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? Top Story

Nepal flash floods: 33 UK nationals missing, including girl of 13

- Police in Nepal say **826 people are missing** after flash floods and mudslides along the Nepal-Tibet border, with **more than 150 confirmed dead** and over 529 tourists among the missing (BBC, Metro).
- **33 UK nationals are unaccounted for**, including a 13-year-old girl; The Times reports dozens of British tourists are feared dead (BBC / Sky).
- Families of the missing are pleading for information as rescue teams battle to reach remote valleys.

World-first: live AI-assisted brain surgery

- London neurosurgeons performed the **first successful live AI-assisted operation to remove a brain tumour** — real-time analysis of camera footage identified critical anatomy to be avoided during surgery (BBC / Guardian).
 - The patient has had the tumour removed; the technique is being hailed as a landmark for neuro-surgery.
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?? UK Politics

- **Burnham calls summit of Welsh, Scottish and Northern Irish first ministers** — announced during his **first official visit to Wales since becoming PM** (BBC).

- **Burnham unveils plan for 10,000 work experience placements** for young people, speaking to press during a visit to a Sainsbury's in London (Guardian live).
 - **Burnham drops support for capping political donations** aimed at curbing mega-donors — sparking backlash from campaigners and Labour MPs; front page of Thursday's Guardian (Sky/Guardian).
 - **No more UK energy bills support likely before price cap rise** — Andy Burnham stops short of pledging further help as gas and electricity prices are due to rise **4% in October**; the Express reports bills heading for a three-year high, with campaigners warning the elderly face "drastic action" (Guardian / Sky).
 - **Reform proposes £30 tax rebate for HMRC phone delays** (BBC).
 - **Wes Streeting** describes an "unbelievable volume" of homophobic abuse since becoming defence secretary (Guardian).
 - **Labour MPs will push Burnham to back voting reform** within his first 100 days; almost 100 Labour MPs support a new national commission on electoral reform (Guardian).
 - **UK to warn citizens to stock up on food** amid threats from the climate crisis and hostile states (Guardian).
 - **Pubs, bars and hotels report a "Burnham bounce"** in optimism — but call for further tax relief (Guardian).
 - **London bus drivers resume strike** over heatwave working conditions amid fears over an air-con deal (Guardian).
 - **Germany in talks to invest in Britain's Trident nuclear deterrent** (Telegraph, via Sky front pages).
 - **Meta to pay \$17bn** to settle claims its platforms harmed children (i Paper, via Sky).
 - **Boy, 15, arrested** over a stabbing at Brent Council HQ (BBC).
 - **Stourbridge fires that razed 19 homes declared accidental** (BBC).
 - **Prince Harry and Meghan land in the UK** days after announcing their move — arriving via private jet in Birmingham per the Daily Star; questions raised over their security arrangements (BBC / Sky).
 - **FT interview:** Burnham says he wants to "take pressure off" business ahead of the Budget.
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? World / International

- **China hits out at "illegal" new US sanctions on Iran and trading partners** — the US has threatened to isolate nations that continue to do business with Tehran (BBC).
- **US removes Syria from list of state sponsors of terrorism** (BBC).
- **Tornado tears through a French village**, leaving dozens hurt and homes ravaged (BBC).
- **US-Canada trade war escalates** as Trump threatens a tariff hike on vehicles; analysis on how Canada could hit back (BBC).
- **Lockerbie bombing trial postponed** days before it was due to start (BBC).

- **Ghislaine Maxwell's appeal against conviction rejected** as "frivolous" by a US judge (BBC).
 - **Sonya Massey's killer, Sean Grayson, dies in US prison** (BBC).
 - **Major wildfire near Reno, Nevada about a quarter contained** after thousands evacuated (BBC).
 - **Kit Harington replaces Nicholas Hoult** in HBO's Harry Potter series (BBC).
 - **NZ religious sect leader jailed** over the death of a Chinese follower (BBC).
 - **French tourist dies in Death Valley** after car gets stuck in mud (BBC).
 - **King of Norway's health has worsened**, palace says (BBC).
 - **Trump envoy calls for Sudan-wide arms embargo** as drone attacks escalate (BBC).
 - **Ebola:** explainer on the latest outbreak and why stopping it is so difficult (BBC).
 - **Mpox is back — and in new countries;** analysis of how the outbreak can be contained (Guardian).
 - **Australia bans AI-generated songs from its music charts** (BBC).
 - **Ukraine war briefing:** Ozon next in Kyiv's sights as sheds of a Wildberries rival burn (Guardian).
 - **UK drone factories may face attacks from "unknown sources"**, says a former Russian minister (BBC).
 - **Andrew Tate's lawyers say he exaggerated** and did not own supercars in photos (BBC).
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? Wales

Politics & Senedd

- **Plaid Cymru marks its first 100 days in power** — ministers point to childcare, school meals and farming support, but rivals accuse the Welsh Government of "reviews instead of results" (Herald.Wales / BBC).
- **"Governing might be about to get harder"** for Plaid Cymru ministers, BBC analysis warns.
- **Labour wants a budget deal with the Plaid Cymru government**, says Welsh Labour leader Ken Skates (BBC).
- **Burnham holds first official visit to Wales as PM** — calls summit of devolved first ministers (BBC).
- **Welsh Government to replace renewable targets** in a major energy policy shift (Herald.Wales).
- **Reform Wales leader Dan Thomas branded a hypocrite** after evidence emerges he promoted the diversity policies he now opposes (Nation.Cymru).
- **Calls for Reform branch chair to apologise** over a "misleading" AI refugee post (Nation.Cymru, Emily Price).
- **Hundreds pack meetings in Llanidloes** as anger grows over proposed community hospital cuts (Nation.Cymru).

- **Campaigners criticise Welsh Government's involvement in arms fair** — nearly £70,000 of public money spent (Nation.Cymru).
- **Zero-emission car-sharing clubs expand across Wales** (GOV.WALES).

Wales News

- **Woman told "nobody wants to see a pregnant person" in work by her boss** — tribunal finds in her favour (BBC).
 - **Off-roaders caught damaging a protected site** after posting videos to TikTok (BBC).
 - **Man passes GCSE maths 70 years after failing** (BBC) — see Feel-Good.
 - **Breath test for "deadliest" cancer trialled in Wrexham** (BBC).
 - **Toxic waste sites exposed in Michael Sheen's documentary are "tip of the iceberg"** (BBC).
 - **Swansea Airport licence suspended for a month** after CAA inspection (Herald.Wales).
 - **Fire service reform bill could reach £19.4m** as watchdog questions funding (Herald.Wales).
 - **No bin collections for five months** has people "living in their own waste" (BBC).
 - **Welsh vodka sensation Au agrees reported £500m sale** to the owner of BuzzBallz (Herald.Wales).
 - **Dolly Parton's little-known Welsh roots remembered** following the country singer's death (Nation.Cymru / BBC); a Cardiff choir recorded a tribute version of one of her most famous songs (Nation.Cymru).
 - **"Thank you, Bonnie": Wales says final farewell to music legend Bonnie Tyler** — hundreds gathered outside Swansea Minster for Monday's celebration of the singer, who died in Portugal on 8 July aged 75 (Herald.Wales).
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?? Weather

- **New thunderstorm warnings for parts of the UK as rain set to continue** (BBC).
 - **Met Office issues two-day thunderstorm warning for large parts of Wales** — more than 75mm of rain could fall in some areas, bringing a risk of flooding (Herald.Wales); separate warning issued for North Wales.
 - **Impact of drought "can be seen along River Severn"** (BBC).
 - **Hosepipe ban extended in some parts of the Republic of Ireland** (BBC).
 - **Seven wildfires still being battled in parts of Wales** (WalesOnline); "Lessons need to be learned from wildfires," minister admits (BBC).
 - **Giant climate warning created on wildfire-scorched Eryri mountainside** (Herald.Wales).
 - **How to watch the partial lunar eclipse** from Northern Ireland tonight (BBC).
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? Sport

- **Cardiff City out of Carabao Cup** after 2-1 home loss to Norwich; Brian Barry-Murphy disappointed but thrilled for "record breaker" Noah Anyadike (Nation.Cymru).
 - **Cardiff seal signing of West Brom defender Bielik** (BBC).
 - **Swansea agree deal for Porto's Canada midfielder Eustaquio** (BBC).
 - **Wrexham close in on Ekomie and Kabore deals** (BBC).
 - **Cymru star Joe Rodon commits future to Leeds** with a new four-year deal (Herald.Wales).
 - **Graeme Dott removed from snooker Hall of Fame** after child sex abuse conviction (Herald.Wales).
 - **FAW chief: FIFA president Gianni Infantino must go** (Herald.Wales).
 - **Tributes pour in for rugby league great Sir Billy Boston** — PM Andy Burnham led tributes (Nation.Cymru / BBC).
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? Feel-Good Roundup

- **Man passes GCSE maths 70 years after failing** — a lifelong ambition finally ticked off (BBC).
 - **Plug-in balcony solar panels go on sale in the UK for the first time** (Guardian).
 - **A Welsh village named UK's most popular holiday spot for the second year running** (Nation.Cymru).
 - **Treatment involving patient's family cuts mental health hospital admissions,** study finds (BBC).
 - **Scottish Highlands benefit from the "coolcation" trend** — "they're just glad it's not too hot" (BBC).
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? Thursday's Front Pages (via Sky)

Paper	Lead
Metro	Hundreds missing incl. 33 Britons; 150+ dead in Nepal floods
Daily Mail	30+ Britons missing incl. schoolgirl after Nepal floods
The Times	Dozens of British tourists feared dead in Nepal
Daily Telegraph	Germany in talks to invest in Britain's Trident deterrent
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Guardian	Burnham drops support for political donation cap

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Financial Times	Burnham: "take pressure off" business ahead of Budget
Daily Express	Elderly face "drastic action" as energy bills hit three-year high
Daily Star	Harry and Meghan arrive in UK via private jet

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