



BBC World News launches new studios, new programming, new presenters

January 9, 2012 – Fresh from announcing important new distribution deals in the US and Burma, the BBC's international television news channel, BBC World News, is unveiling a dramatic new look next week when it re-launches from new studios in central London. The channel will feature a refreshed line-up of programmes and presenters, and will be investing heavily in additional newsgathering capacity around the world.

From 23:00 AEDT on Monday January 14th the channel will be broadcast from new state of the art High Definition studios in the BBC's new London headquarters, the redeveloped Broadcasting House. BBC World News is the first English language channel to go live from the new building.

BBC World News journalists will be at the heart of 'the world's newsroom' where the BBC's UK and international journalism teams have come together to provide output across digital, radio and television and 27 different languages, reaching an audience of 239 million people around the world each week. Eventually, 6,000 people - more than a quarter of all BBC staff - will be based in Broadcasting House, one of the world's largest broadcast complexes.

The channel will also debut new on air talent including **Yalda Hakim**, one of Australia's brightest international journalists, who has joined the channel as a current affairs correspondent and presenter for a new weekly current affairs programme. BBC World News has also announced that long time BBC News presenter and reporter **Jon Sopel** is joining the channel to present ***Global with Jon Sopel***, a new weekday international news programme.

From 14th January, BBC World News' core weekday programming will include:

- World News Today with Zeinab Badawi (06:00 AEDT)
- Business Edition with Tanya Beckett (08:00 AEDT)
- BBC World News America (10:30 AEDT)
- Newsday (11:00, 12:00, 10:00 AEDT)
- HARDtalk with Stephen Sackur (15:30, 20:30, 01:30, 08:30 AEDT)
- GMT with George Alagiah (23:00 AEDT)
- Impact with Mishal Husain (00:00 AEDT)
- Global with Jon Sopel (02:00 AEDT)
- BBC Focus on Africa (04:30 AEDT)

Richard Porter, Controller of English for BBC Global News said: "BBC World News is kicking off the new year with an entirely new look and feel. From virtual reality capability to full HD production, new presenters and a programming line-up that goes from strength to strength, BBC World News audiences will have access to not only the best, most dynamic journalism in the world, but also the latest technology to enhance storytelling and bring viewers inside the stories that shape our world."

Jim Egan, COO of BBC Global News Ltd said: “This re-launch marks the biggest change for BBC World News in at least a decade and is part of a sustained commitment by the BBC to build on our long history of delivering high quality international news by enhancing our TV and digital offers to viewers, advertisers and distribution partners. We aspire to be recognised as the world’s best international news provider and will be making a series of investments this year to support that ambition.”

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Notes to editors

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BBC World News, the international 24-hour news and information channel is available in more than 200 countries and territories worldwide, and over 350 million households and 1.8 million hotel rooms. The channel's content is also available on 151 cruise ships, 40 airlines and 23 mobile phone networks. For further information on **BBC World News** visit bbc.com/tvschedule

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