

Johnson and sleaze, Cop26 unfolds and the Savile exposé

Is the Brexit-bolstered bulletproof screen around Boris Johnson's Conservative government about to shatter?

The UK prime minister is embroiled in yet another sleaze scandal after a thwarted attempt to bend parliamentary standards rules, in order to shield a Tory MP found to have been lobbying for private firms. It's the latest episode to erode the government's public standing, as we find out.

And, in a week when Johnson welcomed the world to the Cop26 climate conference in Glasgow - before departing in a private jet - we find out how his part-statesman, part-standup patter went down with international delegates.

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As we went to press, Cop26 was entering its final week.

Global environment editor Jonathan Watts rounds up what has been achieved in the early stages of the conference - and where efforts have fallen short.

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A decade has passed since the death of Jimmy Savile, the British DJ and TV presenter posthumously exposed as a sexual predator and a paedophile. But the story of the BBC reporters who risked their careers to break the news is less well-known. Poppy Sebag-Montefiore reveals a sorry tale of institutional failure at the broadcaster.

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Our culture reads this week include a deep delve into the world of non-fungible tokens, the digital crypto-artworks tearing up the staid norms of the art world.

Then there's an interview with Jane Campion, the feted New Zealand film director whose brooding western, *The Power of the Dog*, is about to hit screens.

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A series of scandals ranging from MPs lobbying for private healthcare firms to the source of funds used to pay for wallpapering the prime minister's flat have exposed some snake-like manoeuvring at the heart of the British government. To what extent will the fallout weaken Boris Johnson?

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