Summary of Today's News

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Trump increases tariffs on thousands of Chinese products

Donald Trump has increased tariffs on \$200bn (153bn) of Chinese imports - heightening tensions with Beijing.

Experts said it would take several months for US consumers to notice any increase in cost - assuming the tariff hikes were passed on in full. Stock markets have fallen globally throughout the week as the clock ticked down to the looming tariff increase but the Shanghai Composite was 3% up by the close following the apparent intervention of Chinese state-backed funds.

Freddie Starr found dead at Spanish home - reports

Comedian Freddie Starr has died at the age of 76, according to reports.

RIP to our greatest comedian of all time." Starr lived in the resort of Mijas on the Costa Del Sol. Comedian Bobby Davro wrote on Twitter: "I've just heard that Freddie Starr has died.

Freddie Starr was the greatest." And Britain's Got Talent judge Amanda Holden said of Starr: "His style may have fallen out of comedy fashion & favour - but it's important to recognise his once huge popularity and fame. He later said the story, which claimed Starr had placed a hamster between two slices of bread at a friend's home and eaten it, was fabricated by publicist Max Clifford. Starr also left Muhammad Ali in stitches during the boxing great's last appearance on TV chat show Parkinson in 1981.

Starr moved to Spain after losing a damages claim against one of his accusers in 2015, which reportedly left him with an estimated bill of £1m.

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Armed police scrambled to an east London mosque after a "masked" gunman entered the building during Ramadan prayers.

Worshippers at the Seven Kings Mosque were in the middle of their evening prayers on Thursday night when the incident began, and the suspect was made to leave. "Another thing that is quite worrying is that the guy was on foot, so he could be in the surrounding area still." The mosque's imam has urged people not to speculate about the gunman's motives.

Four English teams reach European finals for first time ever

Four English teams will be in the finals of European competitions for the first time ever.

Arsenal beat Valencia 7-3 on aggregate in their Europa League semi-final after going into the game with a 3-1 first-leg advantage - Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang scoring a hat-trick for the Gunners. But Aubameyang followed up with two further strikes, sending Arsenal into the final in Baku - the capital of Azerbaijan - on 29 May. Lacazette told BT Sport that Aubameyang had been "unbelievable", adding: "We want the trophy." Aubameyang said the team had learned from last season, when they were eliminated in the semi-finals.

Footage of deadly police chase shows officers fire 70 shots at suspect

Police have released dramatic body camera footage of officers firing more than 70 shots at a suspect as they chased him in their vehicle through a busy residential area.

Officers Sean Staymates and Kevin Pedersen had been alerted by family members of 50-year-old Eliuth Nava that he

was possibly armed, disturbed and under the influence of drugs.

As the pursuit unfolded, Pedersen, who was driving said he saw the suspect reach down into the vehicle and produce what appeared to be a handgun. A short time later, Nava's truck is seen to have stopped and the officers get out of their car and continue firing.

Schools break times cut by an hour over two decades, study finds

School break times have been slashed by more than an hour a week over two decades, new research suggests.

"Not only are break times an opportunity for children to get physical exercise - an issue of particular concern given the rise in obesity, but they provide valuable time to make friends and to develop important social skills - experiences that are not necessarily learned or taught in formal lessons," he said. A quarter of secondary schools in 2017 reported lunch breaks of 35 minutes or less, according to the study.

Emma Faulds: Man charged over death of woman missing for 12 days

Police have charged a man in connection with the death of a woman who has been missing since last month.

The suspect will appear at Ayr Sheriff Court on Friday and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Hamleys becomes toy for India's richest man Mukesh Ambani

Hamleys has swung from Chinese to Indian hands after its owner shied away from tough retail conditions in the UK.

C Banner International confirmed it had sold the world's oldest toy retailer to Reliance Industries - owned by India's richest man Mukesh Ambani.

The department store chain subsequently collapsed and fell into the hands of Mike Ashley's Sports Direct as the high street grappled a crisis of weak consumer confidence pre-Brexit and higher costs.

Lessons in happiness for University of Bristol students

Students studying at the University of Bristol are to be offered lessons in happiness, which will count towards their degrees from next year.

It is open to students from all university disciplines and will count towards 20 of their 120 credit points for their first year. "Ultimately, the aim is to give a greater understanding of what happiness is and how the human mind often sabotages happiness." It is hoped the course will follow the success of the Psychology and the Good Life classes offered at Yale University in the US, which one in four students signed up for and an online version of which has been accessed by more than 200,000 people.

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Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor: What the royal baby's name means

At odds of 100/1 from the bookies, Harry and Meghan's baby boy has been named Archie.

A name of German origin, Archie is the shortened version of Archibald, meaning "genuine", "bold" and "brave". Listen to the Behind the Headlines podcast on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify, Spreaker The royal couple introduced Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor to the media for the first time before taking him to meet the Queen and Prince Philip. The couple celebrated privately for a few days before introducing the baby to the world on Wednesday.

The Iran nuclear deal explained

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani has issued an ultimatum to the remaining signatories of the 2015 nuclear deal on the one-year anniversary of US President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw America from the accord.

The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), more commonly known as the Iran nuclear deal, was reached between Iran and the United States, the UK, Russia, France, China, Germany and the EU in July 2015. Mr Obama's administration sought to agree a deal that would prevent Iran obtaining nuclear weapons.

The deal also prevented Iran from producing weapons-grade plutonium, and allowed for the tracking of nuclear activities with robust transparency and inspections. Iran also had 20,000 centrifuges before the agreement was signed, but the deal required the country to reduce these to 6,104 over 10 years. The US also has the authority to target the country's development of ballistic missiles, human rights abuses and censorship.

The US President abandoned the Iran nuclear deal on 7 May 2018, claiming it did not address Iran's ballistic missile programme or its roles in Middle Eastern conflicts. The president said no action taken by Iran had been more dangerous than its pursuit of nuclear weapons, and claimed the deal had allowed Iran to enrich uranium and "cause havoc within the Middle East and beyond".

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