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? Top Story

Nepal-Tibet flash floods — 616+ dead, 33 British nationals missing Flash flooding on the Nepal-Tibet border has killed at least 616 people, with almost 2,000 still missing — including a 13-year-old girl and 14-year-old boy among the reported missing. Scientists say a collapsed glacier near Langtang Lirung likely caused the disaster, and China warns of a "high risk" of a barrier lake bursting and triggering a **second flood**. Families including Britons have flown to Nepal searching. *(BBC, live)*

?? Politics & Justice

- **FM demands referendum powers** as draft Scottish independence bill is published — as Scotland's universities face a £200m funding gap. *(BBC Scotland Politics)*
- **Man accused of holding an IRA manual on his phone appears in court** (Old Bailey). *(BBC Wales)*
- **SSE Airtricity to increase gas prices by 19%** — customers cite mounting pressure. *(BBC UK)*
- **Burnham says he will not vote on assisted dying** — unlike Starmer. *(BBC Politics)*
- **Serial rapist police officer passed vetting despite warnings** — BBC investigation. *(BBC UK)*
- **Four plead guilty** to arson attack on Jewish community ambulances. *(BBC London)*
- **Man charged after police car rammed** following a chase (NI). *(BBC NI)*

? World

- **Norway's King Harald dies aged 89.** *(BBC)*
- **Right-wing commentator Milo Yiannopoulos detained by ICE.** *(BBC US & Canada)*

- **Judge rules the Trump administration illegally retaliated against Anthropic.** *(BBC World)*
- **Tate brothers seek bail** as they blast UK extradition fight; shown in UK trial context. *(BBC)*
- **Trump signs order to rename Lake Ontario as "Lake America."** *(BBC World)*
- **Two killed in a 'domestic violence incident' at a school near Berlin, Germany.** *(BBC)*
- **Zambian opposition leader Brian Mundubile detained over treason allegations.** *(BBC)*
- **Jury deliberating** in the trial of US woman Lindsay Clancy, accused of killing her three children. *(BBC)*

??????? Wales

- **"I couldn't reach Yr Wyddfa's summit because people jumped the queue"** — Snowdon overcrowding. *(BBC Wales)*
- **How the bluetongue virus exploded in the South West** (sheep). *(BBC)*
- **"The race to stop England running out of water"** — InDepth feature. *(BBC InDepth)*
- **"Healey to defer defence spend target"** — front page reaction. *(BBC The Papers)*

? Disasters & Incidents

- **Sign falls at a Christian festival in Sussex — 1 killed, at least 6 injured.** *(BBC Sussex)*
- **Clean-up of an illegal waste "supersite" costs taxpayers £6m.** *(BBC)*
- **"Mountain of broken fridges" growing across England and Wales** *(BBC Politics)*
- **18 deaths from battery/e-scooter fires** — BBC Verify on the e-bike boom. *(BBC Verify)*
- **Huge waste facility fire shuts Tube and train lines.** *(BBC)*

? Culture, Sport & Society

- **Prince Harry, Meghan and children land in the UK** days after announcing their move home — Cotswolds settlement speculation. *(BBC)*
- **Paul Heaton scores his first No.1 album**; Dolly Parton's *9 to 5* reaches the Top 40. *(BBC Culture)*
- **Artist defends 'unfinished' Ronnie O'Sullivan mural.** *(BBC)*
- **Storm Shadow missile — is the UK's weapon a game changer for Ukraine?** *(BBC)*
- **"Stunning photos capture August's Sturgeon Moon."** *(BBC Weather)*

? Quick Summary

Headline	Area	Timing
Nepal-Tibet floods 616+ dead, 33 Britons missing	World	Live
Nepal-Tibet second flood "high risk"	World	~09:10
1 dead, 6+ injured — sign falls at Sussex festival	UK/Sussex	1h ago
FM wants referendum powers as indep. bill published	Scotland	17:10
SSE Airtricity +19% gas prices	UK	17:15
King Harald of Norway dies aged 89	World	09:00
Milo Yiannopoulos detained by ICE	US	~01:46
Man charged after police car ramming	NI	20:18
Trump renames Lake Ontario "Lake America"	US	00:14
Anthropic retaliation ruled illegal	US/Tech	—

No polling data published today. Social channels (X/Reddit/Phice/Nitter) remain down — skipped per current stack.