



*The aftermath of Kakhovka, UK's political meltdown and how race fits in historical drama*

**More than a week has passed since the collapse of the Kakhovka dam in Ukraine.** Only as the flood waters begin to recede is the long-term scale of the disaster becoming apparent.

With suspicion (though not yet, according to western capitals, conclusive proof) falling on Moscow, Dan Sabbagh, Artem Mazhulin and Julian Borger report on a human and environmental catastrophe, and what it might mean for Ukraine's counteroffensive plans against Russia.

And amid reports of disunity among Moscow's ruling elite, Shaun Walker went along to a gathering of exiled influential Russians who are once again daring to dream of an end to Vladimir Putin's rule.

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**Ruptures opened up on either side of the border in British politics last week.** Toby Helm and Michael Savage report on how former prime minister Boris Johnson resigned as an MP in a fit of rage over the results of an inquiry into the Partygate scandal.

Then, Scotland correspondents Libby Brooks and Severin Carrell explain how police questioning of the former Scottish first minister Nicola Sturgeon has returned focus to allegations of financial misconduct by the Scottish National party.

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**Kate Raworth's theory of sustainable living, Doughnut Economics,** was a surprise publishing hit back in 2017. Hettie O'Brien hits the road with the self-styled "renegade economist" to find out how has she been translating her ideas into action since then.

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**On the cover** Whatever the motives for the Kakhovka dam blast, the consequences are clear. Irrigation and drinking water supplies have been destroyed over a wide area, and there are longer-term fears about the impact on cooling reservoirs for the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, about 200km upstream from the dam. And then there is the effect on Ukraine's efforts to reclaim its lost territory.

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