

**SATURDAY 08 MARCH 2025****SAT 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn66nmq)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 00:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q38)**

Silent science

Sparked by a silent album released by 1,000 musicians in protest of the UK government's planned changes to copyright law, Unexpected Elements hits the pause button... Is there any science to silence?

Fear not, this week's show is packed full of chatter! You might think there's only one type of silence, but supposedly exists in political science too. In fact, there are seven distinct types.

If you're a techy you probably have a pair of noise cancelling headphones. But have you ever wondered how they work? We'll take them apart to figure out how they work. Plus, dive into the fascinating world of gene silencing, definitely one of the coolest areas of genetics. Learn how this cutting-edge technology could help protect our crops from pests in the future.

Later, Caroline is joined by her two wonderful panellists to contemplate and reflect on silence, when might it be harmful? And does true silence even exist?

All that and many more Unexpected Elements.

Presenters: Caroline Steel, Candice Bailey and Kai Kupferschmidt

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

**SAT 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn66scv)**

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**SAT 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfz17jkljq)**

USAID: Will staff be put on leave?

A federal court is pausing President Trump's plan put thousands of USAID staff on leave

The UK government has demanded access to Apple users' encrypted data.

The Cook Islands Prime Minister says New Zealand is asking for too much oversight over its deal with China, which is expected to be penned in Beijing next week.

And the US Super Bowl is kicking off in New Orleans this weekend. What will this mean for the economy there?

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

**SAT 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn66x3z)**

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**SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqt8q503j9)**

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

**SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggftcsx8dc)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct5wj3)**

Andy Flower on the key to coaching Kohli

Alison Mitchell, Charu Sharma and Brett Sprigg are joined by former Ashes winning head coach Andy Flower, who shares his thoughts on England's Champions Trophy exit and who should be the next white ball captain? Flower is the head coach of Royal Challengers Bangalore, who are preparing for their 18th season in the Indian Premier League and hoping for their first ever title. He tells us what it is like coaching Virat Kohli and the influence he is having on new captain Rajat Patidar.

Flower spent time as a consultant with the Australia team so gives us his insight into Steve Smith after he announced his international retirement from One Day Internationals.

The ICC Champions Trophy final is set with India taking on New Zealand in Dubai. We preview the final and analyse where it went wrong for Australia and South Africa.

Photo: Coach Andy Flower speaks to his players during an England Lions training session at Allan Border Field on November 24, 2017 in Brisbane, Australia. (Credit: Getty Images)

**SAT 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn670w3)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 03:06 Outlook (w3ct69b6)**

Outlook Mixtape: A chorus of female strength

For International Women's Day we hear from India, Afghanistan and Morocco: three women who each flipped the script of their lives and triumphed.

Prema Dhanraj wanted to be a singer but as an eight-year-old she suffered terrible burns and almost died. Her mother, praying for Prema's survival, bargained with God promising that if Prema lived she would become a doctor. Prema fulfilled her mother's wishes and much more. She became a pioneering plastic surgeon, studying in the US, training other surgeons around the world and winning numerous awards. On returning to India she set up an organisation, Agni Raksha, in her home town Bengaluru, to offer free medical treatment and social care to burns survivors.

Afghan Sahra Mani found triumph in the most unexpected of ways, despite beginning life on the margins. Sahra grew up scrapping for an education and watching her young friends married off. Novels like Jane Eyre and her camera, a treasured gift from her mother, gave her a creative lifeline. She came to London to chase her dreams and study at university, eventually becoming an award-winning, internationally-recognised documentary filmmaker. Sahra went on to work as a university professor in Kabul. In August 2021 Sahra was abroad, visiting her dying mother. On the same night Sahra said her final goodbye, the Taliban captured her beloved city. Unable to return, Sahra channelled her sorrow by helping women stuck under their harsh new reality. She began collecting footage of Afghan women resisting Taliban rule. Things felt bleak and that's when Hollywood star Jennifer Lawrence reached out to ask if she could support her to make a film. Soon Malala Yousafzai joined them and an alliance was formed. Their film Bread and Roses can be watched on Apple TV and the clip played was courtesy of Apple TV.

Aziza Chaoui was the first Moroccan to study architecture at Harvard. She dreamed of creating the kind of dramatic glass and metal structures that were winning awards for architectural superstars. But her university professor and mentor sent her on a different mission – to create buildings and designs to help her home city of Fez. So Aziza decided on a project to restore the heavily-polluted and stinking river that runs through the ancient medina. It seemed a far cry from her original ambitions. But an epic journey across the Sahara Desert convinced her that the innovative engineering of water, sand and mud – rather than steel, glass and concrete – were her true calling.

Presenter: Saskia Collette

Producer: Sarah Kendal

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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty Images)

**SAT 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yfz)**

How bloodshed in Selma led to the US Voting Rights Act 1965

In March 1965, hundreds of peaceful civil rights protesters in Selma were brutally beaten by Alabama state troops.

They had been marching to demonstrate against the denial of voting rights to Black Americans.

The bloodshed in Selma prompted President Lyndon B Johnson to push for the Voting Rights Act of 1965, one of the most significant pieces of legislation ever passed by Congress.

The landmark Act was brought in to tackle racial discrimination during elections and to guarantee the rights of African Americans to vote.

Farhana Haider has been listening to the archive.

A version of this programme was first broadcast in 2020.

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

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

they've had on the music industry. You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, such as the time an Iraqi journalist hurled his shoes at the President of the United States in protest of America's occupation of Iraq; the creation of the Hollywood commercial that changed advertising forever; and the ascent of the first Aboriginal MP.

(Photo: Civil rights leader Dr Martin Luther King at the Selma to Montgomery march. Credit: Getty Images)

**SAT 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn674m7)**

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**SAT 04:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q38)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 today]

**SAT 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn678cc)**

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**SAT 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqt8q50grp)**

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**SAT 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggftcsxmmr)**

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**SAT 05:32 Diddy On Trial (w3ct7m4x)**

What is sex trafficking?

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The rapper Sean 'Diddy' Combs is currently in a New York prison awaiting trial in May on charges of sex trafficking, transportation for prostitution and racketeering with conspiracy. He denies all the allegations.

We're going to be examining what each of these federal charges mean over the coming weeks, hearing from experts and people affected in other cases involving these charges. We're starting with sex trafficking.

Anoushka Mutanda-Dougherty speaks to Elizabeth Geddes who prosecuted R. Kelly, Dr Marcel Van Der Watt, president at the National Centre on Sexual Exploitation in the US, along with Lala Appleberry from Survivor Network NC.

The Diddy on Trial podcast 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 (w3ct5tr1)**

Is there really \$500bn of Rare Earths in Ukraine?

As part of the fast-moving argument over US military support to Ukraine, the US demanded \$500bn worth of access to what was variously reported as Ukraine's rare earths or rare metals or rare minerals. But is there that amount of minerals in the ground?

Presenter: Tim Harford

Producer and Editor: Richard Vadon

Studio Manager: James Beard

Production Co-ordinator: Brenda Brown

**SAT 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn67d3h)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 06:06 Weekend (w172zcxh6mt6n0b)**

A review of the week with the latest news.

**SAT 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn67hvm)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 07:06 Weekend (w172zcxh6mt6rrg)**

A review of the week with the latest news.

**SAT 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn67mlr)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 08:06 Weekend (w172zcxh6mt6whl)**

A review of the week with the latest news.

**SAT 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn67rbw)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 09:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rd1)**

Three months after the fall of Assad

After 13 years of civil war, a transitional government is now in charge in Syria, led by interim president Ahmed al-Sharaa, the leader of the Islamist rebel group – Hayat Tahrir al-Sham or HTS.

Syria is home to many different religious and ethnic groups and some fear that more conservative members of HTS could influence government policy.

Nor is the fighting over. Forces linked to the new government have been battling Assad loyalists in the port cities of Latakia and Tartous, where dozens of people are reported to have been killed.

In our conversations, two women discuss new freedoms but also share fears about safety and women's rights.

"We are free now," says Souad. "We can speak and share, we are not afraid of each other, that one of us is a spy or a snitch...if one of us wanted to express an opinion, we could be arrested."

Before the civil war, Syria was a globally popular tourist destination and, over the past few weeks, international airlines have resumed flights into the country. We bring together three tour guides to share what the country has to offer visitors.

We also hear from two refugees, who have returned to the country to reunite with their families.

Presenter: Mark Lowen

BBC producers: Virginia Kelly, Iqra Farooq and Laura Cress  
Boffin Media producer: Richard Hollingham

(Photo: Rita in Syria. Credit: Rita)

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

**SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfts3m8)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SAT 09:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v1y)**

Is Trump taking Putin's side in the Ukraine war?

A jaw-dropping week for global politics as President Trump berates Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelensky in the White House before pausing military aid to his country. Plus, the joy of birdsong, the story of stock and why some teenagers are walking on all fours.

**SAT 09:50 Over to You (w3ct5tv5)**

Behind-the-scenes of Ukrainecast and Global Jigsaw

Events surrounding Russia's war in Ukraine have been moving fast. But what is it like trying to keep up to date if you produce a weekly programme or podcast?

Plus, listeners share their views on the BBC's reporting.

Presenter: Rajan Datar

Producer: Howard Shannon

A Whistledown production for BBC World Service

**SAT 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn67w30)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 10:06 Sportshour (w3ct5qc3)**

Bouncing back

Bryony Page has had her ups and downs, but she always bounces back. She's got no choice she's the reigning Olympics trampoline champion! And whilst she already has her sights set on retaining her title in LA in 2028, for the time being turning her attentions to the circus! The Cirque du Soleil to be precise. Oh and then there's the dinosaur sounds. All will be explained

Photo: Bryony Page soars above the lights. (Credit: Simon Wright)

**SAT 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn67zv4)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbtq8q5167g)**

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**SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfts3cj)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SAT 11:32 The Documentary (w3ct7yqv)**

Ukraine: Your Questions Answered

We've teamed up with the Ukraincast to answer your questions. Presented by Jackie Leonard and Vitaly Shevchenko with James Waterhouse in Kyiv.

**SAT 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn68318)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 12:06 World Questions (w3ct5yyq)**

India

India is the world's most populous nation, it has a young population and dynamic growth rates – yet problems persist. This debate, from the country's technology capital, Bengaluru, tackles pressing issues such as IT workers' rights, the city's struggling infrastructure, and the national situation for religious minorities.

The discussion is led by questions from the audience and chaired by Jonny Dymond.

The panel:

Surabhi Hodigere: BJP spokeswoman  
Kumar Naik: MP for the opposition INC Party  
T.V. Mohandas Pai: Chairman, Aarin Capital Partners  
Rashmi Choudhary: Vice President of Karnataka's IT Employees Union (KITU)  
Dhanya Rajendran: Journalist, The News Minute

Producer: Helen Towner

Engineers: Ian Mitchell and Joe Lawrence

(Photo: Traffic congestion in Bengaluru. Credit: Namas Bhojani/Bloombeon via Getty Images)

**SAT 13:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn687bd)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 13:06 Newshour (w172zb9dtwr62tc)**

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

**SAT 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn68c2j)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w172zbnbyjbnz5z)**

Live Sporting Action

We'll have full commentary of leaders Liverpool against bottom side Southampton. Lee James will be joined by the Everton goalkeeper Asmir Begovic and three-time Premier League title winner Robert Huth.

It's the quarter final weekend of the Women's FA Cup and we'll speak to Sunderland's Katie Kitching as they look to cause an upset over holder Manchester United.

It's a crunch match in Six Nations between holders Ireland and main challengers France, there's tennis at Indian Well, European Indoor Athletics, the start of the Netball Super League. We'll reflect on a historic all-women's world championship boxing event topped by the welterweight unification fight between Natasha Jonas and Lauren Price and we'll preview the final of cricket's men's Champions Trophy.

Photo: Liverpool's Colombian midfielder Luis Diaz heads the ball during the English Premier League football match between Southampton and Liverpool at St Mary's Stadium in Southampton, southern England on November 24, 2024. (Credit: AFP via Getty Images)

**SAT 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn68v21)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 18:06 The Newsroom (w172zbtq8q521gc)**

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**SAT 18:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfts36bf)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SAT 18:32 Diddy On Trial (w3ct7m4x)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 today]

**SAT 18:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wfv)**

Murderball: inventing wheelchair rugby

In 1976, a group of friends invented a game at a rehab hospital in Canada, which they called 'murderball'.

It was debuted at the World Wheelchair Games in 1990 and called wheelchair rugby.

It became a full Paralympic Sport at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

Duncan "The Quadfather" Campbell was one of the 'founding fathers' of the game after a diving accident caused a spinal cord injury.

He tells Megan Jones about why they wanted to create something new and what inspired them.

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: The 'founding fathers'. Credit: Duncan Campbell)

**SAT 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn68yt5)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 19:06 U.Me: The Complete Musical (w3ct6ckl)**

Part one

Approaching the fourth anniversary of the WHO's Coronavirus pandemic declaration, BBC World Service presents U.Me: The Complete Musical. It tells the story of Rose and Ryo, two young strangers who meet online and fall in love during the pandemic lockdowns. This is a remixed version of a programme previously broadcast. Part two next week continues the story with all-new music and songs. Stephen Fry narrates the story, the West End's Olivier-award nominee Anoushka Lucas performs Rose, and Martin Sarreal plays Ryo. The original soundtrack is performed by the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra. An animated film of U.Me: The Complete Musical is available on the BBC World Service YouTube channel.

**SAT 20:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn692k9)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qkw)**

Director Karan Kandhari and actor Radhika Apte

Nikki and cultural critic Anil Sinanan discuss US rapper and writer Doechi, winner of Best Rap Album at this year's Grammys, on her need to keep creating.

The English writer and director Richard "Four Weddings and a Funeral" Curtis, on why weddings make good cinema.

Swedish filmmakers Filip Hammar and Fredrik Wikingsson, creators of a moving and funny documentary The Last Journey.

French Indian actor Kalki Koechlin on her cultural identity... Comedian Nick Mohamed on perseverance... There's music from Finnish folk band Frigg...

And Director Karan Kandhari and actor Radhika Apte will be talking about their highly unusual film Sister Midnight, set in Mumbai, India.

(Image: Radhika Apte and Ashok Pathak in Sister Midnight.)

Courtesy of Altitude Film)

**SAT 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6969f)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9dtwr71sd)**

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

**SAT 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn69b1k)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqt8q52jfw)**

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**SAT 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfctszp9y)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SAT 22:32 This Is Africa (w3ct5y6c)**

Jupiter Davibe

Jupiter Davibe was born Ibrahim Bah in 1989 in Cotonou, the economic capital of Benin, where his parents had moved from Guinea for a better life. The young Ibrahim was immersed in the culture of the Fulani people – an ethnic group that mostly lives across west Africa.

From the age of 10 he played in his school's live band performances and he was starting to make a musical name for himself in Benin by the time he was 16. At 17, he won the US Green Card Lottery, a visa scheme for immigrants, and moved to Atlanta, Georgia to study marketing.

But after 11 years there Jupiter Davibe decided that he wanted to forge his musical career in Guinea. He has collaborated with major stars – including Ivory Coast's Elow'n, Santrinos Raphael from Togo, Oxlade from Nigeria. His hits include Pres de Moi, Africa by Night, and Busy. And he's just dropped his new album Fabaleen Chapter 2.

**SAT 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn69fsp)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SAT 23:06 The Documentary (w3ct7mvz)**

Boxing Sisters: Yazidi women boxing their way back to health

In northern Iraq, Yazidi women and girls who have been the victims of brutal sexual enslavement and lost swathes of their family and community to genocide at the hands of IS, are finding an unusual way to heal - boxing.

Since 2014, when ISIS began targeting Yazidis because of their religious identity, those who survived the genocide have been confined to internally displaced persons camps in the Kurdish region of Iraq. Here conditions are difficult and the women and girls still struggle to process all that has happened to them. So, in 2018, in the face of limited mental health support, Taban Shores and her team took a radical approach by offering boxing training to help the women and girls channel their emotions and anger.

For women who have lived through unspeakable trauma and loss, can the sport of boxing offer physical and mental restoration? And in a deeply traditional and conservative community, how are they navigating the stigma of women boxing?

Presenter: Taban Shores

Producer: Jodie Taylor

A Reduced Listening production for BBC World Service

(Photo: Yazidi women face each other in a row holding focus pads during training. Credit: Ali Amer)

**SAT 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfctsz22)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SAT 23:32 Assignment (w3ct5mv5)**

Russia's new war elite

Russians who sign up to fight in Ukraine earn big money in salaries and bonuses – and the Kremlin is even more generous to families of those killed in battle. Average compensation packages for a dead son or husband are worth about US\$130,000. In less-wealthy Russian provinces, where most recruits are from, that's enough to turn your life around. Reporter Arsenii Sokolov finds out how the relatives of the tens of thousands of men Russia has lost in the war are spending the money – and asks whether the pay-outs will help create a new “patriotic” middle class that supports Vladimir Putin.

He talks to a woman who's used her “coffin money” to open a restaurant in memory of her dead son – and hears about a craze for ultra-expensive hair-dryers among wives and girlfriends of soldiers from Siberia.

Marrying soldiers has become so attractive that women on dating apps often search specifically for men in uniform.

But the compensation payouts are also fuelling furious court battles, when divorced or separated fathers who've played little role in child rearing suddenly reappear after their sons' deaths and demand their share of the coffin money.

Besides the cash, there are many privileges offered to soldiers and their families, and to bereaved relatives of the fallen. Their children can go to university whatever their grades. And the Kremlin has started a programme called “Time of Heroes” that claims it will fast-track selected returning servicemen into elite positions in local politics and business. But can Putin's attempt at social engineering really work? And will “deathonomics” – as one economist calls it – really boost the economy of the provinces that have suffered most from the huge death toll?

Presenter: Arsenii Sokolov

Producer: Tim Whewell

Sound engineer: Neil Churchill

Production Co-ordinator: Gemma Ashman

Editor: Penny Murphy

(Image: Russians pass a poster recruiting for tank-drivers to fight in Ukraine. Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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**SUN 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfctszx6)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 00:32 Diddy On Trial (w3ct7m4x)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

**SUN 00:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wfv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

**SUN 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn69p8y)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 01:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjg)**

Can the world rely on its undersea cable network?

Undersea cables form the backbone of global communication, with over 95% of global internet traffic relying on hundreds of fibre-optic cables criss-crossing the globe. But recent incidents such as disruption to cables in the Baltic Sea have highlighted concerns over their security and raised the possibility of ‘grey zone warfare’.

We examine who owns and runs this vast global network, what happens when things go wrong, and what the future holds for undersea cables. Are they powerful enough to sustain future communications, and what role could quantum technology play in their future?

To discuss all this are Lane Burdette, research analyst, TeleGeography, Jovan Kurbali, director of the Diplo Foundation and head of Geneva Internet Platform, Erin L. Murphy, senior Fellow, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington DC and Kristine Berzina, managing director at the German Marshall Fund, Washington DC.

Presenter: Gary O'Donoghue

Producer: Dan Hardoon and Vicky Carter

Researcher: Katie Morgan

Production co-ordinator: Liam Morrey

Technical producer: James Bradshaw

Editor: Tara McDermott

(Photo: Employees of Orange Marine work on the installation of the very high speed submarine cable SEA-ME-WE 5, linking Singapore to France, 1 March, 2016. Credit: Boris Horvat/AFP)

**SUN 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfct01kb)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 01:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69jz)**

Russia's gymnastic drama

The head of the Russian Rhythmic Gymnastics Federation has recently fallen from glory. Irina Viner has been the most powerful person in the sport for nearly 20 years, and has produced multiple world champions. But her reign is finally over, as the Ministry of Sport recently dissolved the Russian Rhythmic Gymnastics Federation to create a new gymnastics body in which Irina Viner has no part. Meanwhile, another name in Russian rhythmic gymnastics is back in the spotlight. A previous student of Irina Viner, Alina Kabaeva won the Olympic gold for rhythmic gymnastics in 2004. She is one of the most successful gymnasts in Russia but has always avoided the media gaze. This seems to have changed since creating her own rhythmic gymnastics school, ‘Heavenly Grace’. Alina Kabaeva has long been reported to be the partner of Vladimir Putin and it seems her gymnastics school enjoys a special status.

Presented by Faranak Amidi

Produced by Caroline Ferguson, Hannah Dean and Alice Gioia

(Photo: Faranak Amidi. Credit: Tricia Yourkevich)

**SUN 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn69i12)**

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**SUN 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqt8q530fd)**

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**SUN 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfct059g)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 02:32 Health Check (w3ct5tb1)**

Ninety percent of USAID programs cut

As the Trump administration cuts 90% of programs funded by the US Agency for International Development, we look at the effect on global health.

Also on the program, violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo is hindering the country's ongoing MPox response – just as a new, more transmissible strain is discovered. And, a look at an initiative trying to improve women's mental health in Guatemala.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond

Producer: Margaret Sessa-Hawkins

Assistant Producer: Katie Tomsett

**SUN 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn69xs6)**

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**SUN 03:06 World Questions (w3ct5yyq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

**SUN 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6b1jb)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sk5)**

Gaza's future

Pascale Harter introduces dispatches from Egypt, Malaysia, the USA and the border areas of the Mekong River.

Arab leaders convened in Egypt this week to draw up a post-war plan for Gaza - and to counter Donald Trump's proposal to turn it into the ‘Riviera of the Middle East’. Lyse Doucet travelled to Cairo to report on the new Arab resolve, but found herself being pulled back into the city's own recent, tumultuous history.

Malaysia has become a global hub for recycling, importing an estimated five million tonnes of plastic each year - but does it really make a difference? Leanna Hosea went to find out what happens to the world's waste once it arrives.

In order to tackle the country's opioid crisis, some US states are focussing less on prosecution, and more on treatment. The first state to decriminalise the personal possession of hard drugs was Oregon back in 2020 – a decision it would come to reverse in 2024. Martin Vennard has been to the famously progressive state to find out what's been happening.

Finally, we head to the banks of the Mekong River, where the borders of Thailand, Myanmar and Laos meet. Matthew Gwyther travelled through the region and reflects on how its past and present have been shaped by external powers.

People gather by the rubble of destroyed buildings for iftar fast-breaking meal on the second day of the Muslim holy month of

Ramadan in the area of al-Dahduh in Gaza City's Tal al-Hawa district. (Photo by OMAR AL-QATTAA/AFP via Getty Images)

**SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggftc0dsq)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 04:32 Amazing Sport Stories (w3ct6xm6)**  
The Legend of Takhti: Ep 2

Heroic wrestler Gholamreza Takhti is dead. Rana Rahimpour goes back to that terrible night in January 1968, hearing from perhaps the last person to see him alive. We speak to his teammate Abdollah Movahed about the immediate impact of his death, and then take a closer look at his relations with Mohammed Reza Shah.

Everything in Iran is political, and sport is no exception. To understand why, Rana takes us through the story of Mossadegh, Iran's National Front, and how the wrestling houses were co-opted by forces much bigger than themselves. She explores Takhti's own political leanings, as wrestling, politics and power all combine in an explosive and volatile situation, and the many ways that the regime exerts influence on its athletes. Takhti is unstoppable in the ring, but outside of it, gradually everything that makes him a great man is being taken away.

You can listen to this podcast in Persian here:  
<https://www.bbc.com/persian/podcasts/p0703hz7>

**SUN 04:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wfv)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

**SUN 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6b58g)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqt8q53cns)**  
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

**SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggftc0jjv)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct7mvz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:06 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6b90l)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 06:06 Weekend (w172zcxh6mt9jxf)**  
A review of the week with the latest news.

**SUN 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6bdrq)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 07:06 Weekend (w172zcxh6mt9nnk)**  
A review of the week with the latest news.

**SUN 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6bjhv)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 08:06 Weekend (w172zcxh6mt9sdp)**  
A review of the week with the latest news.

**SUN 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6bn7z)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sk5)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today]

**SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggftc10jc)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 09:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xp7)**  
Why we love noodles

What makes a noodle? Is it the shape? The ingredients?

In this programme Devina Gupta explores the history of noodles, tracing their origin back to Third-Century China. She finds out how they came to be eaten in so many different ways in so many different places.

Devina enjoys a Tibetan-influenced noodle dish in Delhi's Monastery Market, a long-time home of Tibetan restaurants and businesses in India. She hears how noodles were one of many foods to travel the silk trading routes in the region.

Jen Lin-Liu, author of 'On the Noodle Road: From Beijing to Rome with Love and Pasta', tells Devina about the earliest mention of noodles in historical documents. Frank Striegl in Tokyo, who runs the blog '5AM Ramen' picks up the story, explaining how noodles travelled from China to Japan and became ramen – one of Japan's iconic dishes today.

In 1958 dried instant noodles were invented in Japan. Devina speaks to Varun Oberoi of Nissin India, to hear about the opportunities and challenges facing the instant noodle company today.

Presented by Devina Gupta.

Produced by Beatrice Pickup.

(Image: noodles dangling from chopsticks above a bowl. Credit: Getty Images/ BBC)

**SUN 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6b03)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 10:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tfx)**  
Renewable kids on the block

Globally, energy production and use is responsible for around 75% of the world's carbon emissions, with around a third of that on electricity and heat alone. To tackle climate change, we need to get more energy from renewable sources, so this week we're taking a look at some of the more surprising ways people have come up with to harness clean energy from the world around us.

In the United States, we see what happened when a group of concerned mothers forged a surprising alliance with a gas company, and worked together to get clean energy from the ground beneath their feet.

In Madagascar, we meet the grandmothers bringing solar light to their remote villages, plus we visit Wales, where an innovative new technology is harnessing power from the tides – by flying "kites" underwater.

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Editor: Jon Bithrey  
Sound mix: Hal Haines

(Image: Solar Mamas at work, BBC/Sira Thierij)

**SUN 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggftc148h)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 10:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69jz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 01:32 today]

**SUN 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6bwr7)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqt8q5434k)**  
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

**SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggftc180m)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 11:32 Amazing Sport Stories (w3ct6xm6)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

**SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct5trl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

**SUN 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6c0hc)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 12:06 U.Me: The Complete Musical (w3ct6ckl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:06 on Saturday]

**SUN 13:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6c47h)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 13:06 Newshour (w172zb9dtwr8zqg)**  
Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

**SUN 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6c7zm)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 14:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wt4)**  
News update: Elon Musk and Science; Polar Bears and Climate Change

Graihagh Jackson and BBC Climate Reporter Esmé Stallard discuss the latest news from around the world - including a row at Britain's prestigious Royal Society about whether to expel Elon Musk, the latest numbers on the state of glaciers and a report from Germany on the future of the country's massive coal industry. Plus, Caroline Steel from the BBC's Crowdsience podcast has been finding out how Norwegians are protecting themselves from the growing number of encounters with polar bears.

Hosts: Graihagh Jackson with Esmé Stallard  
Reporters: Caroline Steel and Tim Mansel  
Sound Mix: James Beard, Neil Churchill and Tom Brignell  
Produced and Edited by Graihagh Jackson and Simon Watts

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

**SUN 14:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggftc1m80)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 14:32 Happy News (w3ct5sqz)**  
The Happy Pod: Getting engaged in the ashes of our home

We meet a couple who got engaged amid the ashes of the LA fires. The ring survived and was found in the ruins of their home. Also: grandmas bringing power to remote villages; and how going viral got a lost soft toy home.

Presenter: Andrew Peach  
Music composer: Iona Hampson

**SUN 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6ccqr)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 15:06 Sportsworld (w172zbnbyjc2nv6)**  
Live Sporting Action

Delyth Lloyd presents as Manchester United host Arsenal at Old Trafford in Sportsworld's live Premier League commentary match. We'll also have updates and reaction to the day's early games with Leicester travelling to Chelsea and Tottenham facing Bournemouth.

We'll have reaction to the penultimate weekend of Rugby Union's Six Nations Championship. Plus, the latest from Indian Wells Tennis and the Champions Trophy final.

Photo: Leandro Trossard of Arsenal runs with the ball whilst under pressure from Matthijs de Ligt of Manchester United during the Premier League match between Arsenal FC and Manchester United FC at Emirates Stadium on December 04, 2024 in London, England. (Credit: Arsenal FC via Getty Images)

**SUN 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6cvq8)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqt8q5523l)**  
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

**SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggftc26zn)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 19:32 The Global Jigsaw (w3ct7nf1)**  
Life in occupied Ukraine: Kherson and Zaporizhzhia

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 1 looks at "ripe for Russification" Crimea, which was annexed 11 years ago. Part 2 focuses on Moscow's subsequent efforts to assert itself in the separatist East. And in Part 3 we explore the Kremlin's challenges in subjugating occupied parts of the 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

**SUN 20:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6czgd)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q38)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 on Saturday]

**SUN 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6d36j)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9dtrw9yph)**  
Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

**SUN 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6d6yn)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqt8q55fbz)**  
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**SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfct2l71)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 22:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69jz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 01:32 today]

**SUN 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6dbps)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**SUN 23:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wt4)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 today]

**SUN 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggfct2pz5)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**SUN 23:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v1y)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

**SUN 23:50 Over to You (w3ct5tv5)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

#### MONDAY 10 MARCH 2025

**MON 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6d36j)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 00:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sk5)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

**MON 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n36nzz)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 00:32 Amazing Sport Stories (w3ct6xm6)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 on Sunday]

**MON 00:50 More or Less (w3ct5tr1)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

**MON 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6d36j)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 01:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqt8q55fbz)**  
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**MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n36sq1)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 01:32 Discovery (w3ct5rp2)**  
The Life Scientific - Ijeoma Uchegbu

Imagine a nanoparticle, less than a thousandth of the width of a human hair, that is so precise that it can carry a medicine to just where it's needed in the body, improving the drug's impact and reducing side effects.

Ijeoma Uchegbu, Professor of Pharmaceutical Nanoscience at University College London, has spent her career with this goal in mind. She creates nanoparticles to carry medicines to regions of the body that are notoriously hard to reach, such as the back of the eye and the brain. With clinical trials in the pipeline, she hopes to treat blindness with eyedrops, transform pain relief and tackle the opioid crisis.

Ijeoma took an unconventional route into science. Growing up in the UK and in Nigeria, she tells Professor Jim Al-Khalili her remarkable life story, from being fostered by a white family in rural Kent, while her Nigerian parents finished their studies, to struggling to pay the bills through her PhD as a single mum with young children.

So passionate is Ijeoma to spread her love of science, she's even turned to stand-up comedy to help get her message across!

**MON 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6d36j)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqt8q55fbz)**  
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**MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n36xgq)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 02:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rjk)**  
Is water wet?

The wetness of water seems blindingly obvious - but dive into the science and things aren't so clear.

CrowdScience listeners Rachel and Callum were washing their hands one day and it got them thinking about wetness. Why does water feel the way it does? And what makes a liquid wet?

To find out, presenter Anand Jagatia takes a closer look at the behaviour of liquids with materials scientist Mark Miodownik, and finds out why they might not be as wet as we think.

We learn what's really behind the sensation of feeling something wet on your skin, with the help of physiologist Davide Filingeri and PhD student Jade Ward.

And we turn to a philosopher, Vanessa Seifert, and a chemist, Tim Neudecker, to puzzle out exactly how many water molecules you need before the property of wetness emerges.

Presenter: Anand Jagatia  
Producer: Anand Jagatia  
Editor: Cathy Edwards  
Production Co-ordinator: Ishmael Soriano  
Studio Manager: Bob Nettles and Andrew Garratt

(Image: A photo of a droplet falling into a body of water Credit: Flaviu Cernea / 500pxvia Getty Images)

**MON 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6d36j)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 03:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5txf)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Sunday]

**MON 03:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3716v)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 03:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v1y)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

**MON 03:50 Over to You (w3ct5tv5)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

**MON 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6d36j)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqt8q55fbz)**  
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**MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n374yz)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct5x0y)**  
Giving used clothes a new life

Datsiane Navanayagam talks to two women from Brazil and the UK who have online businesses buying and selling second hand clothes.

Ana Luiza McLaren is a co-founder of Enjoei, the biggest second hand selling site in Brazil. She started selling her own clothes through a blog she wrote over fifteen years ago and it wasn't long before friends were asking her to sell their clothes too. The blog became so popular she and her partner decided to give up their jobs and set up an online business. Ana chose the name Enjoei because it means 'I got sick of it' in Brazilian.

Sarah Dean founded the GoThrift website with her partner and two friends in 2019 selling second-hand and vintage clothing. The company has recently become Loopi - and now also buys from the general public. Sarah had always preferred to buy second-hand as a way to stand out from the crowd by wearing better quality clothing for less money. She's delighted that more people are happy to wear pre-loved clothes.

Produced by Jane Thurlow

(Image: (L) Ana McLaren credit Brenno da Matta. (R) Sarah Dean credit Mik Connor.)

**MON 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6d36j)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 05:06 Newsday (w172zbkjq9c139)**  
Live news, business and sport from around the world.

**MON 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6d36j)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 06:06 Newsday (w172zbkjq9c4vf)**  
Live news, business and sport from around the world.

**MON 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6d36j)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 07:06 Newsday (w172zbkjq9c8lk)**  
Live news, business and sport from around the world.

**MON 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfmcn6d36j)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 08:06 HARDtalk (p050gzz7)**  
Son of Hans Frank, Governor General of Nazi Occupied Poland - Niklas Frank

Stephen Sackur is in Germany to speak to Niklas Frank. His father was Hans Frank, the Governor General of Nazi Occupied Poland during the World War Two. He was convicted of war crimes and crimes against humanity at the Nuremberg trials and executed in 1946. Niklas Frank tells Stephen Sackur he 'despises' his father and does not want Germany to forget the crimes of his father and the legacy of the Nazi era.

(Photo: Niklas Frank)

**MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n37myh)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z7w)**  
Is Milei's economic gamble paying off?

An hour's drive north of Buenos Aires is Pilar, a municipality that houses the largest industrial park in Argentina, as well as a population of 400,000.

Some rich and middle class Argentines live in its many gated communities, but Pilar has a poverty rate of almost 60% - well above the national figure.

We speak to residents and businesses about libertarian President Javier Milei's first year in office.

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

Presented and produced by Natalio Cosoy

(Picture: Argentina's President Javier Milei looks on during the inauguration of the 143rd ordinary session of Congress at the National Congress in Buenos Aires on March 1, 2025. Credit: Getty Images)

**MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yJ8)**

The invention of GPS

There are few inventions that we rely on as much as the Global Positioning System, also known as GPS. But, when it was created in the late 1970s, nobody wanted it.

Prof Brad Parkinson and his team at the US Air Force built it, and the first GPS satellite was launched in 1978. However, GPS wasn't widely used until an air disaster in 1983 highlighted the need for satellite navigation.

Nowadays, GPS helps countless people travel in the right direction. But, we also rely on it for many things you might not realise: it keeps aeroplanes in the sky, props up global trade, farming and construction, and even supports banking transactions.

Ben Henderson speaks to Prof Parkinson, "the father of GPS".

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: GPS devices. Credit: George Wilhelm/Los Angeles Times via Getty Images)

**MON 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhkf7)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzgbtk)**

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**MON 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n37rpm)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 09:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rjk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

**MON 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhkj5c)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n35)**

The invention of the shopping trolley and the Calais 'Jungle'

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

We find out how Sylvan Goldman's invention of the shopping trolley in 1930s America turned him into a multi-millionaire.

Our expert is Rachel Bowlby, Professor of Comparative Literature at University College London, who is also the author of two books on the history of shopping.

We hear about Toyota's military pick-up trucks that transformed the 1987 north African conflict between Chad and Libya.

The 2015 migrant crisis in Europe which led to thousands of people setting-up camp in the French port of Calais.

Next, how US forces invaded the Central American state of Panama in 1989 to depose General Manuel Noriega.

And finally in 1965 at the height of the USA's civil rights struggle, the landmark legislation that was brought in to guarantee the rights of African Americans to vote.

This programme contains outdated language which some people might find offensive.

Contributors:

Charles Kuralt – a journalist for CBS News  
Sylvan Goldman – inventor of the shopping trolley  
Rachel Bowlby - Professor of Comparative Literature at University College London  
Mahamat Saleh Bani - former officer in the Chadian Armed Forces  
Enrique Jelenszky – lawyer  
Jean-Marc Puisseuseau - former President and Chairman of the Port of Calais  
C T Vivian – US minister  
George Wallace – former Governor of Alabama  
Lyndon B Johnson – former President of the United States

(Photo: A woman pushing a shopping cart, 1949. Credit: Bettman via Getty Images)

**MON 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhkmsh)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzgbv9t)**

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**MON 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3805w)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dmp)**

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**MON 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhkrmsh)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nrj)**

Outlook

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

**MON 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5yJ8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**MON 13:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhkwdr)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzgc2t2)**

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**MON 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n387p4)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 13:32 The Conversation (w3ct5x0y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

**MON 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhl04w)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 14:06 Newshour (w172zb9f651hvmv)**

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

**MON 14:59 The Commonwealth Service (w3ct7y7q)**

His Majesty King Charles III attends a service in celebration of the Commonwealth.

**MON 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhl7n4)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbjxcl6wqh)**

2025/03/10 16:06 GMT

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

**MON 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhld8)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbjxcl70gm)**

2025/03/10 17:06 GMT

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

**MON 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhhl4d)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5nrj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

**MON 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5yJ8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**MON 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhllwj)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzgc8v)**

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**MON 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n38z4x)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w4v)**

2025/03/10 GMT

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

**MON 20:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhqlmn)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sk5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

**MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n392x1)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct5rp3)**

The Life Scientific - Peter Stott

In the summer of 2003, Europe experienced its most intense heatwave on record - one that saw more than 70,000 people lose their lives.

Experiencing the effects whilst on holiday in Tuscany, climate scientist Peter Stott was struck by the idea that just maybe, he could use a modelling system developed by his team at the UK's Meteorological Office, to study extreme weather events such as this very heatwave mathematically; and figure out the extent to which human influences were increasing their probability.

That's exactly what he went on to do - and, through this work and more, Peter has helped to shine a light on the causes and effects of climate change.

His career, predominantly at the Meteorological Office, has seen him take on climate change sceptics and explain the intricacies of greenhouse gas emissions to global leaders. His work with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change even earned him a share of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.

But the biggest challenge remains: Peter talks to Jim Al-Khalili about whether humanity can adapt quickly enough to deal with the increasingly dangerous effects of our warming world...

**MON 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhvlcs)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9f651jpvr)**

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

**MON 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhvlz3x)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzgd5j7)**

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**MON 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n39bd9)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct601q)**

First broadcast 10/03/2025 22:32 GMT

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

the BBC.

**MON 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhm2w1)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**MON 23:06 HARDtalk (p050gzz7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**MON 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n39g4f)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**MON 23:32 The Conversation (w3ct5x0y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

**TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2025**

**TUE 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhm6m5)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n35)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]

**TUE 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhmbc9)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfzyhtylj5)**

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

**TUE 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhmg3f)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzgdnhf)**

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**TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n39tct)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 02:32 Assignment (w3ct5mv6)**

Guatemala's 'Indigenous Spring'

Guatemala's been going through huge political upheavals. Protestors brought the country to a standstill with roadblocks and national strikes which lasted more than one hundred days, until they got the government they had voted for.

Many of the protestors came from different indigenous communities, descended from the Mayans, who have their own language and culture and make up more than half of the 18 million population.

Now there's talk of an 'Indigenous Spring' after years of racism and discrimination. But is life really improving for these communities and is it possible to turn the Central American country around after years of corruption?

Jane Chambers travels around the highlands and lowlands of Guatemala talking to the people who are trying to make changes and hearing from others whether they think it's really working.

Presenter and Producer: Jane Chambers

Local Producer: José David López

Studio Manager: Neil Churchill

Production Coordinator: Gemma Ashman

Editor: Penny Murphy

(Image: Photo of a mural of indigenous people protesting during the 2023 National Strike in Guatemala. Credit: Jane Chambers/BBC)

**TUE 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhmkvk)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nrj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Monday]

**TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5y18)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Monday]

**TUE 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhmlpl)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzgdh00)**

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**TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3b1w2)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tm3)**

Fashion Designer Kwaku Bediako

What if your next designer outfit was once part of someone else's wardrobe? Ghanaian fashion innovator Kwaku Bediako is redefining luxury with sustainability at its heart. In this edition of In the Studio, we step inside his world as he transforms second-hand garments into bold, high-fashion pieces, worn by global stars such as Stevie Wonder and Ian Wright.

Kwaku is one of the Ghana's top designers, known for his fashion house Chocolate. It was when he noticed how much material was being thrown away, that he decided to create a new brand, Cacao, where discarded fabrics can become the material for garments worn to red carpet events across the world.

Kwaku has been commissioned by music producer GuiltyBeatz to make him a bespoke outfit ahead of this year's Grammy awards in LA and Daniel Dadzie goes with Kwaku as he hunts for second hand clothes at Kantamanto, Accra's largest thrift market. It's a place where the past fashions of Europe meet their future in Africa.

Then to the design studio where the ideas take shape, inspired by the waves along Accra's coastline.

Producer: Andrea Kidd

**TUE 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhmtbt)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 05:06 Newsday (w172zbnkjq9qfy0d)**

Live news, business and sport from around the world.

**TUE 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhmy2y)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 06:06 Newsday (w172zbnkjq9qgr1rj)**

Live news, business and sport from around the world.

**TUE 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhmv2)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 07:06 Newsday (w172zbnkjq9qg5hn)**

Live news, business and sport from around the world.

**TUE 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhmv1e)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 08:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5txg)**

Fishing trash from our oceans

Around the world, rubbish is collecting in our gutters and waterways, with millions of tonnes being washed out to sea every year. As the soup of ocean debris kills and injures millions of marine animals, we look at two projects trying to make a dent in the problem. We discover a Greek project which has enlisted thousands of fishermen around the Mediterranean to collect rubbish from their nets, rather than throw it back. They then sort it and hand it over for recycling when they return to port. We then travel to Accra in Ghana where a group of volunteers called the Buz Stop Boys are busy clearing the streets of rubbish. They hope their noisy grassroots movement will inspire others to take responsibility for public places and stop rubbish being washed out to sea.

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Presenter: Myra Anubi

Producer: Claire Bates

Greece reporter: Daphne Tolis

Editor: Jon Bithrey

Sound mix: Gareth Jones

(Image: A Greek fisherman with debris recovered from the sea, Daphne Tolis/BBC)

**TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3bjvl)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zjx)**

Business Daily

The daily drama of money and work from the BBC.

**TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yn5)**

King Kong: South Africa's first all-black musical

In 1959, Todd Matshikiza composed the score for King Kong, it was South Africa's first musical with an all-black cast and it opened to critical acclaim.

About the rise and fall of the heavyweight boxer Ezekiel Dlamini, it defied apartheid with the collaboration between black and white artists.

Starring Miriam Makeba, it launched the singer's international career and went on to tour, arriving in London's West End in February 1961. Todd's daughter Marian was eight when the family moved to London for the run. She speaks to Reena Stanton-Sharma about her father's music and what King Kong meant to him.

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: Todd Matshikiza. Credit: Jurgen Schadeberg via The Schadeberg Collection)

**TUE 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhn9bb)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzgfhnq)**

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**TUE 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3bnlq)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 09:32 Assignment (w3ct5mv6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

**TUE 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhmf2g)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 10:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qkw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

**TUE 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhjn1d)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzgf6x)**

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**TUE 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3bx2z)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6fc8)**

The Global Story

**TUE 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhmkkq)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5p62)**

Outlook

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

**TUE 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5yns)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**TUE 13:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhns9v)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzgfzq5)**  
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**TUE 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3c47)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 13:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tm3)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

**TUE 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhnx1z)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 14:06 Newshour (w172zb9f651lrjy)**  
Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

**TUE 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhp0t3)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 15:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5txg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**TUE 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3cd2h)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct608h)**  
First broadcast 11/03/2025 15:32 GMT

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

**TUE 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhp4k7)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbjxcl9sml)**  
2025/03/11 16:06 GMT

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

**TUE 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhp89c)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbjxcl9xcq)**  
2025/03/11 17:06 GMT

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**TUE 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhpd1h)**  
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**TUE 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5p62)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

**TUE 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5yns)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**TUE 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhpsm)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzggq5y)**  
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**TUE 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3cw20)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w9c)**  
2025/03/11 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 (w172zgfmgxhpmjr)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 20:06 Assignment (w3ct5mv6)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

**TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3czt4)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 20:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wnn)**  
Tech Life

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

**TUE 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhpr8w)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9f651mlrv)**  
Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

**TUE 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhpw10)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzgh2fb)**  
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**TUE 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3d79d)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct60br)**  
First broadcast 11/03/2025 22:32 GMT

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

**TUE 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhpzs4)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**TUE 23:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5txg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**TUE 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3dc1j)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**TUE 23:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tm3)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

**WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2025**

**WED 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhq3j8)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 00:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qkw)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

**WED 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhq78d)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfzyhv1hf8)**  
Global business news, with live guests and contributions from Asia and the USA.

**WED 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhq0j)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzghkdv)**  
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**WED 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3dq8x)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 02:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5wt4)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

**WED 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhqgrn)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5p62)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yns)**  
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**WED 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhqhls)**  
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**WED 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzghsx3)**  
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**WED 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3dys5)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 04:32 Good Bad Billionaire (w3ct6x13)**  
Zhang Yiming: TikTok's tech boss

How did an unassuming software engineer become one of the richest people on the planet? This is the story of how Zhang Yiming transformed social media by creating TikTok, and how the Chinese tech company ByteDance became a multi-billion dollar business. BBC business editor Simon Jack and journalist Zing Ts'jeng explore Yiming's various successes with different apps before he hit the jackpot with TikTok. Then they decide whether they think he's good, bad, or just another billionaire.

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**WED 05:06 Newsday (w172zbkjq9qjtxh)**  
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**WED 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhqv01)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 06:06 Newsday (w172zbkjq9qjnym)**  
Live news, business and sport from around the world.

**WED 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhqyr5)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 07:06 Newsday (w172zbkjq9qk2dr)**  
Live news, business and sport from around the world.

**WED 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfmgxhqr2h9)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**WED 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t5k)**  
HARDtalk

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

**WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3ffrp)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zpf)**  
Business Daily

The daily drama of money and work from the BBC.

**WED 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yr1)**  
The Capitol Crawl

By the beginning of 1990, the United States Congress stalled on passing the Americans with Disabilities Act, a piece of legislation aimed at prohibiting discrimination against people with disabilities.

Frustrated by the government's inaction, more than 1,000 disability activists showed up in Washington DC to protest on 12 March that year. When the group reached the Capitol Building's stairs, hundreds of activists pulled themselves out of their wheelchairs and began to crawl up in a dramatic and symbolic protest.

Stephanie Wolf talks to Anita Cameron who participated in the historic action.

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(Photo: Wheelchair users crawling up the steps of the US Capitol building in March 1990. Credit: Tom Olin Collection, University of Toledo Libraries)

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**WED 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzgjdmr)**  
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**WED 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3fkht)**  
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**WED 09:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5wt4)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

**WED 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhr9zk)**  
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**WED 10:06 World Questions (w3ct5yyq)**  
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**WED 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhrfpq)**  
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**WED 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzgjn40)**  
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**WED 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3ft02)**  
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**WED 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbjxkclpjp)**  
2025/03/12 16:06 GMT

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**WED 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhs56g)**  
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2025/03/12 17:06 GMT

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**WED 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzgm31)**  
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**WED 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3grz3)**  
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**WED 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5wcm)**  
2025/03/12 GMT

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The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct5tb2)**  
2025/03/12 GMT

Health issues and medical breakthroughs from around the world.

**WED 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhsn5z)**  
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#### THURSDAY 13 MARCH 2025

**THU 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxht0fc)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 00:06 World Questions (w3ct5yyq)**  
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**THU 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxht45h)**  
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**THU 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzglg9y)**  
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**THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3hm60)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 02:32 The Documentary (w3ctf7mwq)**  
The Village Of Sex Offenders

Located among endless sugar-cane fields in a remote part of southern Florida, Restoration Destination stands as one of the largest communities for registered sex offenders in the United States. Created by a Christian ministry in 2009 as a response to strict state laws limiting where those found guilty of sex crimes can live, its rows of concrete bungalows are now home to over 100 men who've been placed on Florida's Sex Offender Registry for the rest of their lives. Through therapy, counselling and support, Restoration Destination aims to help them reintegrate into society and reduce the likelihood of reoffending

– but with the future of the community uncertain and claims Florida's current residency restrictions aren't working, journalist Conor Garrett goes to Restoration Destination to ask if the people living there deserve a second chance.

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**THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xp8)**

The Food Chain

The Food Chain examines the business, science and cultural significance of food, and what it takes to put food on your plate.

**THU 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhtm50)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 05:06 Newsday (w172zbnkj9qmqt1)**

Live news, business and sport from around the world.

**THU 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhtqx4)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 06:06 Newsday (w172zbnkj9qmvkq)**

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**THU 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhtv8)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 07:06 Newsday (w172zbnkj9qmqz9v)**

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**THU 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhtzdd)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjr)**

Can Romania's far right Calin Georgescu become President?

In just three months, Romania has gone from a stable and loyal member of the European Union and Nato, to a country where a far-right, pro-Russia figure has come from almost nowhere to become favourite for the presidency. A result which has sent shockwaves across the continent.

In November Calin Georgescu, with no affiliated political party and whose campaign has been largely on social media, won the first round of Presidential elections in Romania. But then serious allegations surfaced over the legitimacy of Georgescu's campaign, resulting in the Constitutional Court annulling the vote and Georgescu facing charges, which he strongly denies.

Presidential hopefuls have until the 15 March to register their candidacy for the new elections, which are being rerun on 4 and 18 May. As protesters take to the streets of Bucharest, will the Romanian Constitutional Court rule that Georgescu can or cannot stand? If he is allowed to stand, can he become President? And how might the Romanian elections affect the future direction of the EU and Nato?

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**THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3jbns)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zdd)**

Business Daily

The daily drama of money and work from the BBC.

**THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ylj)**

The Gambia's 'Queen of recycling'

In 1997, Isatou Ceesay, who lives in The Gambia had an idea to make bags and purses out of old discarded plastic.

Her idea to help the environment started with a group of five women and has grown to become a national project that supports women in the country to improve their skills and income.

She is now recognised worldwide for her environmental work and has become known in Africa as the 'Queen of recycling'.

Isatou tells Gill Kearsley her story.

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(Photo: Isatou Ceesay. Credit: BBC)

**THU 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhv34j)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzgm9jv)**

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**THU 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3jgdx)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 09:32 The Documentary (w3ct7mwq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

**THU 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhv6wn)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 10:06 The Explanation (w3ct6pn1)**

The Media Show

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

**THU 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3jl51)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 10:32 Happy News (w3ct5sqz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:32 on Sunday]

**THU 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhvbms)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzgmk13)**

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**THU 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3jpx5)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dvg)**

The Global Story

**THU 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhvgcx)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nz9)**

Outlook

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

**THU 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5ylj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**THU 13:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhvl41)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzgmjcs)**

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**THU 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3jydf)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 13:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xp8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

**THU 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhvpw5)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 14:06 Newshour (w172zb9f651skc4)**

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

**THU 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhvtm9)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 15:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**THU 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3k5wp)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct603z)**

First broadcast 13/03/2025 15:32 GMT

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

**THU 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhvyvf)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbjxclhlf5)**

2025/03/13 16:06 GMT

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

**THU 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhvw23k)**

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**THU 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbjxclhq5x)**

2025/03/13 17:06 GMT

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**THU 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxh5vp)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5nz9)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

**THU 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5ylj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**THU 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxh9lt)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzgnj04)**  
The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

**THU 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3knw6)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w73)**  
2025/03/13 GMT

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

**THU 20:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhfwby)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 20:06 The Documentary (w3ct7mwq)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

**THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3ksmb)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 20:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vf8)**  
Science in Action

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

**THU 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhkw32)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9f651td11)**  
Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

**THU 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhwnv6)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzgnw7j)**  
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**THU 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3l13l)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct6067)**  
First broadcast 13/03/2025 22:32 GMT

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

**THU 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhwslb)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**THU 23:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjr)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**THU 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3l4vq)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**THU 23:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xp8)**  
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**FRI 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhxbg)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 00:06 The Explanation (w3ct6pn1)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3l8lv)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 00:32 Unspun World with John Simpson (w3ct7lbn)**  
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**FRI 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhx12l)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfzyhv797g)**  
Global business news, with live guests and contributions from Asia and the USA.

**FRI 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhx4tq)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzggpc71)**  
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**FRI 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3lj33)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 02:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wnn)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Tuesday]

**FRI 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhx8kv)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nz9)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Thursday]

**FRI 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ylj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhxd9z)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzggplq9)**  
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**FRI 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3lrlc)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tgl)**  
Ayahuasca and the new spiritual tourism

For centuries, ayahuasca has been a sacred plant for the Shipibo-Konibo peoples of the Peruvian Amazon. Part medicine, part spiritual ceremony, ayahuasca and other plant medicines are revered practices. But in recent years, a boom in Western interest in psychedelics has started to reshape ayahuasca ceremonies and practise. Fuelled by celebrity endorsements, a new wave of tourists are heading to purpose-built resorts in the Peruvian jungle to take ayahuasca, guided by shamans from the Shipibo-Konibo tribes.

In this episode of Heart and Soul, reporter Janak Rogers travels to the Peruvian Amazon to explore this so-called 'psychedelic renaissance'. From candlelit jungle ceremonies to bustling tourist strips, Rogers uncovers the allure of ayahuasca for Westerners seeking help and healing. But as the ayahuasca boom transforms local communities, challenges arise: the rise of unscrupulous shamans, the commercialisation of Indigenous knowledge, and risks faced by vulnerable travellers. Through the eyes of shamans, researchers, and spiritual tourists, Rogers witnesses the profound connections ayahuasca fosters between body, mind, and spirit — and, how tourism is redefining it all.

[Photo Credit: Ceremony by Carlos Alvarez Suarez]

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Editor: Chloe Walker  
Production Coordinator: Mica Nepomuceno

**FRI 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhxj23)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 05:06 Newday (w172zjbkjq9qqmqp)**  
Live news, business and sport from around the world.

**FRI 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhxmt7)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 06:06 Newday (w172zjbkjq9qqrgt)**  
Live news, business and sport from around the world.

**FRI 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhxrkce)**  
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**FRI 07:06 Newday (w172zjbkjq9qqw6y)**  
Live news, business and sport from around the world.

**FRI 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhxw9h)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5swj)**  
HARDtalk

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

**FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3m7kw)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z3c)**  
Business Daily

The daily drama of money and work from the BBC.

**FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yg0)**  
Bardo Museum attack in Tunisia

On 18 March 2015, 22 people, mostly foreign tourists, were killed at the Bardo National Museum in Tunis, the capital of Tunisia.

Hamadi Ben Abdesslem, a tour guide who led tourists to safety, tells Anouk Millet what it was like that day.

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(Photo: Bardo Museum after attack. Credit: Amine Landoulsi/Anadolu Agency/Getty Images).

**FRI 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhy01m)**  
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**FRI 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzggq6fy)**  
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**FRI 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3mcb0)**  
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 09:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vf8)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Thursday]

**FRI 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfmxhy3sr)**  
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q39)**

Unexpected Elements

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

**FRI 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfmqxhy7jw)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzqfy6)**

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**FRI 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3mlt8)**

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**FRI 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dxq)**

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**FRI 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfmqxhyc90)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 12:06 Outlook (w3ct69b7)**

Outlook Mixtape

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**FRI 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5yg0)**

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**FRI 13:00 BBC News (w172zgfmqxhyh14)**

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**FRI 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzqpfj)**

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**FRI 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3mv9j)**

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**FRI 13:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tgl)**

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**FRI 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfmqxhyls8)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 14:06 Newshour (w172zb9f651wg87)**

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

**FRI 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfmqxhyqjd)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5swj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

**FRI 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3n2ss)**

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**FRI 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zty)**

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**FRI 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbjxcllhbw)**

2025/03/14 16:06 GMT

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**FRI 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfmqxhyz0n)**

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**FRI 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbjxcllm30)**

2025/03/14 17:06 GMT

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**FRI 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzgrdx7)**

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**FRI 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3nks9)**

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**FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w2l)**

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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 (w172zgfmqxhzb81)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 20:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rd2)**

OS Conversations On

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

**FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggg5n3npjf)**

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

**FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rjl)**

Are humans naturally monogamous?

CrowdScience listener Alina is in a polygamous relationship, and is very happy with this arrangement. Which got her thinking – why is monogamy so often the norm in human societies?

Presenter Caroline Steel goes on an anthropological odyssey to figure out where this drive to find a single partner - and stick with them - comes from.

What can evolutionary biology tell us about how human relationships developed, whether having one or many partners is more 'natural', and where love fits into the picture?

**FRI 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfmqxhzg05)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

**FRI 21:06 Newshour (w172zb9f651x9h4)**

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**FRI 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfmqxhkr9)**

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**FRI 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqtmzgrs4m)**

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