

NewsOfTheWeek- Roundup:

(week commencing 26/2/24)

Monday:

Politics:

- Pentagon absolves itself after Austin's secret hospitalization (Reuters- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak 'made calculation he doesn't need Muslim voters', claims Tory MP Rehman Chisti (Sky News- [link](#))
- Shapps: RAF will continue strikes until Houthi attacks on Red Sea shipping end (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- More than 40% think Labour still has antisemitism problem, poll shared with Sky News reveals (Sky News- [link](#))
- Jeremy Hunt plans national insurance cut and vape tax for budget (The Times- [link](#))
- 'My party has learnt nothing': Baroness Warsi on Conservatives' Islamophobia row (4 News- [link](#))
- Speaker Sir Lindsay Hoyle retracts offer to SNP for emergency ceasefire debate (Sky News- [link](#))
- Law to exonerate wronged subpostmasters expected in Parliament 'next month' (The Evening Standard- [link](#))

Death:

- British banker Jacob Rothschild dies aged 87 (Reuters- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Post Office scandal: Victims secure improved interim compensation (Sky News- [link](#))
- SNP minister 'fears walking home' after death threats (The Times- [link](#))
- Hundreds of small boat migrants charged with illegal entry to UK after new powers come into force (The Independent- [link](#))

Global:

- France's Macron says sending troops to Ukraine cannot be ruled out (Reuters- [link](#))
- Israel destroys 10km Hamas tunnel in northern Gaza (The Times- [link](#))
- Hungary approves Sweden's NATO bid, unblocking historic expansion (The Washington Post- [link](#))
- Palestinian Authority PM Shtayyeh resigns citing new 'reality' in Gaza (BBC News- [link](#))
- UN warns Rafah attack would be 'nail in coffin' of Gaza aid as deliveries halve (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Israeli air force launch strikes deep inside Lebanon (4 News- [link](#))
- Israel accused of violating UN court order and blocking Gaza aid (The Evening Standard- [link](#))

Tuesday:

Politics:

- Rishi Sunak braced for another by-election after ex-Tory MP Scott Benton suspended from Commons (Sky News- [link](#))
- Lee Anderson threatens Sunak with defection to Reform as Islamophobia row deepens (The Independent- [link](#))
- Gething automatically deleted messages, Covid inquiry hears (BBC News- [link](#))
- Trump seeks to block Stormy Daniels, Michael Cohen testimony at hush money trial (Reuters- [link](#))
- US senators question Biden's Yemen strategy, want congressional authorisation (Reuters- [link](#))
- Kentucky lawmakers advance bill allowing child support to begin with pregnancy (The Independent- [link](#))
- Biden to visit Texas border sector with among the lowest illegal crossings (Fox News- [link](#))
- New York City Mayor Eric Adams calls for changes to NYC sanctuary policy (CNN- [link](#))
- Fergus Ewing slams authoritarian SNP after losing suspension appeal (The Times- [link](#))

Death:

- Thomas Kingston: Royals mourn Prince Michael of Kent's son-in-law (BBC News- [link](#))

Environmental/weather/space:

- EU lawmakers approve tougher bloc-wide penalties for environmental crime (Reuters- [link](#))
- Israel deliberately starving Palestinians, UN rights expert says (The Guardian- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- RTE chairwoman 'indicated she might resign' before minister's live TV interview (The Guardian- [link](#))
- UK dismisses Macron's call to send NATO troops to Ukraine (The I- [link](#))
- Older cancer patients miss out on treatment amid 'systemic agism' (The Times- [link](#))
- Fear of regulator visits spurred banks to shut accounts, says UK minister (Reuters- [link](#))

Global:

- Israel- Gaza war: Netanyahu and Biden spar over support for conflict (BBC News- [link](#))
- US expected to reduce forces near Middle East by removing Marine rapid response force from Mediterranean Sea (CNN- [link](#))
- Mexico prepared to retaliate if US imposes steel tariffs (Reuters- [link](#))
- Peru declares health emergency as dengue cases soar (The Telegraph- [link](#))

Wednesday:

Politics:

- Trump loses bid to pause \$454.2 million judgement in NY civil fraud case (Reuters- [link](#))
- Mitch McConnell to step down as US Republican Senate leader (The Times- [link](#))
- Right will unite, Farage predicts, after Starmer says Tories dancing to his Tune (The Independent- [link](#))
- Police 'assessing' hate speech complaint against Lee Anderson (Sky News- [link](#))
- Liz Truss 'did nothing wrong' over Tommy Robinson 'hero' comment, Tory minister says (The Independent- [link](#))
- We'll continue to march, pro- Palestinian groups tell James Cleverly (BBC News- [link](#))
- MPs must be kept safe, but campaigners warn the right to legitimate protest may suffer (Sky News- [link](#))
- Biden reelection campaign unveils effort to win women's vote (The Hill- [link](#))
- Tories are 'political wing of Flat Earth Society', taunts Starmer (The Independent- [link](#))

Energy:

- Green groups to petition Biden for cleanup rules for offshore oil infrastructure (The Hill- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Harry Dunn's remains 'kept by police for more than four years', mother says (Sky News- [link](#))
- Alabama authorities seek person of interest in explosion at state attorney general's office (Fox News- [link](#))
- Lady Gabriella Windsor's husband Thomas Kingston 'died at his parents' £3m country mansion (LBC News- [link](#))

Global:

- British military chief helped Zelensky destroy Russian war ships (The Times- [link](#))
- Five suspects in Ecuador presidential candidate killing to go to on trial, attorney general says (Reuters- [link](#))
- European nations must end repression of peaceful climate protest, says UN expert (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Hamas raises stakes in Gaza truce talks by calling for Ramadan March (Reuters- [link](#))

Thursday:

Politics:

- Polls close in Rochdale byelection with George Galloway favourite to win seat (The Guardian- [link](#))
- MP Julian Kight looking at 'legal options' after sexual offences investigation is closed (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Trump mocked for new video responding to Biden taunts over his gaffes: 'so easily triggered!' (The Independent- [link](#))
- US judge blocks Texas law cracking down on illegal border crossings (Reuters- [link](#))
- Rishi Sunak and Jeremy Hunt 'at loggerheads' over tax cuts (The Times- [link](#))
- Trump appeals ruling disqualifying him from Illinois ballot (Reuters- [link](#))

Michael Gove investigated by Commons watchdog over tickets from door (The Times- [link](#))

Death:

- Israel-Gaza war: More than 100 reported killed in crowd near Gaza aid convoy, Hamas-run health ministry (BBC News- [link](#))
- Trans prisoner Tiffany Scott dies in jail (BBC News- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Thomas Kingston: Inquest to open into death of Prince and Princess Michael of Kent's son-in-law (Sky News- [link](#))
- US defence secretary's comments suggest Israel is nowhere close to destroying Hamas (Sky News- [link](#))
- Prince William responds to question about Kate during meeting with Holocaust survivor (The Independent- [link](#))
- Christian Horner: Red Bull Team principal repeats denial of inappropriate behaviour after leak of alleged investigation material (Sky News- [link](#))
- Boeing agrees to \$51 mln settlement for US export violations, including in China (Reuters- [link](#))

Global:

- Palestinian Authority receives \$114m from Israel, Norway says (Reuters- [link](#))
- Five countries pledge personnel for Haiti mission, UN says (Reuters- [link](#))
- Putin's mouthpiece says UK 'directly involved in Ukraine conflict' (Metro- [link](#))

Friday:

Politics:

- PM rails against 'extremist forces trying to tear us apart' in Downing Street address (Sky News- [link](#))
- US President Biden has mixed up Ukraine and Gaza in his announcement of US aid air drops in Gaza (Sky News- [link](#))
- Sunak urges voters to 'stick' with Tories as he confirms 2024 General Election (The Independent- [link](#))
- George Galloway wins Rochdale (The Times- [link](#))
- Haley hits out at male politicians for 'demonizing' abortion issue with talk of bans (The Hill- [link](#))
- Congress curtails move expanding Pell Grant for some students (The Washington Post- [link](#))
- DeSantis vetoes social media ban for kids under 16, Florida lawmakers offer new option (The Independent- [link](#))
- Biden signs stopgap spending bill to avert government shutdown, White House says (Reuters- [link](#))
- Haley slams Trump for Senate losses, calls out GOP lawmakers for courting him (Fox News- [link](#))
- Banish this hatred from our streets, implores Rishi Sunak (The Times- [link](#))
- Matt Hancock MP awaits ruling on antisemitism libel claim by Andrew Bridgen MP (BBC News- [link](#))
- Hunt and Sunak scramble to piece together budget after £2bn black hole warning (The i- [link](#))
- Grant Shapps urges Chancellor to raise defence spending to 2.5% of GDP (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- George Galloway, elected MP for Rochdale, has said he 'despises' the prime minister (Sky News- [link](#))
- Angela Rayner denies misleading tax cuts officials (BBC News- [link](#))
- Finland's new president says Finland must have real nuclear deterrent (Reuters- [link](#))

Death:

- Thomas Kingston died from traumatic head wound, inquest hears (BBC News- [link](#))
- Hamas armed wing says seven hostages killed in Gaza (Reuters- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Thousands gather for Navalny's funeral in Moscow amid threat of arrest (CNN- [link](#))
- Football lawmakers set to scrap blue card plans, trial for sin bins to go ahead (The Athletic- [link](#))
- 'We're really struggling': British farmers pushed to brink by 'shocking' levels of floods (ITV News- [link](#))
- Almost 70,000 children missing out on mental health treatment (The Independent- [link](#))
- British children face 'shorter, unhappier lives' from obesity (The Times- [link](#))
- Met police 'screening out' two-thirds of crime reports, data shows (The Evening Standard- [link](#))
- Marks & Spencer wins High Court battle to demolish Oxford Street store (The Evening Standard- [link](#))

Global:

- Nicaragua files case at World Court against Germany for aiding Israel (Reuters- [link](#))
- Ukraine war: Russian shelling hits Donetsk region (Euronews- [link](#))
- Putin planning to 'destabilise' Europe by 'using private armies to send migrants to the continent' (LBC- [link](#))

Saturday:

Politics:

- Tory MP accuses Naga Munchetty of 'putting words in his mouth' over pro-Palestine protests (The Independent- [link](#))
- George Galloway: Prime Minister's speech was despicable and dangerous (ITV News- [link](#))
- Alicia Kearns rebukes MP for removing 'T' from 'LGBT' in Commons debate (The Independent- [link](#))
- Jeremy Hunt's seat under threat as voters put NHS ahead of tax perks (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Trump-appointed judge hints she'll reject Jack Smith's 'unrealistic' classified documents trial date (The Independent- [link](#))
- Minorities being humiliated for 'political gain', London Mayor Sadiq Khan says (Sky News- [link](#))
- Budget to include £800m to cut red tape and free up NHS police time (The Independent- [link](#))
- Michigan GOP awards 37 more delegates to trump (Politico- [link](#))

Death:

- Danish Conservative People's Party leader Soren Pape Poulsen dies, party says (Reuters- [link](#))
- Death toll rises from Russian strike on Ukrainian port city (EuroNews- [link](#))

Environment/weather/space:

- 2028 delay to cash for plastic scheme 'deeply disappointing', say retail giants (The i- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Queen Camilla to take a break from royal duties (Hello!- [link](#))
- UK cargo ship sinks in Red Sea after Houthi missile attack (ITV News- [link](#))
- Prince Harry could be kicked out of America and forced back to the UK over major blunder (The Mirror- [link](#))
- MPs 'naive' on policing marches as Sunak demands robust action says ex- Met chief (The i- [link](#))
- Police block pro-Palestine protest day after PM's extremist warning (The Independent- [link](#))
- Speed limits of 60mph on M1 and M6 to be dropped after air quality improvements (The Independent- [link](#))
- Lawyers who voided Elon Musk's pay as excessive want \$6bn fee (Reuters- [link](#))
- Amid tensions with Russia, SpaceX to launch astronaut crew (The Washington Post- [link](#))
- Boeing delays 737 production expansion after Alaska Airlines incident (Business Insider- [link](#))
- Ski resorts' era of plentiful snow may be over due to climate crisis, study finds (The Guardian- [link](#))

Global:

- Joe Biden twice confuses Gaza with Ukraine as he approves US military aid airdrops (Sky News- [link](#))
- Violence and human rights abuses threaten South Sudan's stability, a UN report warns (The Independent- [link](#))
- US CDC drops five-day COVID isolation guidelines (Reuters- [link](#))

Sunday:

News published after 6:30pm will not be included in NewsOfTheWeek's Roundup

Politics:

- Health Secretary chiefs voice fears over Mp's move to cut abortion limit (The Independent- [link](#))
- Majority of voters think Biden is too old to be effective president, new poll says (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Trump crowd goes silent as he confuses Biden and Obama again (The Independent- [link](#))
- Haley says she no longer feels bound by the GOP pledge requiring her to support the eventual nominee (The Independent- [link](#))
- No. 2 Senate Democrat says 'killing has to stop' in Gaza (CNN- [link](#))
- Trump-Biden rematch hits overdrive with Super Tuesday, State of The Union (The Hill- [link](#))
- Houthi namecheck George Galloway in message to Rishi Sunak as cargo ship sinks (Sky News- [link](#))
- UK ministers look to install highly paid boss to spearhead rail reform plan (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Labour would shift focus of development aid to fewer countries, says Lisa Nandy (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Fewer than 20% of levelling up projects completed in England, figures show (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Parliament to carry out ID checks on visitors amid MP safety fears (The Sunday Times- [link](#))
- Michael Gove ready to meet local leaders over council tax freeze (The Sunday Times- [link](#))

Death:

- Channel crossing: Seven-year-old girl drowns in northern France after boat capsizes (ITV News- [link](#))

Environment/weather/space:

- 'Extreme' blizzard hits California, Nevada and Utah causing widespread disruption (Sky News- [link](#))

Miscellaneous (random):

- Motorists mocked as cars stuck on beach and battered by waves at iconic resort (The Mirror- [link](#))
- Banks placed on alert over 'rogue' Companies House filings (Sky News- [link](#))
- Prince William to carry out engagements this week as he continues to refuse to comment on speculation about Kate's health (Sky News- [link](#))
- Aurthur Scargill joins miners' strike's 40th anniversary rally (BBC News- [link](#))
- Felled Sycamore Gap tree to go on display in Northumberland (The Guardian- [link](#))
- Americans overwhelmingly support keeping IVF legal for women, poll finds (Politico- [link](#))
- UK terror threat at highest level since 9/11 (The Independent- [link](#))
- SNP MP who defected to Tories took family to safe house after death threats (The Sunday Times- [link](#))
- Number of small boat migrants coming since 2018 is bigger than Dover population (The Sun- [link](#))

Global:

- Israel said to boycott Cairo ceasefire talks over hostage list (Reuters- [link](#))
- Italian warship forces to shoot down Houthi missile in Red Sea (The Guardian- [link](#))
- German air force chief reveals secret UK operation in Ukraine in security breach (The i- [link](#))
- Russia publishes German army meeting on Ukraine (BBC News- [link](#))

