Summary of Today's News

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Google deals Huawei major blow by cutting Android licence

Google has dealt a major blow to Chinese telecommunications giant Huawei by blocking the firm from using critical apps and services like Gmail and YouTube on its range of smartphones, according to reports.

Just like other major smartphone makers including Samsung and LG, Huawei relies on the Google-developed Android operating system to power its mobile devices. His comments came after Prime Minister Theresa May came in for criticism over a National Security Council decision to back the use of Huawei technology in "non-core" 5G network infrastructure in the UK.

Theresa May to pitch 'bold' new Brexit offer in final bid to win cross-party support

Theresa May is preparing to put the final touches on her "bold offer" to MPs in a fourth and final attempt to get her Brexit deal through parliament.

The prime minister is preparing to hold talks with senior ministers that she hopes will see them sign off on a supposedly enticing new package of measures to be included in her much-maligned withdrawal agreement, which has already been rejected three times by MPs. Few in Westminster expect any changes to the deal to be enough to win the cross-party support it needs to pass, which would leave Mrs May looking destined for a meek finale to a premiership set to be further undermined by a potentially disastrous set of results in the upcoming European elections. Stephen Barclay told Sky News: "Members of parliament do need to face facts, and if the deal were not to go through then there are only two alternatives - you either leave with a no-deal or you revoke." The reason most expect the deal to be rejected again is that the new package - which the Press Association reports will include measures on protecting workers' rights and provisions on future trade arrangements with the EU - will not include changes to what Mrs May has already agreed with Brussels.

Children being 'locked up' and 'sedated' in mental health hospitals

Hundreds of children with autism or a learning disability are admitted to mental health hospitals where they can suffer "nightmare" failures of care, the childrens commissioner for England has found.

These will include closer scrutiny of care by those commissioning it, and reviewing the way the CQC itself inspects learning disability and autism units. "A national strategy is needed to address the values and culture of the wider system across the NHS, education and local government so that a failure to provide earlier help is unacceptable, and admission to hospital or a residential special school is no longer seen as almost inevitable for some children." A government spokeswoman said: "We are determined to reduce the number of autistic people or people with learning disabilities in mental health hospitals - significant investment in community support has already led to a 22% reduction since March 2015."

Duke and Duchess of Cambridge dote on their children in new photos

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's children have made a rare public appearance to visit their mothers "Back to Nature" garden at the Chelsea Flower Show.

But Kate wanted to show George, Charlotte and Louis the display after they helped her gather sticks, twigs, moss and leaves to decorate the garden. I really hope that this woodland that we have created really inspires families, kids and communities to get outside, enjoy nature and the outdoors, and spend quality time together." The build at Chelsea started four weeks ago, with some parts of the garden constructed off-site, including the nine-tonne tree house, which is inspired by a bird or animal nest, built in Bristol before being moved to London.

Warning - spoilers! Game Of Thrones review: The final episode

Cometh the hour, cometh the well, cometh the Three-Eyed Raven, apparently.

After 73 episodes, hundreds of awards and hundreds of thousands of bloody deaths, the Game Of Thrones has been won, sort of, ending in bittersweet style with a finale that, like the rest of the season before it, will no doubt divide fans.

This final series has split opinion like no other; more than a million people had signed a petition calling for it to be remade before the last episode aired. After Dany's death, it all got very democratic and her successor was chosen by all the important people left standing.

All the important people apart from Jon, that is, as he had been imprisoned for murdering Dany. Jon had always made it clear he didn't want the throne, but it always felt like it would be his to give away.

Interestingly, the dragon didn't try to burn Jon, keeping his fury solely for the throne, as if acknowledging the fact that it was the hunger for power that killed her.

So Jon was sent way up North, saying goodbye to his Stark sisters/cousins Arya and Sansa and reuniting with Tormund and Ghost. hang on, Arya isn't hanging around.

We watched them clinging to each other as the Red Keep fell in the penultimate episode, but with no sign of bodies there were many who believed they might have survived (especially those who wanted a gorier ending for Cersei). It was an emotional scene, Tyrion in tears as he found the bodies of his brother and sister in the rubble.

Manchester Airport cancels dozens of flights due to fuel supply problems

Fuel supply problems that saw dozens of flights at Manchester Airport cancelled and left thousands of passengers stranded have been resolved.

One traveller, Matt Kirkham, tweeted: "Thanks to the chaos at @manairport we've ended up at Liverpool John Lennon at 2am on a Monday morning to fly to Faro." In a statement, the airport said "most scheduled flights" would operate as normal on Monday after engineers resolved the issue, but warned "there will be a small number of delays and cancellations".

'No more peanut butter and jelly sandwiches': Billionaire pays off students' debts

Graduating college students in Atlanta were left stunned when a billionaire technology investor told them he would wipe out their \$40m (31.4m) debts.

And my family is making a grant to eliminate their student loans." His generous donation is the single largest gift ever received by the college, where students graduate with an average debt of between \$30,000 (£23,563) and \$40,000 (£31,417). Speaking after the ceremony, he said: "I can delete that spreadsheet.

Ryanair profits slump 29% due to fare and costs turbulence

Ryanair has reported a 29% dip in annual profits to just over 1bn (890m) as weaker fares and higher costs weighed on its bottom line.

Ryanair said benefits to its fleet from the 737 MAX would include 4% more seats, a 16% improvement in fuel efficiency and a reduction of 40% in noise emissions. Neil Wilson, chief market analyst at Markets.com, said: "Fares down, traffic up, costs jumping - more of the same kind of themes we've been seeing for a number of quarters from Ryanair and for the whole European airline sector.

Model railway club raises 40,000 after exhibition trashed by vandals

Model railway club members have been left "overwhelmed" after people donated more than 40,000 from around the world when their collections were trashed by vandals.

The club's members had spent hours painstakingly setting up at Welland Academy but had to cancel the weekend's events after the scale of the destruction was realised. But he said it didn't compare to the 25 years of work one of his fellow club members had put into another layout. "We are continuing our investigation and confirm damage was done to model railway exhibits which had been set up in the school for a display today."

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Brexit: What happens now cross-party talks have failed?

Theresa May and the European Union agreed to delay Britain's exit from the EU for a second time until 31 October for cross-party talks to take place to break the deadlock - but those talks have failed.

With a cross-party agreement now off the cards, the two major parties face the prospect of another set of disastrous results next week, for almost three years after Britain voted to leave the European Union, voters will find themselves back at the polls voting to send the new class of 2019 MEPs to Strasbourg and Brussels.

Another set of indicative votes Theresa May said that if the government failed to draft a compromise deal with Labour, MPs would get binding indicative votes.

Withdrawal Agreement Bill MPs will get a fourth vote on Theresa May's Brexit deal with the European Union in the week beginning 3 June, when she tables the Withdrawal Agreement Bill. Listen to the All Out Politics podcast on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify or Spreaker Trump visit US President Donald Trump will make a three-day state visit to the UK from 3 June - the same week Downing Street has said Mrs May will put her Brexit legislation to a vote.

Tory leadership contest Whichever way the vote on her Brexit deal goes that week, Theresa May is unlikely to quit during a state visit.

Brexit Secretary Stephen Barclay has said a fourth defeat for the Withdrawal Agreement Bill would leave Mrs May's deal "dead" and force parliament to decide whether it will pursue a no-deal option or revoke Article 50 and halt Brexit.

What is the Withdrawal Agreement Bill? Next crucial Brexit vote explained

The Withdrawal Agreement Bill is a legally binding treaty that will put all the details of the Brexit deal into law. The bill - like any suggested new piece of legislation - has to go through several processes before becoming law.

Sky News has been told it is likely to be published next week. Remember: This "national unity" approach Mrs May declared after the first three defeats of her deal happened because Tory Brexiteers and her government partners refused to support it.

If the deal passes, the government hopes it can tie everything up with the EU to ensure Brexit happens this summer.

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