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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Experts demand climate change be declared a global health emergency as heat-related deaths soar. Major concerns have been raised following a surge in heat-related deaths over the past decade. Read more …

Biodiversity Cop17 seems to be stalling. Is it time to reform the process? There are too many meetings, and not enough decisions, say experts – and time is running out. Read more …

'They paved paradise': fighting back over the loss of green spaces in Cameroon's capital. Concrete sprawl in Yaoundé has devastated the city's trees and parks, so volunteers are stepping up, shrub by shrub. Read more …

Australia's fabled desert lake bursts to life in rare sight. A prodigiously wet monsoon season has brought damaging floods to parts of Australia, but transformed Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre in a way not seen in decades. Read more …

Articles

Palestinians are opening their doors to the displaced of besieged Hebron. Israel's assault on the West Bank city has forced thousands of people to flee their homes. Read more …

Lebanon's lost olive season: harvesting olives under drones and warplanes. Lebanon's olive harvesters are facing dangerous conditions, with the potential for attacks and fear of cluster munitions. Read more …

Sinkholes, scarred land and scapegoats: the scourge of illegal gold mining in Johannesburg. There is no end in sight for the drivers of illegal mining, while police action appears ineffective. Read more…

How rebuilding old mosques is bringing Sikhs, Hindus and Muslims together in Punjab. Many Muslims saw their places of worship destroyed or abandoned during the sectarian violence of India's partition in 1947. Now villagers of many faiths are coming together to revive them. Read more …

Websites…

Believe in Me CIC is a community interest company, empowering young people through education. They create projects to engage young people about South Asian history - specialising in Indian Military history in particular
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World at Lunch …

The upside of untidiness: Why a little mess can be good for your home. Read more …

Meet Ashaatti Ammumma: Kerala grandmother wins hearts by teaching kids to write in sand. Read more …

How a movement of students brought down Serbia's Vučić. Theirs is a movement born from tragedy that began with students blockading streets and turned into almost daily protests and a national movement against corruption and government negligence. Read more …
How did Lula beat Bolsonaro after losing Brazil's first-round election? Brazil's president secured a historic fourth term after overturning a first-round defeat, but faces a conservative Congress and a legal challenge from his defeated rival. Read more …
Four scenarios that could play out after Israel's election as Netanyahu tries to cling onto power. With the majority of ballots counted, neither Netanyahu nor Gadi Eisenkot commands an obvious route to a 61-seat majority. Read more …

Watch and listen …
Do Black Brits know their own history? and why do we borrow so much from the African American Experience? Watch …

BBC World Service: The right thing: Uganda's fearless nun. Sister Rosemary … set about giving a future and a hope to girls returning from abduction by Lord's Resistance Army. Listen …

Things to do …
Friday 6th November 12noon to 1pm *Women's War Work: Indian Women and the Second World War* Talk by Dr Kiran Sahota (Believe in Me CIC) Details …

Wednesday 11th November 7:30pm *This Little World: a New History of Tudor and Stuart England Historian* Nandini Das will discuss her latest book. Details …

Local news …
How El Niño could push up your mortgage and grocery bills. Read more …

Controversial plans to replace Devon's local authorities with four new councils have been withdrawn by the government. The plans announced in July proposed an enlarged Plymouth, Exeter and Torbay with a fourth council covering the rest of rural Devon. Read more …

Campaigns …
Greenpeace: Tell Shell CEO Wael Sawan: polluters should pay**.** Send Wael Sawan a personalised postcard to demand he takes responsibility for the climate harm caused by his business. Details …

Campaign Updates …
International Tree Foundation: A nature reserve three and a half times the size of the Peak District… in our back gardens. Read more …