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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

‘We’re the canary in the coalmine’: when will Russia take action on the climate? World’s fourth-largest emitter of greenhouse gases pays lip service to tackling climate crisis and, with fossil fuels central to regime’s legitimacy, it seems happier with status quo. [Read more ...](#)

How the climate crisis and aid cuts could devastate global supplies of vanilla. Vanilla farmers in Madagascar, a country that supplies up to 80 per cent of the global crop each year, face a difficult future as the climate crisis and aid cuts bite. [Read more ...](#)

‘I couldn’t watch the forests vanish’: the man restoring Solomon Islands’ vital mangroves. Crucial for coastal communities, mangroves are threatened by land clearing, development and rising seas. [Read more ...](#)

Protecting the environment has always made economic sense. Now we have proof. The failures of our environmental protection laws mean we are not only failing nature but also undermining productivity – at a huge cost. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

Inside the Congolese mine vital to mobile phones, as rebels give BBC rare access ... Thousands of miners dotted the landscape covered with pits and tunnels. [Read more ...](#)

How will the PKK’s disarmament play out in the region? The PKK began its first phase of disarmament last week, analysts say the process will be felt regionally. [Read more ...](#)

The giant rats sniffing out unexploded landmines in a war-torn nation. The rats are about the same size as a Chihuahua. While many might recoil at the sight of a rat, in Cambodia, a unique team of rodents is proving indispensable in the life-saving mission to clear landmines. [Read more ...](#)

Why is Israel bombing Syria and who are the Druze? Tensions erupt into airstrikes and sectarian violence as Israel intervenes in Syria’s southern province. [Read more ...](#)

Watch and listen ...

Channel 4: Palestinians flee West Bank villages fearing Israeli settler violence ... while attention is focused on Gaza, attacks by Israeli settlers in the Occupied West Bank continue to force more and more Palestinians from their homes. [Watch ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

An Illinois Building Was a Bird Killer. A Simple Change Made a World of Difference. Chicago is one of the most dangerous cities in the United States for migrating birds, and a glassy lakefront conference center was especially lethal. [Read more ...](#)

Train in India stops for two hours as elephant gives birth on tracks. [Read more ...](#)

'History's most devastating document of war': the simple yet graphic details of the Bayeux tapestry. Hand-stitched depiction of Battle of Hastings pulls viewers into story of friendship and betrayal, vengeance and despair. [Read more ...](#)

Perspective: how the quest for nickel scars Indonesia. Halmahera island in Indonesia has suffered over the years for its abundant products plundered for exports, Initially known for its spices, nickel is the new interest. What has this done for the island's people and landscape? [Read more ...](#)

Trump threatens to take away Rosie O'Donnell's U.S. citizenship. The president on Saturday threatened to revoke comedian Rosie O'Donnell's U.S. citizenship, something he cannot legally do. [Read more ...](#)

'There is no political power without power over the archive' Titles banned, data deleted, the nation's librarians sacked without explanation – Donald Trump's war on books is a threat to democracy across the world, writes the head of Oxford University's libraries. [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

Community groups find a sense of place at Exeter's museum. Through exploring textiles and other objects in the museum collections, the participants are creating a collaborative piece of art ... [Read more ...](#)

Stover Country Park and the Grand Western Canal Country Park are celebrating being officially named among the best parks in the country after receiving this year's Green Flag Award. [Read more ...](#)

Devon pupils move MP with heartfelt letters on ocean conservation. Inspired by Attenborough's 'Ocean', pupils write directly to Caroline Voaden. [Read more ...](#)

Campaigns:

Rainforest Rescue: Cambodia: Save Prey Lang Forest home to many endangered species ... designated a protected area in 2016 ... concessions for agriculture and industry are still being granted. Support the people's call to enforce environmental laws. [Petition ...](#)

Fairtrade: Brew it Fair - Support our tea campaign. The Government's new Trade Strategy highlights that we still have a long way to go to ensure that all supply chains are preventing human rights abuses and environmental harms. [Details ...](#)

Campaign Updates:

Debt Justice: Choosing hope – a month of protest for debt cancellation. [Read more ...](#)