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? Top Story: Nepal-Tibet Floods

- **Death toll at least 475, hundreds missing including 537 tourists** — Families are flying to Nepal to search for 33 British nationals still unaccounted for after flash floods on Wednesday. Among the missing Britons are a 13-year-old girl and a 14-year-old boy. [BBC](#)
- **China suspends rescue efforts at the Nepal-Tibet border** over risk of a second flood — Beijing warns a newly formed lake of rising water near the border could burst its banks. [BBC Live](#)
- **PM Andy Burnham has offered £5m to help Nepal**, calling it a "very distressing and devastating situation". King Charles said he and the Queen were "heartbroken" and sent their "most profound sympathy". [BBC](#)
- Leena Bector, from Slough, was among 27 travellers linked to Fishtail Tours and Travels who remain unaccounted for; Essex nurse Rajendra Pudasaini said relatives were "swept away"; Sarada Simkhada, a senior nurse at Darent Valley Hospital in Kent, is also among the missing. [BBC](#)
- **Survivors describe loved ones being swept away** as warnings continue of further flooding across the region. [BBC](#)

?? UK Politics

- **Burnham says he is "open" to devolving policing in Wales** — a marked change in tone from the UK government's previous position. He played down any review of the Barnett Formula, but wants Wales and Scotland to follow England's city-region devolution model. Plaid Deputy First Minister Sioned Williams welcomed the comments; Reform criticised them. An October summit with the Welsh, Scottish and Northern Irish first ministers is planned. [BBC](#) · [Summit story](#)
- **Rape and sex offence specialists on all police forces by 2027, PM says** [BBC](#)
- **Greens call for temporary ban on new data centres** — Zack Polanski wants stricter rules on water and energy use by AI data centres. [BBC](#)

- **Number of asylum seekers in hotels halves in a year** [BBC](#)
- **Wes Streeting "deluged" with homophobic hate mail** since becoming defence secretary. [BBC](#)
- **Burnham says a united Ireland poll is "off the table"** during his first visit to Northern Ireland as PM. [BBC](#)
- **Supreme Court asked to settle dispute over Sturgeon inquiry documents** [BBC](#)
- **Grant Shapps blocked from standing again for the Conservatives** [BBC](#)
- **Anas Sarwar set to become a minister in Burnham's government** — Chris Mason: a promotion of another Starmer critic. [BBC](#) · [Analysis](#)
- **Where does the unorthodox by-election victory leave Nigel Farage?** [BBC](#)
- **'Cowboy builders' targeted in new government clampdown** [BBC](#)
- **One in eight young people still out of work or education** ahead of a major review. [BBC](#)
- **Portrait of Ann Widdecombe put up in Parliament** for MPs' return. [BBC](#)

? World

- **Norway's King Harald dies aged 89** [BBC](#)
- **Trump administration illegally retaliated against Anthropic, judge rules** [BBC](#)
- **Trump signs order to rename Lake Ontario as "Lake America"** [BBC](#)
- **Tate brothers blast US jail conditions** as they seek bail in UK extradition fight. [BBC](#)
- **Jury deliberating in trial of Lindsay Clancy**, US woman accused of killing her children. [BBC](#)
- **Two killed in "domestic violence incident" at a school near Berlin** [BBC](#)
- **Board of Peace's Gaza envoy criticises Israeli strikes and Hamas actions** [BBC](#)
- **What to make of the CIA boss's secret trip to Moscow** [BBC](#)
- **Is the UK's Storm Shadow missile a game changer for Ukraine?** [BBC](#)
- **Optimus Prime and Eeyore voice actor Peter Cullen dies** [BBC](#)
- **What we know after the big Grand Theft Auto 6 preview** [BBC](#)

??????? Wales

- **Plaid hails first 100 days in power as rivals accuse Welsh Government of "reviews instead of results"** [Herald.Wales](#) · [BBC: What has happened in Plaid Cymru's](#)

[first 100 days?](#) · [Governing might be about to get harder for Plaid ministers](#)

- **Welsh Government to replace renewable targets in major energy policy shift** [Herald.Wales](#)
- **More than 40 convictions in Welsh grooming gang case fuel calls for a national inquiry** [Herald.Wales](#)
- **Serial child rapist jailed for 21 years** over years of abuse in Ammanford. [Herald.Wales](#)
- **Warning over the scale of Wales' toxic waste legacy** after Michael Sheen investigation. [Herald.Wales](#)
- **North Wales PCC backs policing devolution but warns against Cardiff control** [Nation.Cymru](#)
- **Judge rejects legal challenge to Caerphilly library closures** [BBC](#)
- **Llywydd under fire over 20mph "blanket" description** [Nation.Cymru](#)
- **Former police officer in court charged with raping a woman while on duty** [BBC](#)
- **Serial rapist police officer passed vetting despite warnings, BBC reveals** (UK-wide policing investigation) [BBC](#)
- **Welsh university races to measure wildfire damage to UK soils** [Nation.Cymru](#)
- **Wales leads UK as solar installations rise by more than 18%** [Nation.Cymru](#)
- **£8m riverside cycle and walking route gets green light** [Nation.Cymru](#)
- **Off-roaders convicted after TikTok videos reveal damage to protected Welsh landscape** [Herald.Wales](#)
- **Dangerous driver admits killing one and injuring two after car flipped over** [BBC](#)
- **Tinder fraudster jailed** after fake cancer and special forces lies cost victims £68,000. [Herald.Wales](#)
- **Swansea Airport licence suspended for a month** after CAA inspection. [Herald.Wales](#)
- **I was told I had no right to be at Eisteddfod, says Reform MS** [BBC](#)
- **Ystradgynlais hospital meeting overflows onto the street** amid huge turnout. [Herald.Wales](#)

?? Weather & Environment

- **Met Office issues two-day thunderstorm warning for large parts of Wales** [Herald.Wales](#)
- **Heatwaves drive record-breaking demand on NHS services in Wales** [BBC](#)
- **Giant climate warning created on wildfire-scorched Eryri mountainside** [Herald.Wales](#)

- **Teenagers arrested after deliberate mountain fire** leaves residents fearing for safety. [Herald.Wales](#)

? Culture, Business & Sport

- **Sir Tom Jones leads tributes to Dolly Parton** as the star's Welsh roots are remembered. [Herald.Wales](#)
- **Matt Lucas and Hugh Bonneville among actors calling for a law on AI voice cloning** [BBC](#)
- **Welsh National Opera to open new season with double bill · A giant rave is being staged at a famous Welsh castle** [Nation.Cymru](#)
- **Car production on slide amid fall in vehicle exports · £41.8m housing development approved** on former cosmetics factory site. [Nation.Cymru](#)
- **Business rates cut offers hope for pubs, but insolvency pressures remain high** [Herald.Wales](#)
- **Ospreys swoop for Wallabies star Marika Koroibete · Wrexham's new kit criticised by Leyton Orient** [Nation.Cymru](#)
- **Joe Rodon commits future to Leeds with new four-year deal** [Herald.Wales](#)
- **Carmarthenshire teenager makes EFL Cup history with Cardiff City debut** [Herald.Wales](#)
- **Graeme Dott removed from snooker Hall of Fame** after child sex abuse conviction. [Herald.Wales](#)

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7	Welsh Government to replace renewable targets in energy policy shift	Wales	Herald.Wales
8	Trump signs order to rename Lake Ontario as "Lake America"	World	BBC
9	Anas Sarwar set to become minister in Burnham's government	Politics	BBC
10	Met Office two-day thunderstorm warning for parts of Wales	Weather	Herald.Wales

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