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Nigel Greenwood wrote:

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- > *Non-native speakers of English quite often find it difficult to*
- > *distinguish correctly between "said" & "told". The BBC may be doing*
- > *its bit to add to the confusion.*
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- > *On several occasions I've heard a BBC Radio 4 announcer say something*
- > *like "The Prime Minister told today that ..." -- & it takes some*
- > *background knowledge to realize that the sentence is really "The Prime*
- > *Minister told 'Today' that ...", referring to the "Today" programme,*
- > *which is broadcast every morning from 6:00 to 9:00.*

I've only observed "told" for "said" from Russian-speakers. Do you hear it in others as well?

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