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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

‘We’re in danger of extinction’: can Bolivia’s ‘water people’ survive a rising tide of salt and migration? The Uru Chipaya, one of South America’s most ancient civilisations, are battling drought, salinity and an exodus of their people as the climate crisis wreaks havoc on their land. [Read more ...](#)

The UK’s offshore wind auction broke records, but its clean power target remains unrealistic. [Read more ...](#)

Solar grazing: ‘triple-win’ for sheep farmers, renewables and society or just a PR exercise for energy companies? For Hannah Thorogood, a first-generation Lincolnshire farmer, grazing her sheep on solar land gave her a leg-up in the industry. [Read more ...](#)

How ‘day zero’ water shortages in Iran are fuelling protests. Supply failures are dramatic example of way climate crisis threatens basic human needs – and with it political stability. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

‘We are stuck’: Young Ugandans want stability, opportunities on eve of vote
Tension as 81-year-old Yoweri Museveni seeks to extend his four-decade rule in a country where 70 percent of people are under age 35. [Read more ...](#)

Israel’s ban on NGOs operating in Gaza will be devastating. But it will not extinguish its people’s drive to survive, rebuild and prosper. [Read more ...](#)

From behind bars, Aung San Suu Kyi casts a long shadow over Myanmar. [Read more ...](#)

Syrian swimmer Sarah Mardini cleared by Greek court over migrant rescues. Mardini, who inspired a Netflix film, was among 24 volunteers acquitted by a Greek court for their efforts to save migrants from drowning. [Read more ...](#)

Watch and listen ...

Channel 4: Tectonic forces in Ethiopia are carving a new ocean across the continent. The movement of tectonic plates may take millions of years, but in Northern Ethiopia, you can see it happen in real time. [Watch ...](#)

Things to do ...

Monday 29th January 6pm to 7pm ‘Do it Fair’ Together in 2026, online event with The Fairtrade Foundation CEO, Eleanor Harrison. [Details ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

When Some Elephants Raid Farms, They Might Not Be After a Snack. They Could Be Looking for Medicinal Plants. A recent study suggests that the large mammals may seek out parts of bananas and papayas when they're suffering from gut parasites, sparking a cross-species exchange of pharmaceutical knowledge.

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Man 'trains' crows to attack MAGA hats after saying there's 'no longer a moral option'. A man has gone viral after training a murder of crows to swoop down and snatch MAGA hats from unsuspecting Trump supporters, documenting his months-long experiment. [Read more ...](#)

'Big step forward': Myanmar military faces Rohingya genocide case at UN court. Survivors of violence hope proceedings will bring justice a step closer and set a precedent for future genocide allegations.

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International Court of Justice [Watch ...](#)

The Ugandan pop star turned politician is braving prison, torture and worse with his second tilt at the presidency, and says his loud, lonely fight for democracy may be all that's keeping him alive. [Read more ...](#)

Greenlanders brace for summit that could shape the Arctic's future - and their own. The US Vice-President, JD Vance, is hosting the Danish and Greenlandic foreign ministers, as well as their US counterpart, Marco Rubio, in the White House on Wednesday. [Read more ...](#)

The Caribbean island where locals can't access the beach. Famous for its white sand and gin-coloured waters, Jamaica is the quintessential Caribbean beach destination. But less than 1% of the island's coastline is accessible to residents. [Read more ...](#)

Jamaica Beach Birthright Environmental Movement <https://www.jabbem.org/>

Local News ...

'It has destroyed years of work': Cornish beauty spot loses 80% of its trees to Storm Goretti. St Michael's Mount launches major operation to clear up devastation caused by 112mph winds. [Read more ...](#)

Exeter to mark Holocaust Memorial Day with public events. [Read more ...](#)

New archaeology project awarded grant by The National Lottery Heritage Fund to unearth and save a rare Roman villa in Devon. [Read more ...](#)

Dogs' dinners can have greater climate impact than owners'. [Read more ...](#)

Campaigns ...

CPRE: Stand with us for the future of the countryside. [Petition ...](#)

Rainforest Rescue: Mexico: Stop the destruction of Chiapas' forests! ... harbor an astonishing variety of plant and amphibian species, and seven mammals that live nowhere else on Earth. [Petition ...](#)

Campaign Updates ...

War on Want: The US attack on Venezuela is not a one-off, but the latest moment in a long history of US imperialism. [Read more ...](#)