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? Top Stories

- **Nepal-Tibet flash flood disaster deepens** — Missing in Nepal rises to 1,924 with 584 deaths confirmed (plus 5 in Tibet); Red Cross says at least 93,000 "in great need". A Ceredigion family fear for missing hydropower worker Jit Bahadur Chaudhary; families of 33 missing Britons rush to Nepal. (Guardian / BBC Wales)
- **Ukraine hits Russian city in "massive attack"** — NATO reacts after a Russian drone hit Romania; Kyiv says a Turkish ship has also been struck. Russia losing 6,000 more troops a month than it can recruit, per western officials. (Sky / Guardian)
- **Norway's King Harald dies aged 89.** (Guardian)

?? UK Politics

- **Badenoch's sweeping Tory reshuffle** — Andrew Griffith appointed shadow chancellor, Tom Tugendhat expected as shadow foreign secretary; Mel Stride and Priti Patel sacked. (Guardian)
- **PM Burnham's bumpy ride ahead** — Parliament returns with a full in-tray: prison capacity "big risk" warning, early-release scheme changes, and allies planning a cross-party council to stop a Reform UK government. (Guardian / Sky)
- **Reform UK fallout** — Can the party recover from its "summer horribilis"? French far-right leader Jordan Bardella to address Reform's party conference. Farage and Badenoch scrap to be mates with Meloni.
- **Social mobility watchdog faces axe** in ministerial shake-up.
- **October budget prep** — John Healey invites budget ideas from Treasury staff of all levels; Andrew Bailey warns G20 that advanced AI could cause a global economic downturn.
- **SEND school scandal** — Parents tell of ordeal at special-needs school closed after abuse allegations; "alarm bells were going off".

- **£1bn tax loophole** — the London office, the empty boxes, and the loophole (Guardian investigation).

? World

- **US-Iran standoff** — Opposing stances over uranium stockpile and Strait of Hormuz controls; Rubio cites "some good signs". Trump outlines demands and says he'll make a "final determination" on the war.
- **Trump signs executive order renaming Lake Ontario "Lake America"**; Detroit despairs as Canada trade war bites; judge orders removal of Trump's name from Kennedy Center — Trump lashes out.
- **Zaporizhzhia blackouts** — Russia-controlled part of region in emergency power cuts.
- **US approves \$108.1m Hawk missile sustainment sale to Ukraine**; Taiwan says no word on any US arms-sale pause.
- **Egyptian queen's 673-diamond necklace stolen** in Vienna museum smash-and-grab.
- **Turkey revokes Istanbul Bilgi University licence**, effectively forcing closure.
- **Second group of Australian ISIS-linked women and children leave Syria camp**, may be returning home.
- **Cruise ship hantavirus scare** off Cape Verde.
- **Venezuela** — Opposition up in arms over reports US wants big stake in oil and gas.

??????? Wales

- **Family in Wales fear for missing hydropower worker** after Nepal flood (Ceredigion).
- **"We survived Aberfan — but were told to never speak of it again"** — survivors break silence.
- **Flood warning** as heavy rain and thunderstorms predicted for Wales; swimmers told to avoid beauty spot as drought and fires reveal hidden hazards.
- **Stanley Tucci spotted trying Welsh cakes** at Cardiff Market.
- **Sport** — Swansea sign Huddersfield's Iorpenda and agree loan of Man City's Monga; Wrexham accused of "blanket bombing" amid O'Hare bid; Barry extend perfect start.

?? Weather & Climate

- **UK heatwave ends** — temperatures to fall as record-breaking heat gives way to rain. (Sky)
- **Prolonged drought could cause food shortages**, NFU president warns; calls on government action.
- **Dry-weather sewage discharges soar** as water companies face scrutiny.

- **Italy puts nearly all major cities on highest heat alert** — 19 cities including Rome, Milan, Naples on red.
- **BBC Verify:** satellite images show "vegetation stress" across UK from heatwaves and drought.

? Economy

- **Price rises gather pace in UK shops** amid higher energy costs.
- **Solar cuts at least £400 from bills** even in the cloudiest parts of Britain, study finds.
- **Houses near top state secondaries cost £40,000 more**, research reveals.
- **Child trust fund firms face review** over £1.5bn of unclaimed pots.

?? Crime & Justice

- **Man, 23, charged with murder** after fatal Teesside house fire that killed a seven-year-old girl and her aunt, 34.
- **Teenager charged with murder** after 15-year-old boy fatally stabbed in London.
- **Mother of Archie Battersbee jailed** for driving a motorist off the road.

? Feel-Good Roundup

- **Man passes GCSE maths 70 years after failing** — persistence pays off.
- **Twelve puppies from the same litter reunited** for a noisy first birthday party in Wales.
- **Briton notches 20th Everest ascent**, improving his own record.
- **Millennials swapping doom-scrolling for gardening** — community allotments "thriving".

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📰 Weather	UK heatwave ends; drought food-shortage warning

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🔪 Crime	Murder charges over Teesside fire and London stabbing
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