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? Top Stories

- **MPs reject assisted dying bill — 286 to 270** — the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which would have allowed adults with under six months to live to apply for help to end their own life, was defeated at second reading by a majority of 16. MPs had a free vote. Support fell by 45 votes compared with June's 315–291 result in favour; turnout of supporters proved decisive, with a wedding and a trip to Ukraine among the absences. Lauren Edwards, who revived the bill, said "Parliament has dropped the ball today"; Dame Esther Rantzen called it "a tragic day". Kim Leadbeater says another attempt could come as soon as next year, with supporters blaming peers in the Lords for killing the previous bill. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c17j91jenr8o>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c5y54n99l48o>
- **Reform UK takes a record £36m donation from crypto billionaire Ben Delo** — the largest single donation ever given to a UK political party. Delo, Sheffield-born and Hong Kong-based, is paying £1m a month up to the latest possible 2029 election date but has handed over the whole sum up front in case the government caps mega-donations. Farage says he is "honoured and humbled"; the Telegraph leads on it, noting it could fund campaign managers in every target seat. It lands amid a Met Police investigation into Reform's donations, a parliamentary standards probe into a £5m gift from Christopher Harborne, and Labour's £100,000 cap on donations from Britons living abroad. Delo received a Trump pardon last year over a US Bank Secrecy Act violation. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c3v4zvyde15o>
- **25 years since 9/11** — the US marked the anniversary with ceremonies in New York, at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania, plus a new tribute for victims with lasting health impacts. Families of British victims held a memorial event in London featuring a video message from PM Andy Burnham and speeches from relatives. A BBC feature looks at how

the lessons of the attacks are still being learnt.
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cljyqvjzlwno>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c5ydqr66z36o>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c1l68gmqq24o>

?? UK Politics

- **Fallout from the assisted dying vote** — supporters see this parliament as a "unique moment" that has now passed; opponents say the Royal Medical Colleges' opposition made the bill "unsafe and unworkable". Ashley Dalton, Meg Hillier and Jess Asato welcomed the result. Both sides agree the Lords' wrecking tactics will accelerate calls for reform of the second chamber. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c17j91jenr8o>
- **Alan Milburn tells the Times young benefit claimants need "tough love"** — the former Labour cabinet minister, asked by the government to review youth unemployment, wants more job-hunting help in exchange for a new "duty to engage". <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0qx7q25d9xo>
- **The Mail accuses Burnham of "running scared" of the Greens** — the government has delayed a key North Sea gas drilling approval until after the Holborn and St Pancras by-election (8 October), where Green leader Zack Polanski is standing. The Department for Energy says the North Sea "remains a vital national asset". <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0qx7q25d9xo>
- **Police to crack down on face coverings at protests** — Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary says it will use powers under the Crime and Policing Act, following the Dover and Portsmouth demonstrations. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cy8zrz42yxko>
- **Government rejects a "kill switch" for dangerous AI** — the Cabinet Office, which leads on AI safety, says the UK "cannot simply turn AI off". <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c3eq7kl5l00o>
- **Rockstar denies sacking staff for union organising** — a sacked Grand Theft Auto worker claims employees were put on a "watch list"; the company says those dismissed shared confidential information online. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cjrx5xlz83jo>
- **Inquest: mother died of aggressive cancer after a nine-month wait for test results** — Sarah Catherine Daniels did not receive potentially life-extending treatment fast enough. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cj4jypdlr4ko>
- **Vaccine damage scheme running costs more than double what is paid to victims** — administration and medical checks have now topped £83m. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cj06762qegmo>
- **Dozens of new trains to be built in Britain** — Transpennine Express order aimed at cutting journey times between major northern cities. <https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/great-british-railways-transpennine-express-37649144>
- **Families "priced out of British citizenship"** — a mother's plea over Home Office fees. <https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/british-citizenship-fees-home-office-37642079>

- **Robert Jenrick promises pensioners a tax guarantee** — Reform's shadow chancellor says it would be a "violation of trust" not to; Labour is also warned it must deliver a full ban on "cruel" mother-and-pig cages. <https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics>
- **Northern Ireland: girls given the legal right to wear trousers in schools** — guidelines require uniform policies to include the option from 2027/28. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/czxzw9117k5o>

Crime & Justice

- **Man admits murder of woman missing for 28 years** — Trevor Dunkley told police he disposed of Patricia Lashley's body months after killing her in 1998, a court hears. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cddvmn9z6emo>
 - **Children and a woman injured on a fairground ride** — three taken to hospital in South Yorkshire; the fair shut for the evening. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/clymlyg7y44o>
 - **Police hunt owner of a teddy bear containing human ashes left on a train** — transport police have no information on the passenger who brought the urn on board. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c5y54ep9zg8o>
 - **Military jet tripped air traffic chaos** — the FT Weekend lead, per the BBC's papers roundup. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0qx7q25d9xo>
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? World

- **Houthis claim major advance in Yemen and tighten their grip on the Red Sea** — the Iran-backed group says it has advanced on the Red Sea coast and is reported to have seized Perim, a strategic island on the Bab al-Mandab shipping route. BBC analysis warns the capture brings a dangerous new dimension to the Iran war and could hit global trade and oil prices. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c23x72yx2rvo>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c3v4zgzr1kxo>
- **Israel says it destroyed a major underground Hezbollah base** — the blast registered as the equivalent of a magnitude 4.1 earthquake, according to the US Geological Survey. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c4gl92lw8vpo>
- **Passenger train derails in northern France** — at least 44 injured; 180 people were on board the Rouen-Caen service in Normandy. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c8d37dm8d8mo>
- **Philippines ferry fire: death toll climbs to 35, dozens still missing** — rescuers finally boarded the burnt-out vessel 40 hours after the blaze began, slowed by toxic fumes and extreme heat. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cwyz755yeg9o>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c9dwx97pl5no>
- **Norway's Princess Astrid dies two days after attending her brother King Harald's funeral** — the new king, Haakon VIII, pays tribute to his aunt. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cgjq1qy98vjo>

- **Hong Kong's Tiananmen activists sentenced to up to seven years** — the city was one of the last places in Chinese territory where the 1989 crackdown could be marked. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cvgyvk2dj4o>
 - **Anthropic blocks a possible attempt to use AI to make biological weapons** — revealed in the company's threat intelligence report, after a former top researcher warned of AI risks to humanity. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cx2zrrpkx20o>
 - **Trump arrives in Ireland for a two-day visit** — due at Dublin Airport this morning. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cy0zvx15rywo>
 - **Sweden goes to the polls with the hard right eyeing government** — PM Ulf Kristersson has promised cabinet jobs to the Sweden Democrats, but the rival left bloc holds a narrow poll lead. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cwyz8dn5nn3o>
 - **Civilians told to flee Ukraine's "fortress cities" as Russia bids to control the Donbas** — Kramatorsk and Sloviansk are now the main focus of Russian ground assaults. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cwyz89w59l3o>
 - **Brics summit in Delhi** — Modi hosts Putin and Xi as Trump's shadow looms; divisions make a united response to Washington unlikely. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c07lv53l7jjo>
 - **In brief:** arrest made over the death of Tasia Fortune, found hanged from a tree in Mississippi; a Buddhist monk arrested in a suspected \$3m Thai embezzlement scandal; Denise Cosco, who testified against her father in an 'Ndrangheta murder, has died in Italy; museum thefts are becoming bolder across Europe, with a Renoir taken in five minutes. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cqjkej5750o>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c5yjkxlngjyo>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c39mr81j2j1o>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c804dvky833o>
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- **YesCymru: Crown Estate is "a glaring injustice" — "Wales should get angry"** — the independence campaign group says councils across Wales pay the Crown Estate for the right to use their own rivers and shorelines: nearly £161,000 in Gwynedd, nearly £50,000 in Ceredigion (River Teifi and Aberystwyth Marina) and nearly £60,000 in Pembrokeshire. It notes the Sovereign Grant will pay the King £138m this year while "one in three of our children live in poverty". YesCymru is calling people onto the streets of Aberystwyth for a March for Independence later this month. <https://nation.cymru/feature/a-glaring-injustice-yescymru-say-wales-should-get-angry-about-crown-estate/>
- **Minister hopeful of more devolved powers after "positive" Burnham talks** — Dafydd Iwan Davies, cabinet minister for government effectiveness and the constitution, says conversations with the PM have been constructive and he is optimistic about progress on rail funding, the Crown Estate and the devolution of policing. Welsh Tory leader Darren Millar accuses Plaid of a "total lack of urgency" and of "constantly agitating for yet more powers". <https://nation.cymru/news/hopes-for-further-devolution-to->

wales-after-positive-burnham-talks-minister/

- **Plaid's first 100 days marked with a new priorities dashboard** — the Welsh Government highlights increased teacher-training incentives, expanded funded childcare, extended free school meals, a multi-year funding deal for farmers, a north-south coach service and an expert group on surgical hubs. Millar calls the commitments "vague, woolly" and dismisses the constitutional commission and the harmful 2040 net zero target; Welsh Labour's Ken Skates says little has changed.
<https://nation.cymru/news/plaid-hails-first-100-days-in-power-as-opposition-accuse-ministers-of-wasting-time-and-money/>
- **Andrew RT Davies accuses Senedd officials of blocking scrutiny of ministers** — the Pen-y-bont Bro Morgannwg MS says the Table Office demanded a press link before processing his question about an unauthorised travellers' site on Welsh Government-owned land at Brocastle. He also criticises South Wales Police for pledging a "progressive" removal. The Senedd Commission says the Table Office advises members "in line with long-established, agreed rules". <https://nation.cymru/news/ms-accuses-senedd-officials-of-blocking-scrutiny-of-ministers/>
- **First minister's week on the economy** — Rhun ap Iorwerth told unions Wales is a "low-pay hotspot" and called cost-of-living measures a "missed opportunity"; the health minister says the £120m waiting-times fund will be "spent better"; and GP contracts worth £10m were awarded without proper checks.
https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/wales/wales_politics
- **Free school meals expanded to secondary pupils from universal credit homes**, and the Welsh Government is to get some control over youth justice for the first time.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c5yr276rgnzo>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/clyp2yz9x2po>
- **Wrexham hit for six by West Ham** — a thumping defeat leaves boss Phil Parkinson saying "I need to think long and hard". <https://nation.cymru/sport/wrexham-hit-for-six-as-west-ham-record-a-thumping-win/>
- **"Bring it on": Cardiff businesses react to Fury vs Joshua rumours** — bars and restaurants are excited at the prospect of the fight landing in the city.
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cm27zjp2g98o>
- **Council makes "shock" decision to withdraw from a partnership supporting the elderly**, and a housing association buys up buildings in a Welsh town centre.
<https://nation.cymru/news/council-makes-shock-decision-to-withdraw-from-partnership-supporting-elderly/> <https://nation.cymru/news/housing-association-buys-up-buildings-in-welsh-town-centre/>
- **Bridge to a historic Welsh castle could close without urgent repairs**; thousands back a campaign to reopen a "crucial" south Wales walking and cycling route.
<https://nation.cymru/news/bridge-to-historic-welsh-castle-could-close-without-urgent-repairs/> <https://nation.cymru/news/thousands-back-campaign-to-reopen-crucial-welsh-walking-and-cycling-route/>
- **Welsh organisations invited to bid for a share of a €6m European digital health fund**; the Welsh Museums Festival returns with a greener Halloween; the Good Food Guide names the best restaurant in Wales. <https://nation.cymru/news/welsh-organisations-invited-to-bid-for-share-of-e6m-european-digital-health-fund/>
<https://nation.cymru/culture/the-restaurant-voted-the-best-in-wales-by-the-good-food->

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- **A former editor of Wales on Sunday is among 37 people in court in Scotland over wearing a "terrorist t-shirt".** <https://nation.cymru/news/former-editor-in-court-for-wearing-terrorist-t-shirt/>
 - **Passports will be required for ferry crossings between Britain and Ireland** from the end of next year. <https://nation.cymru/news/passport-to-be-required-for-uk-ireland-ferry-crossings/>
 - **Senedd's offices set for major refurbishment** at Ty Hywel in Cardiff Bay. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvgz1y7pkppo>
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?? Weather

Met Office, UK forecast

- **Today:** a largely sunny day across England and Wales, with some low cloud possibly affecting western coasts. Cloudier across Scotland and Northern Ireland with occasional rain but also sunny spells. Feeling warm for most and hot towards the southeast.
- **Tonight:** rain across the northwest moves southeastwards overnight, weakening as it crosses England and Wales. Drier behind with clear spells. Widely mild, and staying warm in the southeast.
- **Sunday:** another largely sunny day, though northwest Scotland, Northern Ireland and some western coasts stay cloudier with patchy drizzle. Another very warm day for most.

The BBC's weather team is asking whether a September heatwave is on the way, with temperatures returning to summerlike levels over the weekend despite some heavy rain.

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/forecast/uk>

<https://www.bbc.com/weather/articles/c70l8vgk4vzo>

? Today's Papers

The BBC's front-page roundup leads on the fall of the assisted dying bill and the Reform donation:

- **Daily Telegraph:** "Farage received £36m donation" — says the gift "has the potential to transform Reform's fortunes in the next election".
- **Daily Express:** "Right to die 'travesty' is a 'failure for dying people'"; **i Weekend:** "Plan to legalise assisted dying defeated — amid celebration and tears from MPs"; **Mirror:** "Agonising".
- **Times:** "Workshy young need tough love, No 10 told" (Alan Milburn's review).
- **Daily Mail:** "Burnham bows to the green menace" — North Sea drilling decision delayed past the Holborn by-election.

- **FT Weekend:** "Military jet tripped air traffic chaos".
- **Sun:** "Jesy of the jungle"; **Daily Star:** "Woke like an Egyptian".

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0qx7q25d9xo>

? Feel-Good Roundup

- **Kate visits cancer patients in the hospital she helped fund with a climb** — the Princess of Wales completed the Three Peaks Challenge for the Royal Marsden, where she was treated. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ce8e6pkkd04o>
- **Battle to save the tiny, gooey snail found in only one lake in the UK** — the glutinous snail is now found only in one lake in Wales, with Dudley Zoo among those trying to save it. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c1j4ngr05l8o>
- **Council names a square after rugby league pioneer Sir Billy Boston** — Wigan Council says his legacy will continue. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/clyl7w0nj9do>
- **Dolly Parton's little-known Welsh roots remembered** — Nation.Cymru looks at her long-standing connection to Wales following her death. <https://nation.cymru/news/dolly-partons-little-known-welsh-roots-remembered-following-her-death/>
- **New innovations let blind parents feel their baby's scan** — BBC reporter Emma Tracey on the workarounds being made to support blind parents. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cvgyqddpdrdo>

? Quick Summary

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🇬🇧 Top	MPs reject the assisted dying bill 286-270 — second defeat for the law change as supporter turnout collapses
🇬🇧 UK Politics	Reform takes a record £36m from crypto billionaire Ben Delo; Milburn's "tough love" youth jobs review; Burnham accused of dodging the North Sea decision past the Holborn by-election
🌍 World	Houthis seize Perim and tighten their grip on the Red Sea; Israel destroys a Hezbollah underground base; 44 injured in a Normandy train derailment; Philippines ferry fire toll hits 35
🇬🇧 Wales	YesCymru demands the Crown Estate be devolved; minister "hopeful" after positive Burnham devolution talks; Andrew RT Davies accuses the Senedd Table Office of blocking scrutiny

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☐☐ Crime	Man admits murdering Patricia Lashley 28 years ago; fairground ride injuries in South Yorkshire; teddy urn left on a train
☐☐ Business	Transpennine Express orders dozens of new trains; families "priced out" of citizenship by Home Office fees; HMRC letters to state pensioners
☐☐ Culture	Kate visits the Royal Marsden; Sir Billy Boston honoured in Wigan; Welsh Museums Festival returns
☐☐ Anniversary	25 years since 9/11 — ceremonies in New York, Washington, Pennsylvania and London
☐☐ Weather	Warm, sunny September day for most; rain in the northwest edges southeast overnight

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