# NewsOfTheWeek- Roundup:

(week commencing 19/2/24)

## **Monday:**

#### Politics:

- Lord Cameron calls for 'stop to the fighting right now' in Gaza (The Evening Standard-link)
- Keir Starmer risks biggest rebellion of his leadership over Gaza vote, MPs warn (The Guardian-link)
- Labour's triple lock pension pledge will force the Tories to do the same (The i- link)
- Lord Cameron hopes people of Falkland Islands want to stay British 'forever' (The Evening Standard-<u>link</u>)
- o Public purse pays £11k for minister's three-day trip to US (The Times-link)
- o 'Negativity' around Scottish and UK governmental relations, committee told (The Evening Standard-link)
- o Yousaf rejects Labour plans to increase North Sea windfall tax (The Times-link)
- Economy minister says Windsor Framework is accelerating an all-Ireland economy and DUP deal commitment will have 'little effect' (Newsletter- link)
- o Boris Johnson loyalist poll claims ex-PM 'would bring back half of lost Tory votes (The Times-link)
- Nikki Haley allies, facing daunting odds, place last bets on 'Super Tuesday' (Reuters-link)
- o Idaho asks Supreme Court to let it enforce ban on transgender care (CNN-link)

#### Energy:

o California proposes fracking phaseout, making good on Newsom's pledge (The Hill-link)

#### Miscellaneous (random):

- Yulia Navalnaya vows to continue husband Alexei's fight and says Putin killed him (The Guardian-<u>link</u>)
- Donald Trump sells golden trainers after his £355m fine (The Times-<u>link</u>)
- Baby's birth certificate 'had Israel scribbled out' after being sent off for passport application (Sky Newslink)
- SNP cuts mean fewer Scots go to university, says think tank (The Times-<u>link</u>)
- New York City lawmakers move to ban Tide Pods, Laundry sheet (Fox News-link)
- Stonehenge tunnel ruling clears path to construction (The Times-link)

- China's stock market plays catch-up after data shows biggest travel surge since COVID (MarketWatchlink)
- o 'Catastrophic' attack on British Ship leaves it at risk of sinking, Houthis claim (Sky News-link)
- o US proposes a 'temporary ceasefire' in Gaza in draft UN resolution (CNN-link)
- US investigating after drone crashed in Yemen, officials say (CNN- link)

## **Tuesday:**

#### **Politics:**

- MPs demand evidence in Post Office row as Kemi Badenoch blasted for 'deeply embarrassing' spat (The Independent- link)
- o Irish funding for NI 'not intended as any kind of political statement' (The Evening Standard-link)
- Lord Cameron becomes first UK foreign secretary to visit Paraguay (The Independent-link)
- o Labour's David Lammy says possible Israeli ground offensive in Rafah is 'worrying' (Sky News-link)
- Furious MPs demand Speaker Lindsay Hoyle RESIGNS after he saved Keir Starmer in Gaza debate sparking meltdown in Commons (The Sun- <u>link</u>)
- Florida moves to join other states opening schools to chaplains (Politico-<u>link</u>)
- Wisconsin's new legislative maps are a win for democracy (Vox-<u>link</u>)
- o Trump expected to haul in \$6M at South Carolina fundraiser: 'The primary is over' (Fox News-link)
- Republican lawmaker quietly deletes tweet claiming Kansas City Chiefs' shooter is 'illegal immigrant (The Independent- <u>link</u>)

#### Environmental/weather/space:

- o The EU is formalising rules for taking CO2 out of the atmosphere (The Verge-link)
- Future sports stadiums should be environmentally friendly, kids say (The Mirror-link)
- Microplastics discovered in every human placenta tested after birth (Earth.com-<u>link</u>)

#### Miscellaneous (random):

- Home Office sacks information chief inspector after scathing criticism of border security (The Independent- link)
- Labour demands Cabinet Office investigation into claims made by former Post Office chair Henry Staunton (Sky News- link)
- Bankrupt Birmingham council to raise council tax by 21% and shed 600 jobs (The Independent-link)

- Chinese illegal immigration on pace to break records at US southern border (Fox News-link)
- Netanyahu says Israel won't 'pay any price' for release of Gaza hostages (Reuters-link)
- Prince William says 'too many have been killed' in Israel-Hamas war and calls for 'end to fighting as soon as possible' (Sky News- <u>link</u>)

## **Wednesday:**

#### Politics:

- o Trump struggles to answer when asked for proof of Biden 'corruption' (The Independent-link)
- o Nikki Haley says she believes embryos created through IVF are babies (The Guardian-link)
- Biden cancels another \$1.2bn in student debt (Independent- link)
- Trump set to take down his own party's speaker (MSNBC- link)
- o White House struggles to increase pressure on Russia as options dwindle (Politico-link)
- Kemi Badenoch on 'very thin ice' over Post Office spat, ex-cabinet minister warns (The I- link)
- Gaza ceasefire vote descends into chaos and anger as SNP and Tories walk out (The I- <u>link</u>)
- o Truss claims left 'sabotaged' her tax-slashing efforts ahead of US speech (The Independent- link)
- Lindsay Hoyle Fighting For Survival After Controversial Ruling Sparks SNP Fury (HuffPost-link)
- Long-term sick being failed by Tories' record of NHS backlog, Keir Starmer says (The Mirror-link)
- o Labour tells NFU conference it will reduce imports that undercut British Farmers (The Guardian-link)
- Welsh Government's subsidy scheme 'will decimate farming communities', PM warns (The Independentlink)

#### Environmental/weather/space:

o 'Safe' air-quality levels in US, UK and EU still harmful for health, study says (The Guardian-link)

#### Miscellaneous (random):

- King Charles 'reduced to tears' by support after cancer diagnosis (Reuters-link)
- o Inside the City's fightback over plan to seize £26bn in Russian assets (The I- link)
- Trump asks judge to delay enforcing the \$355 million civil fraud decision for one month (CNN-link)
- o Trident missile launch flop prompts questions over UK's nuclear deterrent (The Independent-link)
- Latest OBR forecast shows major tax cuts in the budget are 'impossible' (ITV News-link)
- Hundreds calling for Gaza ceasefire protest outside Parliament as MPs debate SNP motion (The Independent- link)

- o Gaza aid deliveries paused amid 'incredible level of desperation' (The Guardian-link)
- o Greece introduces fast-track visa for Turkish tourists to 10 islands (EuroNews-link)
- UK to consider suspending arms exports to Israel if Rafah offensive goes ahead (The Guardian-link)
- Indian delegation in UK for final push on free trade agreement (The Independent-link)

## **Thursday:**

#### Politics:

- Liz Truss backs Trump at US Conservative conference and says West is 'doomed' (The I- link)
- Yousaf urged to suspend MSP who said it was legitimate to criticise 'the Jews' (The Times-link)
- Lara Trump says RNC needs to raise \$500 mln, sees interest in paying Trump legal fees (Reuters-link)
- 'With my stalker released, I watch where I walk': MPs share safety fears (The Times-<u>link</u>)
- o Tories fear anger at Speaker will let Kier Starmer off the hook (The Times-link)
- MPs condemn 'From the River to the sea' projection on Parliament (The Times-link)
- Nigel Farage urges incoming Labour government to appoint him as Britian's ambassador to US 'in the national interest' (The Sun- <u>link</u>)
- Commons Speaker 'did his very best' as 'some parties trying to make political gain', says Lib Dem leader Ed Davey (Sky News- <u>link</u>)
- Not acceptable for protestors to target MPs in their homes, says Stella Creasy (The Guardian-link)
- Kemi Badenoch second last in voters' preference for next Tory leader, poll shows (The i-link)

#### Energy:

UK quits treaty that lets oil firms sue government (BBC News-link)

#### **Environment/weather:**

Government delays pledge to stop water firms self-reporting their sewage levels (The I- link)

#### Miscellaneous (random):

- o Scouts employee referred to police after teen plunged 200ft off cliff to his death (The Mirror-link)
- o Private spacecraft could make the first US moon landing in 50 years (ITV News-link)
- Derbyshire: Waste Company ordered to pay £68,500 after cyanide leak kills hundreds of fish (Sky Newslink)
- o Sharp rise in anti-Muslim hatred in UK 'with women bearing brunt' (The Independent- link)
- Stronger business surveys positive for UK's 2024 outlook, BoE's Greene (Reuters-link)

- o Israeli negotiators to take part in new Gaza ceasefire talks, source and media say (Reuters-link)
- o Probe launched over Mexican president disclosing phone number of NYT journalist (Reuters- link)
- Israel proposes arr (Reuters-link)
- UK to provide anti-tank missiles to help Ukraine battle Russian invasion (The Evening Standard-<u>link</u>)

### **Friday:**

#### Politics:

- Cameron: Foreign Secretary on post-war plans for Gaza and continuing support for Gaza and continuing support for Ukraine (Sky News-link)
- Trump arrives 90 minutes late and delivers wild, incoherent speech praising Capitol rioters' 'spirit': Live (The Independent- <u>link</u>)
- Labour demands Truss and Anderson lose whip as pair rebuked by senior Tory (The Evening Standard-<u>link</u>)
- Health Secretary signals backing for decriminalising abortion (The Independent-<u>link</u>)
- Yousaf affirms 'steadfast support for Ukraine on second anniversary of invasion (ITV News- link)
- UK politics: Sunak 'concerned' over Hoyle's rule change but gives credit over speaker's apology as it happened
  (The Guardian- link)
- UK and EU reach new deal on stopping small boat crossings (Sky News-<u>link</u>)
- Former refugees minister Lord Harrington calls for a cap on the number of asylum seekers the UK takes (LBC-link)

#### Death:

Chemical attack suspect Abdul Ezedi drowned in Thames, post-mortem reveals (LBC- link)

#### Environment/weather/space:

Tornado warning as Met Office says storm brings 'danger to life' risk to UK (The I-link)

#### Miscellaneous (random):

- Fertility rate slumps to record low in 'slow-burn' economic crisis (The Telegraph-<u>link</u>)
- King Charles 'brought to tears' by support as young fan urges him to 'never give up' cancer fight (The Mirror-
- Vladimir Putin has 'something fundamentally wrong' with his health, ex MI6 boss suggests (The Independent-link)
- Former Tory MP Bob Stewart's racial abuse conviction overturned as he wins appeal (LBC-<u>link</u>)
- Lee Anderson's 'divisive and dangerous' rant against Sadiq Khan condemned by Tory and Labour MPs (The Evening Standard- link)
- Houthi attack on freighter Raymar caused significant damage to ship, US says (Reuters-<u>link</u>)
- o Teenage pregnancy on rise despite overall fertility falling (The Times-link)

- US imposes sanctions on Russia's leading tanker group Sovcomflot (Reuters-link)
- o Scholz, marking Ukraine invasion anniversary, calls for stronger Europe (Reuters-<u>link</u>)
- US intelligence casts doubt on Israeli claims of UNRWA- Hamas links, report says (The Guardian- <u>link</u>)
- Binyamin Netanyahu unveils Israel's 'day after' plan for Gaza (The Times- <u>link</u>)

### **Saturday:**

#### Politics:

- Met Police needs to 'recover confidence of women', Justice Secretary Alex Chalk says (The I-link)
- Lee Anderson suspended from Conservative Party after claiming 'Islamists have control of Sadiq Khan' (LBClink)
- Three female MPs have issued with 'taxpayer-funded bodyguards and cars' amid growing safety concerns (LBC-link)
- Cabinet in furious row with financial regulator over plans to force banks to hit woke diversity Quotas (The Sunlink)
- Anderson comments reveal 'rot at the heart' of Conservative party, says Baroness Warsi (4 News-<u>link</u>)
- Reform leader Tice: UK is at the 'Everest base camp of sectarian politics' (The Evening Standard-<u>link</u>)
- o NHS tops poll of voters' concerns as latest strike threatens further havoc (The Guardian-link)
- o Nigel Farage claims 'Judeo Christian culture' under threat at wild US right wing conference (The Mirror- link)
- o Republican seeks to bar party from paying Trump's legal bills (Reuters-link)
- o Trump kisses and hugs flag and does strange swaying to music ahead of CPAC speech (The Independent- link)
- Trump defeats Haley in South Carolina primary (BBC News-<u>link</u>)

#### Death:

Death toll in Valencia fire rises to 10 as remains of last missing person found (The Guardian-link)

#### Environment/weather/space:

- o US calls damage from vessel struck by Houthis an 'environmental disaster' (The Hill-link)
- Environmental impact report on Hong Kong border project misidentified birds, but no plans to redo assessment (South China Morning Post- <u>link</u>)
- o Paris Farmers stage Eu environmental policies protest (Sky News-<u>link</u>)

#### Miscellaneous (random):

- o Tesco changes Clubcard plan after complaints (The Independent- link)
- Glasgow 'disregards' rules to include social housing in private estates it is claimed (Glasgow Live-<u>link</u>)
- Plymouth WW2 bomb will be detonated by Royal Navy divers in the next 24 hours (Plymouth Live-<u>link</u>)
- Police 'need powers to disperse threatening protests outside Parliament' (The Independent- <u>link</u>)
- Palestinian Solidarity Campaign defends right to lobby Parliament 'in large numbers' (The Independent-link)
- Shamima Begum loses bid to regain UK citizenship (BBC News-link)

- Australia PM pledges 'whatever support' needed as wildfires destroy homes (Reuters-<u>link</u>)
- o Kaja Kallas: Estonian PM urges Nato to bolster support for Ukraine (BBC News-<u>link</u>)

## **Sunday:**

News published after 7pm will not be included in NewsOfTheWeek's roundup

#### Politics:

- Donald Trump says Prince Harry would be 'on his own' if he becomes US president again (The Independent-link)
- UK parliament must not bend to intimidation, says PM Sunak (Reuters-<u>link</u>)
- o Rayner defends herself after selling council house for profit (Sky News-link)
- Tory MPs believe Lee Anderson suspension was a mistake, leaked WhatsApps reveal (Sky News-link)
- o MPs set to debate Gaza ceasefire again as SNP take up Speaker's offer after Commons chaos (Sky News-link)
- Put obesity at heart of spring budget, experts tell Jeremy Hunt (The Sunday Times <u>link</u>)
- Death threats seem a norm MP says (BBC News-<u>link</u>)
- Labour nationalisation plans could cause 'exodus of talent', rail industry warns (The i-link)
- Andy Burnham accuses Conservatives of racism 'double standard' (Manchester Evening News-link)
- Valdimir Putin could kill again on Britian's streets defence secretary Grant Shapps warns (The Evening Standardlink)
- Support for clean-air traffic scheme in Fulham plunges Tory MP into row (The Guardian-link)
- Prisoner early release scheme extended indefinitely, leaked documents show (Sky News-<u>link</u>)

#### Environment/weather/space:

- UK weather: Threat of flooding as heavy rain forecast for parts of country (Sky News-<u>link</u>)
- Bangladesh's critically endangered Asian elephants get court protection (BBC News-link)
- Eras Forests could offset Taylor Swift's Carbon Footprint (Forbes- link)

#### Miscellaneous (random):

- Jamaican man to be deported from UK after previous attempt was halted by fellow passengers (The Guardianlink)
- o Britons should prepare for conscription if Russia hits Nato, warns ex- Army chief (The i-link)
- British Palestinian 'received death threats' for advocating peace with Israel (The Independent <u>link</u>)

- Israel mulls ceasefire plan as progress reported (BBC News- <u>link</u>)
- o US and UK launch missile strikes against Houthi targets in Yemen (The Guardian-link)
- Brazil's Bolsonaro gathers supports in show of strength amid coup probe (Reuters-<u>link</u>)
- Mexico poll Frontrunner Claudia Sheinbaum deluged with hate messages (BBC News-<u>link</u>)
- Murdoch is leaning towards backing Labour but doubts remain over Starmer (The I- link)