

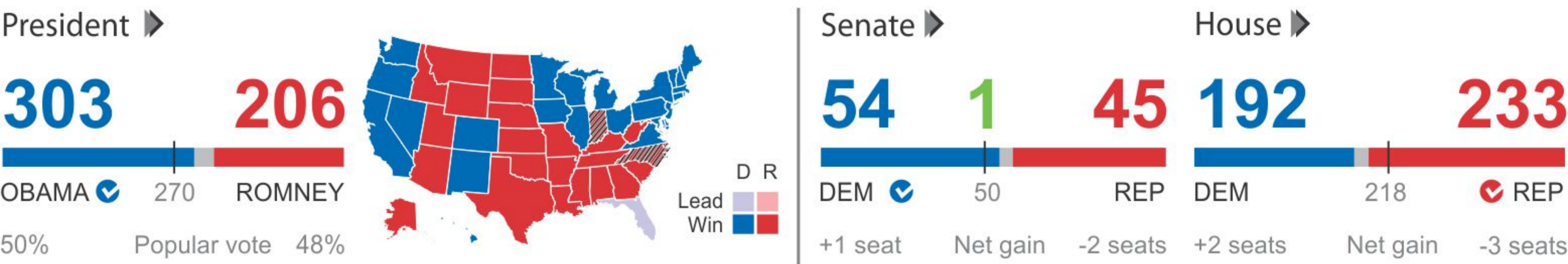
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HOPE REVIVED

Re-elected Obama vows the best yet to come

STAR REPORT

Barack Obama has been re-elected president of the United States, overcoming powerful economic headwinds, a lock-step resistance to his agenda by Republicans in Congress and an unprecedented torrent of advertising as a divided nation voted to give him more time.

Glowing with triumph, Obama revived his old theme of hope yesterday, telling Americans "the best is yet to come" after defying dark economic omens with a decisive re-election win.

"Tonight in this election, you, the American people, reminded us that while our road has been hard, while our journey has been long, we have picked ourselves up," Obama told a cheering crowd of supporters in his home town of Chicago.

"We have fought our way back. And we know in our hearts that, for the United States of America, the best is yet to come."

In defeating Mitt Romney, the president carried Colorado, Iowa, Ohio, New Hampshire, Virginia and Wisconsin, a near sweep of the battleground states, and was holding a narrow advantage in Florida.

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PHOTO: REUTERS

How Obama prevailed

POLITICO

A solid showing among his key '08 demographic constituencies —coupled with a small dose of economic optimism —and a feeling that Mitt Romney was out of touch with the middle class helped propel President Obama to re-election, according to exit polling conducted Tuesday.

Compared with the results four years ago, Obama was able to maintain his leads among women, young voters, African-American voters and Hispanics in his

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Where Romney failed to sail

AFP, Boston

Mitt Romney was a shrewd businessman, a skilled governor and an Olympic turnaround master, but on Tuesday his six-year quest for the presidency came to a crushing end.

Despite the sluggish economy and a conservative backlash against President Barack Obama, Romney failed to build on his victory in a hard-fought Republican primary or to alter the political map with a late tack to the center.

A win would have made him the

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Recipe for friction

Democrats retain Senate, Republicans dominate House

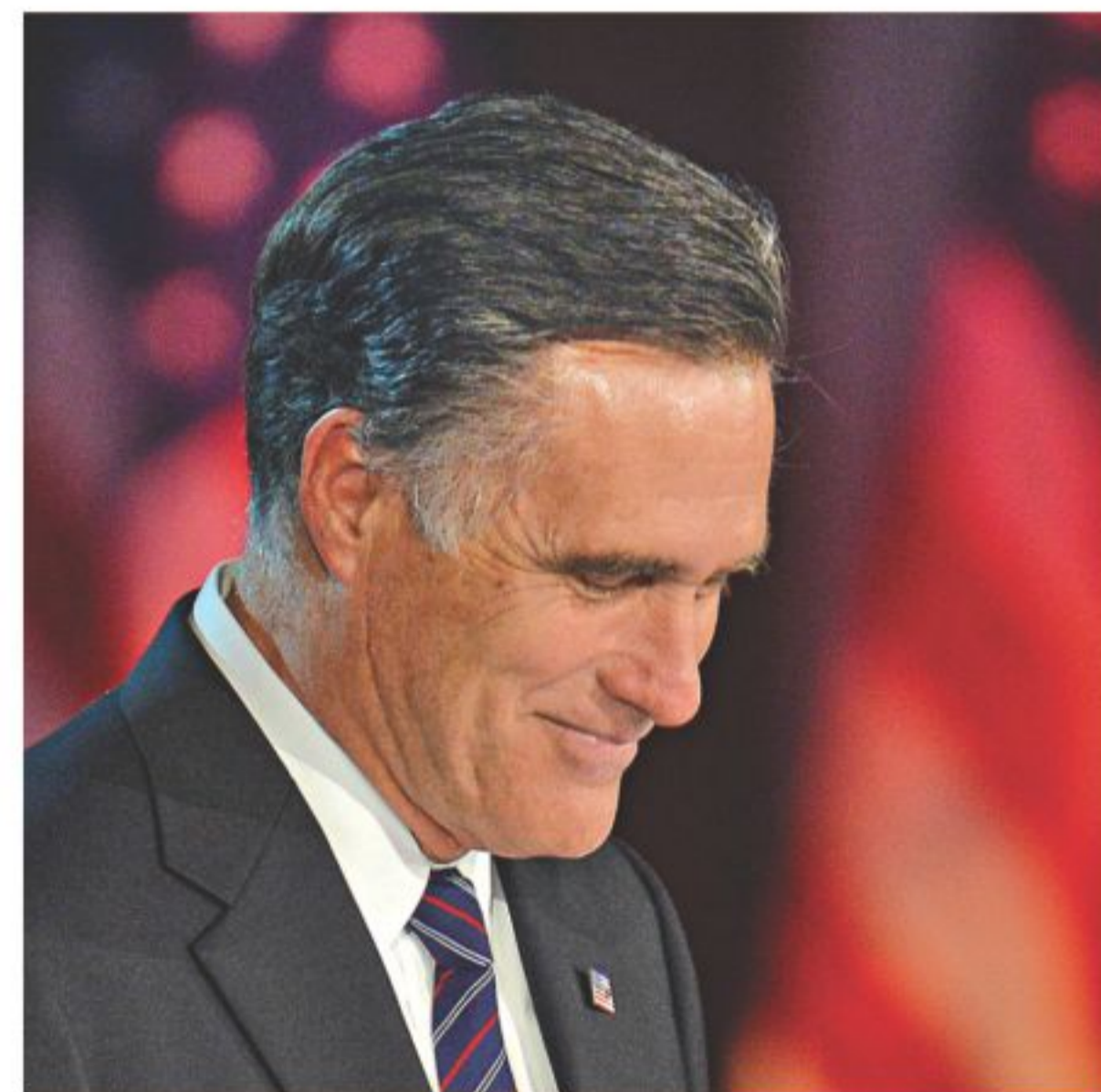
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Democrats held the Senate and Republicans retained the House of Representatives, projections said yesterday, raising the likely prospect of more partisan gridlock in a divided US Congress.

Republicans recaptured control of the House early yesterday, besting Democrats in a billion-dollar battle and ensuring that the chamber will be dominated by their conservative agenda.

Republican Speaker John Boehner said retaining the House had showed US voters "made clear that there is no mandate for raising tax rates" but he pledged to work with all members in Congress to achieve a fiscal

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Romney concedes defeat

Congratulates Obama

AFP, Boston

Republican challenger Mitt Romney conceded defeat in the US election early yesterday, telling supporters that he had called President Barack Obama to congratulate him on his victory.

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US FOREIGN POLICY His another chance to deliver promises

GUARDIAN ONLINE

The last time a triumphant Barack Obama appeared before thousands of cheering supporters in Chicago and promised change, there was indeed a sense that the world had shifted on its axis, and that the election of America's first black president — whose middle name was Hussein — would transform the world.

Since that moment in 2008, the world has indeed been transformed, but not by Obama. The US role in the Arab spring, the great tectonic shift of his first term, was both wavering and largely irrelevant. Iran's nuclear programme advanced steadily no matter what the US did, threatening to trigger a new age of nuclear proliferation. Washington had

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Economy tops voter concerns

CNN, Washington

It's little surprise that the economy weighed heavily on the minds of the US voters as they exited the polls on Tuesday.

After all, for the better part of a year, both President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney tried

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Obama triumphs in Dhaka

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Re-elected US President Barack Obama triumphed in Dhaka too in mock voting in which some invited dignitaries of Bangladesh and US embassy officials took part.

Democrat Obama bagged 277 votes while his Republican rival Mitt Romney got only 13 in the mock elections held at The Westin Dhaka hotel yesterday morning.

Invited by the US embassy, over 300 politicians, editors, diplomats, senior government and military officials, businessmen and members of civil society attended the

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Congrats, Obama Says Bangladesh

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka has congratulated President Barack Obama on his reelection to the office of the president of the United States.

President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in two separate messages, congratulated Obama on

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HALL-MARK LOAN SCAM

Modasser's 'mistake'

PM's adviser tells JS body his visits to Sonali Bank had no motive; claims company's MD took advantage of his 'innocence'

RASHIDUL HASAN

Prime minister's Health Adviser Modasser Ali has finally admitted to have made a "mistake" by visiting the scam-hit Ruposhi Bangla Hotel branch of Sonali Bank where he was introduced to Hall-Mark Managing Director Tanvir Mahmud.

Protesting his innocence and terming his meeting with Tanvir "without any motive", Modasser told a parliament body yesterday that he had



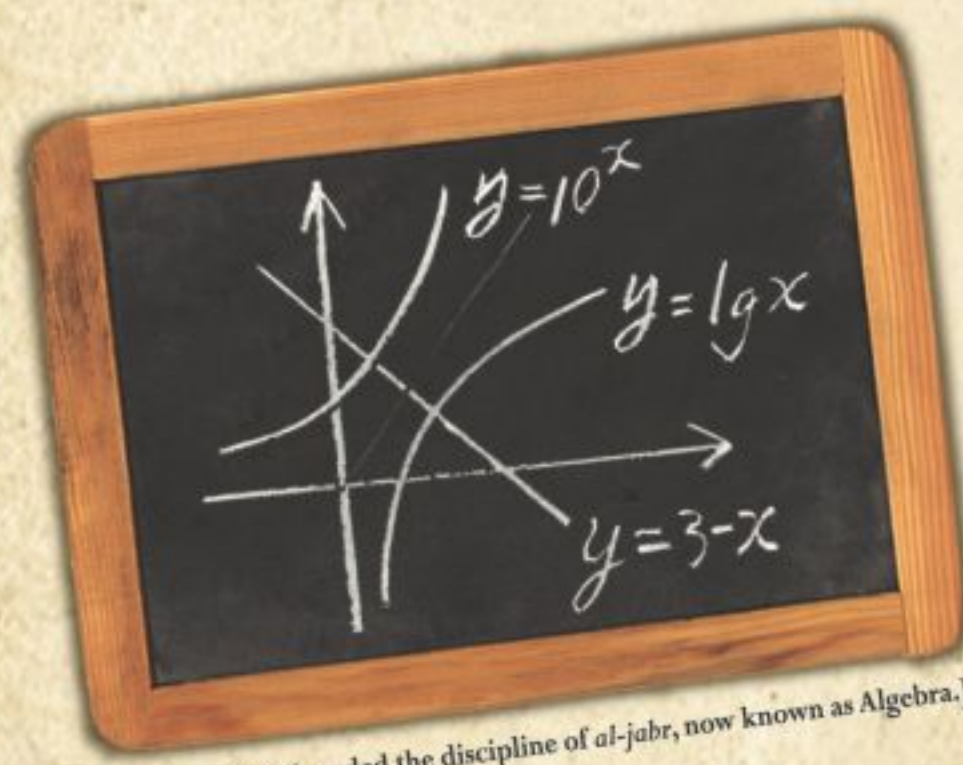
visited the branch at the request of his relative and former branch manager, Hafizur Rahman.

"I think it was a mistake to visit the bank and to attend a function of Hall-Mark. Tanvir and some Sonali Bank officials used me to get the loan by using fake documents," the adviser was quoted as saying

by Tazul Islam, head of a parliamentary sub-committee that is probing the loan scam.

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MUSLIMS ONCE MADE HISTORY IN THE ARTS AND SCIENCES. IT'S TIME TO MAKE HISTORY AGAIN.



[al-Khwarizmi founded the discipline of al-jabr, now known as Algebra.]



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