

Summary of Today's News

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Climate change adviser says PM's plan will fail unless it is dramatically stepped up

The government's chief adviser on climate change has warned that the prime minister's plan to eliminate Britain's contribution to global warming will fail unless cuts to greenhouse gases are dramatically stepped up.

Chris Stark, chief executive of the committee on climate change, told Sky News the government is slipping behind the existing target of cutting emissions by 80% by 2050 - and meeting Theresa May's pledge of reducing them to zero is a distant prospect.

Sir Patrick Vallance, the government's chief scientist, told Sky News it would be a "mistake" if the next prime minister was sceptical. While 68% are concerned about climate change, just 51% think people need to fly less and 35% think they need to cut back on meat to reduce their carbon footprint.

'Don't be a coward Boris, man up and show nation you can cope', Hunt tells rival Johnson

Jeremy Hunt has called on Boris Johnson not to be a "coward" by avoiding a live TV debate with him on Sky News this week.

"Sometimes in politics you can fudge, but on #Brexit you can't." Jeremy_Hunt blasts "disrespectful" @BorisJohnson after the former foreign secretary declines a Sky News debate. Listen to Sophy Ridge on Sunday on Apple podcasts, Google podcasts, Spotify, Spreaker Mr Hunt urged Sky News to continue with the debate on Tuesday evening, leaving an empty chair if Mr Johnson doesn't turn up. "This time we are not going to shrink in fear from the exit, as we have on the last two occasions." Mr Johnson's campaign was rocked by revelations that police officers were called to the south London flat he shares with Ms Symonds by a neighbour who claimed to have been "frightened and concerned" after hearing shouting, "a loud scream" and banging coming from the property. Questioned about Mr Johnson's apparent row with his partner on Friday, Mr Hunt told Sky News this morning: "We all have things that we would not want in the public arena.

UK weather: Temperatures set to soar after heavy rainfall this week

Thunderstorms could bring a month's worth of rain to the UK this week - with forecasters predicting that we could see the hottest temperatures of the year so far.

In England, central and eastern areas could get more than two weeks' worth of rain in just an hour, according to forecasters. "The most reliable places to stay dry and see the best of the sunshine really is western Wales and South West England on Monday." About 40mm of rain is forecast to fall in parts of Northern Ireland and in the North East of England.

Eight Australian children of IS fighters to be repatriated from Syria

Eight Australian children whose parents and grandparents joined Islamic State have been removed from Syria ahead of their repatriation to Australia.

Khaled Sharrouf, Yasin Rizvic, their wives and two of Sharrouf's other children have died in Syria, but the remaining children have now been taken into the care of Australian officials. Mr Morrison added: "They've got off to a horrible start in life as a result of the appalling decisions of their parents and they'll find their home in Australia and I'm sure they'll be embraced by Australians and as a result of that embrace, I'm sure they'll live positive and happy lives." Listen to the Daily podcast on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify, Spreaker This will be Australia's first organised repatriation from Syria and it comes after a long campaign by Sharrouf's Sydney-based mother-in-law Karen Nettleton.

Everest facing mountain of rubbish as climbers leave waste behind

Mount Everest's popularity this season has left the Nepalese government with a huge amount of rubbish to clean up, including human waste, campaigners say.

Dawa Steven Sherpa, who led his own clean-up last month and is a leading figure in the fight against garbage said: "The altitude, oxygen levels, dangerously icy and slippery slopes, and bad weather of South Col make it very difficult to bring such big things as tents down." Listen on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify, Spreaker Ang Tshering, former head of the Nepal Mountaineering Association said: "The biggest problem and concern now on Everest is human waste.

Woman wakes up alone on 'cold, dark' Air Canada plane after flight lands

A woman woke up "all alone" on a "cold, dark" plane after falling asleep on an Air Canada flight to Toronto.

Passenger Tiffani Adams said she woke up after falling asleep halfway through the flight to find the plane had landed and all other passengers and crew had disembarked. The airline said in a comment on the post that it was surprised and "very concerned" by the incident and said it would "look into it".

Tory leadership race: Boris Johnson is rattled - and that means a glimmer of hope for Jeremy Hunt

The Boris Johnson show rolled into Birmingham for the first of 16 Tory leadership hustings, with a full-blown scandal and an unwelcome press entourage demanding answers to uncomfortable questions.

On stage with radio presenter Iain Dale, Mr Johnson repeatedly refused to answer questions about the incident, insisting that the audience of party members didn't want to "hear about that kind of thing...

Mr Dale pressed on, raising the question of Mr Johnson's character and asking whether a person's private life had any bearing of their ability to be prime minister. Listen to Sophy Ridge on Sunday on Apple podcasts, Google podcasts, Spotify, Spreaker One party member told him he'd divided the country and the party as he wondered aloud how on earth Mr Johnson was going to unify Britain. But this was not vintage Johnson when it came to his rapport with his party.

What Mr Hunt tried to do instead was to present himself as the sensible choice as he offered an oblique critique of his political rival warning the audience that "catastrophe awaits" if they send the wrong person to Brussels to negotiate.

"If we send them the wrong person, there's going to be no negotiations, no trust, no deal, and if parliament stops that, maybe no Brexit.

Is Boris Johnson limbering up for a divorce battle with the EU?

Having been divorced twice, Boris Johnson will be aware the orderly conclusion of a marriage requires an agreed settlement.

He vowed to push back hard on the EU's proposal that negotiations be split into two phases: the first, the terms of divorce (the withdrawal agreement); the second, the terms of the future relationship. As it turned out, Theresa May's struggles to get the withdrawal agreement ratified by parliament meant the negotiations on future trade never properly started, let alone concluded. Mr Stewart said on Twitter: "This fairy-tale of no-deal negotiating is a miasma of ambiguity and self-contradiction - it will disappoint its supporters and damage us deeply." Justice Secretary David Gauke said: "The implementation period is part of the withdrawal agreement. And abandon the insurance policy of the Irish backstop - the commitment of the UK to stay in the EU's customs and regulatory framework to maintain an open border in the absence of a trade deal that achieves the same effect.

A New Climate: How is the UK powered?

Britain is on the path to climate change-friendly electricity.

To learn more, download the National Grid Electricity System Operator app, which uses live data to show the mix of sources of electricity used in the UK as a pie chart, how green certain parts of the country are and the greenest times of the day to use electricity.

My son died from cold water shock - but others don't have to

Fiona Gosling's son Cameron died after jumping into cold water on a hot summer's day in Bishop Auckland, County Durham.

It will never happen to me - something I have said many times. Days passed in a blur, but after speaking to the coroner, she explained that Cameron had died from cold water shock - which can affect breathing and movement - even among strong and confident swimmers, like Cameron. We will not get to see him marry or enjoy being grandparents to his children - something most people experience in life.

Cystic Fibrosis Week: 'I am one of the lucky ones' - CF patient reveals experience

To mark Cystic Fibrosis Week this week, 30-year-old James Hall from Immingham in North East Lincolnshire has told Sky News that despite the short life expectancy of those living with the condition, he pushes himself to do what he loves.

I have very few friends that have Cystic Fibrosis for two reasons. But my lung function was dropping and I was 23 but after taking ivacaftor my improved lung function has allowed me to live my life.

I have always used the statistic of low life expectancy to really push myself and to do what I love which is perform.

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