renewable energy sources.

(Photo: Bloomberg via Getty Images)

WED 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf0c6mhj)

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WED 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t5h)

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WED 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gwzrx)

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WED 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct60dy)

BP turns its back on renewables

BP plans to raise oil and gas spending to \$10 billion a year and cut its renewable energy investments. We hear from Nick Butler, BP's former head of strategy.

In Hong Kong, the city's budget has been announced including their plan to cut 10,000 job cuts.

WED 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf0c6r7n)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbjk5tyvdb0)

US-Ukraine minerals deal not signed yet

President Volodymyr Zelensky says Ukraine has not yet received the security guarantees it needs from the United States, and a proposed deal on mineral rights is still just a framework. We have the latest from BBC Ukraine.

We talk about Donald Trump's first cabinet meeting where the president and Elon Musk are expected to talk about savings from each government department.

We look at the situation in Syria nearly three months since Assad's fall. The country has opened its doors to tourists, and we bring together three tour guides who have been taking tourists around the country. We also speak to our reporters who have met people across Syria, including in the Kurdish-controlled region.

The energy giant, BP, says it will cut its renewable energy investments and instead focus on increasing oil and gas production. We speak to our climate editor.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy speaks during a press conference, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Kyiv, Ukraine February 26, 2025. Credit: Valentyn Ogirenko/Reuters)

WED 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf0c6vzs)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbjk5tyvj24)

Trump's first cabinet meeting

President Trump is holding his first cabinet meeting since his return to office. The tech billionaire Elon Musk is attending even though he is not officially a cabinet member. We hear some of what the president and Mr Musk have been saying in the meeting.

We look at the situation in Syria nearly three months since Assad's fall. The country has opened its doors to tourists, and we bring together three tour guides who have been taking tourists around the country.

The Bibas family has said Israeli officials should bear responsibility for the deaths of hostages in Gaza. They've told mourners at the funeral of Shiri and her two young children their lives could have been saved. We speak to our correspondent in Jerusalem.

An Australian couple have spoken of the "traumatic" moment the body of a dead passenger was placed next to them on a Qatar Airways flight. What is it like for cabin crew to deal with this and other traumatic, difficult situations thousands of feet in the air? We speak to two airline workers.

Afghanistan's participation in the Champions Trophy cricket tournament has caused plenty of controversy, with some saying England should have boycotted the match in response to the Taliban's actions in the country. We get reaction from listeners.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: U. S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Scott Turner leads a prayer as U.S. President Donald Trump hosts his first cabinet meeting with Elon Musk in attendance, in Washington, D.C., U.S., February 26, 2025. Credit: Brian Snyder/Reuters)

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WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct5tb0)

Improving global encephalitis care

Encephalitis can be a debilitating condition, but many people have never even heard of it. A new global report looks at how we can improve diagnosis and treatment.

Also on the program, new research seems to indicate that antidepressants might speed cognitive decline in dementia patients, but do they really? We take a closer look at some of the caveats. And a gene therapy for toddlers who have gone blind is showing some promise, we'll look into what this could mean for future treatments.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond

Producer: Katie Tomsett and Margaret Sessa-Hawkins

WED 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf0c6w7bz9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9dgmf56g8)

Trump says Zelensky to sign 'very big agreement' in US on Friday

US President Donald Trump says Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky will visit Washington on Friday to sign an agreement on sharing Ukraine's mineral resources. Mr Sessa-Hawkins

says he's still looking for American security guarantees.

Also on the programme: A far-right presidential candidate in Romania arrested and charged on his way to register for elections in May; and the foodies gatecrashing a Chinese funeral home to sample their tasty noodles.

(Photo: US President Donald Trump holds first cabinet meeting at the White House in Washington. Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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WED 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct60h6)

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THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gy9zb)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 02:32 The Documentary (w3ct7mvy)

The flight of the vulture

With their fearsome talons, acid poo and a penchant for rotting carcasses, the vulture has long been shouldered with associations of death, and dishonour. This taboo often puts them bottom of the list for conservation projects. Nevertheless, they are a keystone animal in every environment they live in. And in nearly every one, they're in trouble.

Conservationist Sacha Dench travels visits three different vulture species, each with an extraordinary story of persecution and survival.

In India, vulture populations collapsed by 99.9%, the sharpest decline of any animal ever recorded, in the 'Indian Vulture Crisis'. Debbie Pain and Chris Bowden describe the urgent international collaborative effort that brought them back from the very brink of extinction.

In South Africa, the White Backed Vulture has become collateral damage in the ongoing war between poachers and game-keepers. Sacha meets Kerri Wolter and Alistair Sinclair of Vulpro, the organisation that's rescuing and rehabilitating these innocent bystanders.

Finally, in Guinea-Bissau, vultures are the victim of cultural practices which see their bodies as having magical properties. Sacha talks to Jose Tavares from the Vulture Conservation Foundation, and Andre Botha from the IUCN Vulture Group, who reveals the cultural practices which put the birds at risk.

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THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xp6)

Bouillon: The story of stock

John Laurenson explores the enduring appeal of stock. A century and a half ago, a butcher at the big Parisian food market Les Halles started selling beef broth – 'bouillon' in French - to the people who worked there. In a few years this had developed into what was perhaps the world's first restaurant chain. By the end of the Nineteenth Century there were hundreds of 'bouillons' in Paris.

Today, with inflation making traditional French restaurants too expensive for many people, these big, affordable eateries are making a comeback.

The French aren't, of course, the only people to discover the delights of this simple, warming, nourishing food. John learns how bouillon influenced Vietnam's iconic dish, pho, as a result of the French colonial presence in the region in the 1800 and 1900s.

Producer/presenter: John Laurenson

(Image: A dish of stock with chicken and herbs with a ladle sticking out of it. Credit: Getty Images/BBC)

THU 05:00 BBC News (w172zgm0cw89yb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 05:06 Newsday (w172zbkhzs32flx)

Israel releases Palestinian prisoners

There's been a successful exchange of Palestinian prisoners and the bodies of Israeli hostages. But with the first phase of the ceasefire deal due to end on Tuesday, there's uncertainty about what happens next.

President Trump has chaired his first cabinet meeting since his return to the White House. But the man doing a lot of the talking was the president's billionaire advisor and head of the newly created 'Department of Government Efficiency', Elon Musk.

Rwanda has been heavily criticised for its alleged support for rebels across the border in the Democratic Republic of Congo. We'll speak to the country's foreign minister.

And we'll get an update on the political situation in Zimbabwe.

(Photo: Palestinian prisoners arrive in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, February 27, 2025; Credit: Reuters)

THU 06:00 BBC News (w172zgm0cw8fpg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 06:06 Newsday (w172zbkhzs32kc1)

Hamas hands over four hostage bodies

Hundreds of Palestinian prisoners have been freed by Israel in return for four Israeli hostage bodies in Gaza. It's the final exchange of the first phase of the Gaza ceasefire deal.

Thousands of displaced people in the Occupied West Bank forced to leave their homes in four camps tell the BBC they are worried about what the future holds for them.

Britain's prime minister Keir Starmer is in Washington for a meeting with President Donald Trump. We'll be speaking with our political correspondent on what will be on the agenda.

(Photo: Protests against Hamas, Berlin, Germany, February 26, 2025; Credit: Reuters)

THU 07:00 BBC News (w172zgm0cw8kfl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 07:06 Newsday (w172zbkhzs32p35)

Israel frees Palestinian detainees

Hundreds of Palestinian prisoners are being freed by Israel in return for the bodies of four Israeli hostages in Gaza. It's the final exchange of the first phase of the Gaza ceasefire deal. Attention will now turn to what happens after Saturday when the current first phase of the ceasefire deal expires.

There is frantic diplomatic activity surrounding Ukraine at the moment; Britain's prime minister Sir Keir Starmer is in Washington for a meeting with President Donald Trump, and on Friday Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy will be a guest at the White House.

In Romania the pro-Russian politician Călin Georgescu has been detained by the police and accused of associating with neo-fascists groups. He was a shock victor in the first round of presidential elections last year, but the result was annulled amid accusations of Russian interference.

(Photo: People gather to greet freed Palestinian prisoners in Ramallah, February 27, 2025; Credit: Reuters)

THU 08:00 BBC News (w172zgm0cw8p5q)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjp)

Do we need the International Criminal Court?

The International Criminal Court was founded to prosecute the world's worst crimes—genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity. It has secured historic convictions, but its effectiveness is under scrutiny.

US opposition has been a long-standing challenge. Donald Trump previously rejected the ICC's legitimacy, and now, early in his second presidential term, he has imposed sanctions on its top prosecutor. The move echoes past tensions but raises new concerns about the court's ability to function under external pressure.

The ICC also relies on member states to arrest and transfer suspects. A recent case in Italy has highlighted the court's enforcement difficulties, as Italian authorities deported a Libyan suspect instead of extraditing him to The Hague. Such incidents fuel questions about the ICC's global authority.

Despite its high-profile cases, the court has only secured 11 convictions in 23 years. Its slow trials and high costs have drawn criticism, leading some to question whether reform—or even an alternative—is needed. But with 125 member states still backing its mission, is the ICC an institution the world can afford to lose?

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Image credit: Michael M. Santiago via Getty Images

THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gz1g3)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zdb)

Business Daily meets: Pokémon Company president Tsunekazu Ishihara

Pokémon started as a hugely successful game for Nintendo's Gameboy nearly 30 years ago. Since then, it's become a billion-dollar global media brand.

Despite the firm's huge revenue, the Pokémon Company remains private. The firm doesn't release its historical earnings figures, but some analysts estimate it has sold up to \$150 billion worth of products, making it the world's highest grossing media franchise.

Mariko Oi speaks to Pokémon Company president, Tsunekazu Ishihara, about the firm's successes over the years, and the challenges it faces - like counterfeits and the resale market.

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

Presented and produced by Mariko Oi

(Picture: Pokemon CEO Tsunekazu Ishihara welcomes guests during the 2022 Pokémon World Championships at ExCel, London, UK. Credit: Getty Images)

THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ylg)

Surviving Chile's tsunami

In 2010, an 8.8 magnitude earthquake struck the coast of Chile.

It shook the central and southern parts of the country for more than three minutes, causing widespread damage which destroyed buildings, bridges and roads.

The earthquake triggered a tsunami in the Pacific Ocean, which travelled 600 kilometres west to the remote island of Juan Fernandez where Alison Campbell and her family were on holiday.

Hundreds of people died, and thousands were left injured and homeless.

Alison Campbell tells Jane Chambers what it was like when the tsunami struck.

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

(Photo: Rescue workers in Juan Fernandez. Credit: JORGE AMENGUAL/AFP via Getty Images).

THU 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw8sxv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsfv20b5)

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THU 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gz567)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 09:32 The Documentary (w3ct7mvy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

THU 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw8xnz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 10:06 The Explanation (w3ct6pmz)

The Media Show: Mehdi Hasan on journalism, opinion, and independence

Mehdi Hasan's career has taken him from the UK to becoming a high-profile journalist in the US. In this extended conversation, he discusses social media's impact on journalism, his approach to interviewing, and why he decided to launch his own subscription platform.

Presenter: Ros Atkins
Producer: Simon Richardson

THU 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gz8yc)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 10:32 The Global Jigsaw (w3ct7mw1)

Life in occupied Ukraine: Donbas

Russia's land grab playbook aimed at erasing local identity and russifying "liberated" territories. Three years into the full scale invasion of Ukraine, we ask what life is like in areas under Russian control. Part two focuses on Moscow's efforts to assert itself in the separatist east.

Producer: Kriszta Satori
Presenter: Krassi Twigg

THU 11:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw91f3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsfv27tf)

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THU 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gzdph)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dvd)

Inside Ukraine as Trump targets minerals

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky is expected to travel to Washington on Friday, after a preliminary deal was agreed to share his country's mineral resources. Kyiv insists it is still seeking additional security guarantees from the US, before anything is signed. Meanwhile, Ukraine's long defence against Russia's invasion continues, and three years into the war some frontline troops have told the BBC they feel revitalised after the Trump administration excluded them from controversial negotiations with Vladimir Putin. But can they really fight on?

On today's episode Jonny Dymond is joined by the BBC's international editor, Jeremy Bowen. We hear his take on the current attitudes of those inside Ukraine, after reuniting with some of the people he met there during the first weeks of war.

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THU 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw9557)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nz7)

My mother's sitcom genius and her necklace of tears

Astrid King's mother Peg Lynch was a pioneer of the US sitcom. She was the first woman to write, star in, and hold the rights for her own show, Ethel and Albert - one of America's best-known comedy couples on radio and TV from the 1940s until the 60s. But when the show ended, it disappeared from public view and Peg's career faded. Astrid's relationship with her mother - which in her childhood was 'magical' - became more strained. Peg died in 2014 and left behind a weighty legacy - hundreds of hours of tape and thousands of pages of script for Astrid to sort through. But when Astrid came across a curious necklace nestled in her mother's belongings, it unlocked a childhood memory that would help her understand Peg and their complicated dynamic. Today, Astrid has taken on the task of unearthing and preserving Peg Lynch's archive and bringing her work back into the light.

Presenter: Asya Fouks
Producer: Helen Fitzhenry

Do you have a story of the past that gives meaning to today? We want to hear it for our Memory Box. Contact us at outlook@bbc.com or WhatsApp +44 330 678 2707

(Photo: Peg Lynch with her daughter Astrid King and mother Clara. Credit: Astrid King)

THU 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5y1g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

THU 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw98xc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsfv2h9p)

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THU 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gz5r)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 13:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xp6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

THU 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw9dnh)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 14:06 Newshour (w172zb9dgm784g)

Influencer Andrew Tate and his brother fly to the US

The two men face charges of rape and human trafficking in Romania and the UK, which they deny.

Also on the programme: we look ahead to UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer's first face to face meeting with President Trump; and we pay tribute to the Hollywood star Gene Hackman, who has been found dead, alongside his wife, in their home in New Mexico.

(Picture: Controversial influencers Andrew and Tristan Tate in Bucharest, January 2025. Credit: Ganea / Reuters)

THU 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw9jdm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 15:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

THU 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3gzwp0)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct603x)

Crypto: The biggest heist ever

The FBI has accused North Korea of stealing \$1.5bn worth of the cryptocurrency Ethereum.

In the US, President Trump has threatened a 25% tariff on EU imports. What do European exporters think?

And in Africa, entrepreneurs from across the continent are meeting for the Africa Business Convention. Gideon Long speaks to one of the business owners attending.

THU 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw9n4r)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbjk5tyy973)

Remembering Gene Hackman

The Oscar-winning Hollywood actor Gene Hackman, and his wife Betsy Arakawa, have been found dead at their home in the US state of New Mexico. He was 95 and she was 63. The police say they do not suspect foul play. We bring together two film critics to look back at Gene Hackman's life and legacy.

The online influencer Andrew Tate and his brother have been allowed to leave Romania for the United States, despite facing charges of rape and human trafficking. We explain who Andrew Tate is and speak to a local journalist in Romania.

The imprisoned Kurdish leader Abdullah Ocalan has urged his PKK rebel movement to disarm and end its four decade fight against the Turkish state. Our world affairs correspondent explains the significance of the announcement.

The BBC has gained exclusive access to the Taliban's newly acquired network of 90,000 CCTV cameras in Afghanistan's capital. Our reporter from the BBC's Afghan Service has more details.

We speak to two friends who went viral because one couldn't go to the other's wedding, but attended via a video call.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Gene Hackman poses during the 60th annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills, California, U.S. January 19, 2003. Credit: Andy Clark/File Photo/Reuters)

THU 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw9rww)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbjk5tyydz7)

Starmer meeting Trump at White House

The British Prime Minister Keir Starmer is meeting with President Donald Trump after reiterating his call for a US security guarantee in Ukraine to deter Putin from invading again. We speak to our reporter at the White House and to our political correspondent in the UK. We also hear some views on the meeting from American and British listeners.

The online influencer Andrew Tate and his brother have been allowed to leave Romania for the United States, despite facing charges of rape and human trafficking. We get the latest from our correspondent.

We speak to two friends who went viral because one couldn't go to the other's wedding, but attended on a video call.

We have the latest on the death of the Hollywood star Gene Hackman and his wife.

The FBI says North Korea was behind the theft of approximately \$1.5bn in virtual assets from a cryptocurrency exchange. Our cyber security specialist explains.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Keir Starmer and Donald Trump at the White House. Credit: Getty Images)

THU 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw9wn0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5nz7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

THU 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5y1g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

THU 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cw0b0d4)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsfv36sg)

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THU 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3h0cnj)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w71)

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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 (w172zgf0cwb448)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 20:06 The Documentary (w3ct7mvy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3h0hdn)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 20:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vf6)

Asteroid 2024 YR4 crisis averted?

Just two weeks ago the world learned of an asteroid that had an almost 3% chance of striking earth in less than a decade. Astronomers kept looking, and a team including Olivier Hainaut at ESO's Very Large Telescope at Palanar, in Chile, have managed to narrow down the uncertainty such that we now know it will definitely not hit the earth. The secret of making such observations after most telescopes could no longer see it was down to the exceptionally dark skies there.

But these may be under threat. A plan has been made to build a large power plant, including sustainable hydrogen production around 11km away from the otherwise isolated site, and astronomers around the world are rallying to call for the plant to be built further away so that its construction will not spoil the otherwise unique observation conditions.

One of the signatories of a petition to that effect is Julia Siedel, also of ESO, who just last week published the first 3D atmospheric analysis of an exoplanet's climate. As she explains, future similar observations using the forthcoming, co-sited Extremely Large Telescope could be thwarted before the telescope is even finished.

Back on earth, the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Current (AMOC) continues to bring warmer air and nutrients north towards the Arctic, and colder, denser water south in the global ocean overturn. But are reports of its collapse under climate change justified? A new paper this week suggests that for the next century at least it is stable though it might slow down. Jonathan Baker of the UK Met office explains how the winds in the south mean the cycle will keep turning, though it may slow down.

Talking of the Arctic, Yoel Fink of MIT has dressed a couple of royal marines in wearable computer fibres for their current icy patrol in the north of Canada. Far from going commando, their underwear is measuring temperature and calorific burn to help them avoid frostbite and the dangers of the extreme environment. Yoel's paper this week describes the new device and the principle that in the future much of all of our healthcare will be provided by these sorts of wearable, stretchy, computing textiles monitoring our activities.

Presenter: Roland Pease

Producer: Alex Mansfield

Production co-ordinator: Jana Bennett-Holesworth and Josie Hardy

(Photo: Celestial conjunction at Paranal. Credit: Y.Beletsky/ESO)

THU 21:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cwb7wd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9dgm83cc)

Trump says he's hopeful for Ukraine peace deal

Donald Trump and Britain's prime minister, Keir Starmer, have been holding talks at the White House, with the main focus on Ukraine. President Trump told reporters a peace deal with Russia was well advanced, without giving details. Sir Keir said any agreement must be long-lasting.

Also in the programme: Tate brothers arrive in US after Romania prosecutors lift travel ban; and thousands of forced labourers who've been released from scam centres along the Thai-Myanmar border are stranded in makeshift camps in Myanmar.

(Photo credit: Reuters)

THU 22:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cwbcmj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsfv3l0v)

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THU 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3h0qwx)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct6065)

Donald Trump set to impose delayed tariffs

President Donald Trump is expected to bring in delayed tariffs for goods coming from in Mexico, and Canada. He says they are failing to curb the export of the drug fentanyl.

We hear from a former editor of the Washington Post after its current owner Jeff Bezos declares the paper will in future only publish opinion pieces that support personal liberties.

We examine the success of the Japanese pocket-monster cartoon franchise, Pokemon. It has become popular across the world over the last 29 years, and we hear from its boss.

THU 23:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cwbhcn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 23:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

THU 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3h0vn1)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 23:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xp6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

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The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:06 The Explanation (w3ct6pmz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3h0zd5)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct5ycf)

Is Russia's war in Ukraine nearing an endgame?

John Simpson, in discussion with the BBC's unparalleled range of experts across the world, analyses whether Russia's war in Ukraine is nearing an endgame, examines the implications of the surge in support for the right in the German elections and looks at the huge increase in government surveillance under the Taliban in Afghanistan.

FRI 01:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cwbqvx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfz6z6p00s)

Donald Trump is set to bring in delayed tariffs

We discuss President Donald Trump's plans to bring in delayed tariffs for goods coming from in Mexico, and Canada. He says they are failing to curb the export of the drug fentanyl. We hear from a former editor of the Washington Post after its current owner Jeff Bezos declares the paper will in future only publish opinion pieces that support personal liberties. We examine the success of the Japanese pocket-monster cartoon franchise, Pokemon. It has captured the world's imagination over the last 29 years, and we hear from its boss.

Presenter Roger Hearing is joined by Simon Littlewood the President of ACG Global and Crew Chief, The Raffles Crew' from Singapore and Business consultant Gaby Castro-Fontoura from Uruguay.

FRI 02:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cwbvm1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsfv420c)

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FRI 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3h16wf)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wnl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Tuesday]

FRI 03:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cwbzc5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nz7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Thursday]

FRI 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ylg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cwc339)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsfv49hm)

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FRI 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3h1gcp)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tgj)

Becoming a Buddhist Bhikshuni in Bhutan

What does it take to break the glass ceiling in Buddhism and be fully ordained as a female monk or bhikshuni?

In 2022 the kingdom of Bhutan ordained 144 women in an unprecedented ceremony. Among them was Emma Slade, also known as Lopen Ani Pema Deki, from Kent in the UK. She was the only Western woman to take part.

Emma's faith has been a part of her life since she was held at gunpoint and robbed in Indonesia in 1997. She studied in Bhutan and set up a charity that supports children with special needs in the country. Now she divides her time between the Himalayan kingdom and the UK. She talks to Julia Paul about life as a bhikshuni in the UK and Bhutan, her memories of taking part in the historic mass ordination and what it means for Buddhist nuns in Bhutan and other countries.

Producer/presenter: Julia Paul

Executive producer: Rajeev Gupta

Editor: Chloe Walker

Production co-ordinator: Mica Nepomuceno

FRI 05:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cwc6vf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 05:06 Newsday (w172zbkhzs35bj0)

Zelensky in Washington to sign minerals deal

Trump predicts a "very good meeting" with Zelensky on Friday, saying efforts to achieve peace were "moving along pretty rapidly".

Decades of conflict between Turkey and the Kurdish militant group the PKK could come to an end, the imprisoned leader of the PKK Abdullah Ocalan has called for his comrades to lay down their arms.

And police say they are investigating the deaths of double Oscar winner Gene Hackman and his wife, but that they do not suspect foul play.

(Pic: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky attends a news conference in Kyiv; Credit: REX/Shutterstock)

FRI 06:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cwbclb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 06:06 Newsday (w172zbkhzs35g84)

Trump calls Zelensky 'very brave'

This week's meetings come after the Trump administration shocked its Western partners by holding the first high-level US talks with Moscow since Russia invaded Ukraine just over three years ago. America's new president had appeared to blame Zelensky for the war and chided him for not starting peace talks earlier.

Jailed Kurdish leader issues call to lay down arms- we bring you reactions.

Online influencer Andrew Tate and his brother Tristan arrived in Florida on Thursday after prosecutors lifted a travel ban related to criminal charges against the brothers.

(Pic: US President Donald Trump during a press conference with British Prime Minister; Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

FRI 07:00 BBC News (w172zgf0mcwgbp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 07:06 Newsday (w172zbkhzs35i08)

Trump commends Zelensky ahead of talks

Ukrainian President Zelensky will be hoping to win some kind of security guarantees for his country that would underpin any peace deal that may be negotiated. Asked about these on Thursday, Trump only said he was "open to many things" but he wanted to get Russia and Ukraine to agree a deal before deciding what measures might be put in place to enforce it.

Shiori Ito, who has become a symbol of Japan's MeToo movement, and is now nominated for an Oscar, speaks to the BBC.

(Pic: Ukrainian President Zelensky meets Republican presidential candidate Donald J. Trump in 2024; Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

FRI 08:00 BBC News (w172zgf0mcwcl2t)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5swg)

Lord Sumption: Is liberal democracy in big trouble?

Stephen Sackur speaks to the former senior judge, barrister and writer Lord Sumption whose latest book assesses the health of democracy and the rule of law

FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf3h1yc6)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z39)

Lights, camera, Budapest

We're in Budapest to find out how Hungary – once a satellite state of the Soviet Union – is now one of the world's top film destinations, with movie-makers seduced by the central European country's generous tax breaks and incentives.

Academy Award nominees this year, *The Brutalist* and *Dune 2*, were filmed here – plus 2024 Oscar winner, *Poor Things*.

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

Presented and produced by Wayne Wright

(Picture: Actors perform a scene of the movie "Hunyadi" (Rise of the Raven) during the opening ceremony of Hungary's National Film Institute's new studio complex in Fot, close to the capital Budapest, during the complex's inauguration on January 30, 2025. Credit: Getty Images)

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FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5fyf)

Africa's stolen Metis children

In 1953, in what was then the Belgian Congo, four-year-old Marie-José Loshi was forcibly removed from her family's village and taken more than 600km away to live in a Catholic institute.

The cause of her kidnapping was the colour of her skin. Under Belgium's colonial rule, thousands of mixed-race children were taken from their homes and separated from their families. The state hoped the actions would quash any sense of revolt against the colony.

More than 70 years later, Marie-José and four other women took on the former colonial power, seeking justice for themselves and the many other mixed-race children that suffered the same fate. She speaks to Kaine Pieri.

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(Photo: Marie-José Loshi. Credit: Marie-José Loshi)

FRI 09:00 BBC News (w172zgf0mcwcepty)

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FRI 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf3h223b)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 09:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vf6)

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FRI 10:00 BBC News (w172zgf0mcwcl2t)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q37)

Topsy turvy

Unexpected Elements has a shake up looking into the topsy turvy world of science, all thanks to an upturned campervan in Western France.

Explore why scientists are suspending rhinos from cranes, brace yourself for a quirky elementary particle that is hard to get your head around and if you love getting yourself in a tizz then fasten your seatbelts to meet one of the scientists responsible for curating the perfect theme park thrills. Professor Brendan Walker is sure to inject a scientific rush that will make you question who you take on your next roller coaster ride.

Crack open the World Service archives to delve into the curious world of cryonics, exploring the science behind preserving bodies in suspended animation.

And, have you wondered what your favourite music genre says about you? We uncover the surprising psychology behind your musical tastes.

Presenters: Caroline Steele, with Andrada Fiscutean and Phyllis Mwate.

Producers: Harrison Lewis, with William Hornbrook, Debbie Kilbride and Noa Dowling

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FRI 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf3h291l)

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FRI 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dxn)

The scandal sinking an Oscars campaign

Emilia Pérez is the most talked-about movie of awards season. But despite a divisive premise about a Mexican drug boss seeking gender affirming surgery, it's the fallout off-screen which is causing controversy. The re-emergence of offensive tweets by its lead star, trans actress Karla Sofía Gascón, has derailed the movie's momentum. After promoters pivoted to remove her from marketing, the film has still seen significant success, but ahead of the Oscars, debate is growing about the extent to which this scandal has harmed its performance.

Lucy Hockings is joined by BBC culture reporter Noor Nanji and Matthew Belloni, entertainment journalist and founder of the digital media platform, Puck. They dissect the noise around the movie, and consider what Academy voters might be thinking.

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(Photo: Composite image of Karla Sofía Gascón, Credit: Mario Anzuoni/Reuters, and Academy Awards statuette, Credit: Caroline Brehman/EPA)

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Senior news editor: China Collins

FRI 12:00 BBC News (w172zgf0mcwd22b)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 12:06 Outlook (w3ct69b5)

Outlook Mixtape: Bollywood, Nollywood, Hollywood

Hakeem Onilogbo – aka Hakeem Effect – used his passion for drawing and inspiration from a mysterious figure in his dreams to find fame and fortune in Nollywood.

Karan Soni and Roshan Sethi's real-life love story inspired their film *A Nice Indian Boy*. The success of this Hollywood rom-com has healed many family rifts on the way.

Diver Chris Lemons became tangled in a cord when he was at the bottom of the North Sea in Scotland. He managed to survive for around 35 minutes without any air. Now his experiences have inspired a feature film. This interview was first broadcast in 2021.

Presenter: Saskia Collette

Producer: Harry Graham

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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty Images)

FRI 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5fyf)

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FRI 13:00 BBC News (w172zgf0mcwd5tg)

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FRI 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqsxfv5d6s)

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FRI 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf3h2k2v)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 13:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tgj)

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FRI 14:00 BBC News (w172zgf0mcwd9kl)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 14:06 Newshour (w172zb9dgmfb51k)

Zelensky in Washington for talks

He's expected to talk with President Trump about ending the war with Russia and a joint deal on exploiting Ukraine's mineral resources. But will there be the formal security guarantee he's after?

Also on the programme: Hundreds of thousands of people take to the streets of Greece to demand justice for the victims of a deadly train crash two years ago today; and the Oscar-nominated documentary about Japan's MeToo movement that still hasn't been shown in Japan.

(Picture: President Zelensky of Ukraine arrives in Washington DC Credit: Reuters / Jefremova)

FRI 15:00 BBC News (w172zgf0mcwd9fq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5swg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

FRI 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggf3h2s13)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5ztv)

Free trade for India and EU?

The European Union has said today it hopes to conclude a free trade agreement with India by the end of this year. This is 18 years since negotiations first started.

In China, the technology minister Jin Zhuanglong has been removed office, seemingly as part of President Xi Jinping's anti-corruption purge.

We mark the end of Skype, the original internet calling app.

And Gideon Long speaks to a man who sued India's largest cinema chain because there were too many advertisements.

FRI 16:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cwk1v)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbjk5tz1646)
Zelensky in Washington

The Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky is meeting President Trump in Washington for what correspondents are describing as a crucial encounter. The pair are due to discuss - and potentially sign - a deal which would give the US access to rare Ukrainian minerals. We have the latest from the White House, and we hear from Ukrainians about their expectations.

Greeks have been holding their biggest protests for years and taking part in a general strike to mark the second anniversary of a rail disaster that left 57 dead and dozens more injured. We speak to a local reporter.

After a 14-year old boy lost a court case against his parents over their decision to send him to boarding school in Ghana, we bring together Africans to share their experiences.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: Zelensky meets Trump. Credit: Reuters)

FRI 17:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cwndsz)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbjk5tz19wb)
Zelensky and Trump meeting at White House

Donald Trump and Volodymyr Zelensky are meeting at the White House to discuss a deal that would give the US access to rare Ukrainian minerals. We have the latest from our correspondent, and we get views from Ukrainians.

We also speak to White House correspondents about what it has been like to cover press conferences at the White House since Trump took office.

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Microsoft has announced it's shutting down the video call pioneer Skype, nearly 22 years after its creation. So look back how it was founded.

Presenter: Luke Jones.

(Photo: US President Donald Trump welcomes Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to the White House, Washington, USA - 28 Feb 2025. Credit: Brian Snyder/Reuters)

FRI 18:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cwk3)
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FRI 18:06 Outlook (w3ct69b5)
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FRI 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5yfy)
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FRI 19:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cwx97)
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FRI 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqsfv63pk)
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FRI 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3h38km)
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FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w2j)
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BBC sports correspondents tell the story behind today's top sporting news, with interviews and reports from across the world.

FRI 20:00 BBC News (w172zgf0cwf11c)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rd0)
Polyamorous relationships

A video of American R&B singer Ne-Yo kissing three of his girlfriends backstage has had loads of attention and highlighted the practice of polyamory. This is when people have several partners at once and are completely open about it.

To find out more, we bring together four polyamorous men and women in the US and the UK to tell us what their lives are like.

"I'm in a relationship with someone I've been with for nearly three years," says Leanne. "I have another partnership that's been going on for half a year and I also have various lovers, friends with benefits, close friends etc, who have been around for various lengths of time. My longest connection right now is a casual one that's been going on for about nine years."

For Stewart, who is married to Molly, the decision to be polyamorous is clear.

"Life is too short," he says. "When it really comes down to the philosophy of it, you're here to meet and understand and encounter as many people and experiences as you can. I found that the more people I met, the more I understood myself and the more I understood my marriage."

Apart from the positives, we also hear about the stigma and the jealousy that can arise from having more than one partner.

Hosted by Luke Jones. Conversation by Andrew Peach
Producer: Sue Nelson and Iqra Farooq
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(Photo: Singer Ne-Yo and three of his partners. Credit: Prince Williams/Getty Images)

FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfg3h3d9r)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rjj)
Whatever happened to tangerines?

It's citrus season in the northern hemisphere, and fruit trees are bursting with oranges and lemons. But CrowdScience listener Jonathan wants to know what happened to the tangerines he ate as a child in the 1960s? He remembers a fruit that was juicy, sweet and full of pips, found each Christmas at the bottom of his stocking. Tangerines today, he thinks, just don't compare.

Crowdscience tries to track down this elusive fruit. Presenter Anand Jagatia traces the tangerine's origins back to Ancient China, as botanist David Mabberley explains that the name 'tangerine' comes from a fruit that made its way from Asia, to Africa and the Moroccan port of Tangier, before arriving in the US in the early 1800s. Professor Tracy Kahn from UC Riverside tells us about the hybridisation process that goes into breeding modern tangerines, but says that while the season for these fruits has been dramatically extended, there's a cost in terms of diversity and flavour.

Who better to help us track down this missing mandarin than a fruit detective? Well, that's one of pomologist David Karp's other job titles, and he reveals exactly which cultivar we might be looking for: the Dancy. So where can we find one? Over on Friend's Ranches in Ojai, California, Emily Ayala shows us two trees planted by her late grandfather, and explains that nothing grown since really matches its unique flavour.

So what will listener Jonathan think when we send him a box?

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Producer: Marijke Peters
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(Image: Citrus oranges grow on tree, Hong Kong Credit: CHUNYIP WONG via Getty Images)

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FRI 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9dgmfc08g)
Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

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