

This is painful

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 president-elect but crashed to a stunning election defeat to Donald Trump, ended her White House quest and likely her political career.

The Democratic nominee unequivocally conceded the presidential race, and said that the Constitution requires a peaceful transfer of power.

"Last night, I congratulated Donald Trump and offered to work with him on behalf of our country. I hope that he will be a successful president for all Americans," Clinton said.

"Donald Trump is going to be our president. We owe him an open mind and a chance to lead," said Clinton, who was composed and dignified even as she admitted how painful her defeat was in her first public comments on the result of the election.

"This is not the outcome that we wanted and we worked so hard for, and I am sorry that we did not win this election," Clinton told supporters and campaign workers in New York.

Clinton also addressed the historic achievement for which she twice strived in losing presidential campaigns.

"I know we have still not shattered that highest and hardest glass ceiling, but someday, someone will, and hopefully sooner than we might think right now."

"And to all the little girls who are watching this, never doubt that you are valuable and powerful and deserving of every chance and opportunity in the world to pursue and to achieve your own dreams."

Clinton's speech was devoid of bitterness and seemed at times to be an attempt to inspire her supporters about the virtues of public service and of fighting for what they believe.

But she also put Trump on notice that the core American values which

many Democrats believe Trump abhors, citing his proposals for a ban on Muslim immigration and rhetorical assaults on female journalists during his campaign, would not be forgotten.

"Our constitutional democracy enshrines the peaceful transfer of power and we don't just respect that, we cherish it. It also enshrines other things: the rule of law, the principle that we are equal in rights and dignity, freedom of worship and expression. We respect and cherish these values too and we must defend them."

TEARS FLOWED
 Much of the seating at Clinton's remarks was for staff and aides and the campaign was treating it as a farewell to the people who have spent the better part of two years working on her behalf, an aide said.

Democratic vice presidential nominee Tim Kaine also was on hand. The Virginia senator was not with Clinton Tuesday night.

"I'm proud of Hillary, because she loves this country," said Kaine, who had tears in his eyes, as he delivered introductory remarks.

Aides throughout the ballroom were sobbing during Clinton's remarks. Quiet moments in the speech were filled with tears, sniffles and some sobs. Clinton's top aides, seated in the front row, were almost all crying.

The most sombre moment in Clinton's speech was when she specifically noted her impact to women and girls.

"To all the women and especially the young women who put their faith in this campaign and in me, I want you to know that nothing has made me prouder than to be your champion," Clinton said, her voice breaking with emotion.

There were audible cries -- and some sobs -- throughout the room.

Bill Clinton, while working the ropeline, wiped away tears.

Huma Abedin cried during the speech but kept a stoic face during much of the ropeline.

Clinton worked the ropeline after the event, moving from tearful conversation to tearful conversation.

She first spoke with Anastasia Somoza, the 32-year old woman diagnosed with cerebral palsy and spastic quadriplegia who interned for Clinton's Senate office.

Bending down to hug Somoza, Clinton told her, "You were so wonderful in every way. I love you."

"Thank you for all your work," Clinton told Somoza's mother.

She hugged Joel Bennenson and John Anzalone, two of her pollsters, who acknowledged to other aides last night that they didn't see the Trump wave coming.

She hugged Jim Margolis and Mandy Grunwald, who created many of the campaign's television ads.

Clinton left somewhat unceremoniously, departing through a blue curtain to the left of the room and later to her motorcade.

Clinton called Trump in the early hours of yesterday to concede defeat after he shattered her Democratic firewall in the Midwest and swept to victory after the most vitriolic general election in generations.

But she did not appear at her election night party in New York. At the time, her campaign chairman John Podesta explained that the campaign wanted to ensure that every vote in still undeclared states was counted -- though her position already seemed hopeless.

President

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 mutual interest," he said.

The president wished good health and a successful tenure and continued peace and prosperity of the people of the USA.

In her message of felicitation to the US President-elect, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said: "Your victory in the US presidential election is certainly a testimony to your extraordinary leadership quality to serving American people and also the global humanity."

"I'm confident that under your leadership, the existing bilateral relations between our two friendly nations would further be strengthened," she said, adding, "I look forward to working closely with you for advancing our bilateral and multilateral interests and contributing to creating a safe and secured world, where our coming generations could live and continue to prosper peacefully."

She also wished him and his family good health, long life and happiness, and continued peace, progress and prosperity of the people of the USA.

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia congratulated Donald Trump on his victory, and hoped that he would play an important role for the peace of the world and development of the people.

Opposition Leader Raushan Ershad and Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad also congratulated Trump. In her message, Raushan hoped that the newly elected president would play a vital role in providing duty-free facilities to all export-oriented products, including garments, of Bangladesh in the US market.

4 policemen

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 additional two months in prison.

The incident took place on September 17, 2015 near Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital and a case was filed the next day with Government Railway Police Station.

The convicted members of the railway police are Shah Alam and Aminul Islam Rana, assistant sub-inspectors; and Raja Babu alias Raj and Ashiqur Rahman, constables.

The fifth convict is Pavel Ahmed, a reporter of the Weekly Motprokash.

Court sources said the four accused policemen were placed under temporary suspension following their arrest and they were permanently suspended as a result of the judgement.

Judge SM Kuddus Zaman of Dhaka District and Sessions Judge's Court passed the order in presence of all the convicts.

The court acquitted Nazmul Hossain, an accomplice of one of the convicts, as the charges brought against him were not proven.

The court, during the trial, recorded statements from 17 prosecution witnesses including that of the complainant.

According to the case statement, the victim, Saiful Islam, was allegedly robbed of 100 grams of gold ornaments, two mobile handsets and Tk 2,20,000 in cash -- sent by his paternal uncle Mohammad Shahin from Singapore -- near Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on September 17, 2015.

The four policemen and the journalist mugged Saiful after he went to the airport at about 9:45pm to collect the items, added the statement.

Top court

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 ACC counsel Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star that Morshed, Nasrin and Faisal have to surrender before the trial court in six weeks after receiving the HC order.

The HC has ordered them to surrender as the case against them has been revived and they have to remain with the purview of the court, he added.

The lawyer further said the ACC filed the money laundering case against Morshed, Nasrin and Faisal in 2013 and submitted a final report to the lower court in July last year saying that they did not launder money.

The lower court on April 15 this year accepted the final report and exempted the three from the money laundering charge.

The Hong Kong police, who froze their bank accounts in 2008 under an administrative order, have meanwhile sent a letter to the ACC saying they would open the accounts if there were no legal steps against them in connection with the case, the ACC lawyer said.

The ACC then submitted two petitions to a Dhaka court to revive the case and seek permission to reinvestigate the case.

The Dhaka court on June 2 rejected the petitions, he said, adding that the commission on June 5 moved the revision petition before the HC challenging the lower court orders.

The HC on June 5 asked the authorities concerned to freeze the bank accounts of Morshed, his wife and their son with the Hong Kong bank and also asked them to restrain from transferring 16 million Hong Kong dollars from the bank till further orders, he added.

The HC on September 1 fixed November 9 for delivering its verdict on the revision petition.

42,000 displaced

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 the city's remaining 1.5 million residents that the ultra-hardline Islamists are still in charge, despite losing territory to the east of the city, reports Reuters.

Thousands of Islamic State fighters have run Mosul, the largest city under their control in Iraq and neighbouring Syria, since they conquered large parts of northern Iraq in 2014.

They are now battling a 100,000-strong coalition including Iraqi troops, security forces, Kurdish peshmerga and mainly Shia paramilitary groups, which has almost surrounded the city and has broken into eastern neighbourhoods.

COALITION RAID RAQA
 Meanwhile, a US-led coalition air strike killed 20 civilians, including two children, overnight in a village near the Islamic State jihadist group's Syrian stronghold of Raqa, a monitor said yesterday.

The coalition confirmed that it had carried out strikes in the area, but said it was investigating whether they had killed civilians. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said dozens of people were also wounded in the strikes Tuesday night on the village of Al-Heisha, 40 kilometres (25 miles) north of Raqa.

"The toll has risen to 20 civilians, including nine women and two children," Observatory chief Rami Abdul Rahman said.

The monitor had earlier given a death toll of 16.

Abdul Rahman said 32 people were also injured in the strikes, adding that all the casualties were civilians.

The Observatory said the latest deaths brought the number of civilians killed since US-led air strikes in Syria began in September 2014 to 680, including 169 children.

Al-Heisha is controlled by IS and has been a target in a new assault by the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) as it pushes to capture the jihadists' bastion of Raqa.

Colonel John Dorrian, a spokesman for the coalition, told AFP that an "initial assessment" confirmed there had been strikes in the area.

"After an initial assessment of strike logs against the date and location of the alleged civilian casualties, the coalition confirms it did conduct strikes in the area described in the allegation," he said.

"However, more specific information is needed to conclusively determine responsibility."

He said investigations would continue into the incident and stressed that coalition forces adhere to "stringent targeting processes and procedures" to minimise civilian casualties.

A spokeswoman for the Kurdish-Arab alliance, however, dismissed the reports of civilian deaths.

"There is no such thing, and any such claims are IS news," Jihan Sheikh Ahmed told AFP.

The SDF's media account said at least six IS fighters were killed by coalition air strikes on the village and accused the extremist group of preventing civilians from leaving Al-Heisha in a bid to use them as "human shields".

Republicans retain Senate

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 That was a five-seat gain for Democrats, but still well short of what would be necessary to snatch the 435-member chamber back from Republican control.

Republicans also managed to repel the Democrats' sharp threat in the 100-member Senate. They held 52 seats to 47 for the Democrats.

Republicans faced the threat of losing the chamber's control. But they rallied to minimise their losses, with incumbents in the battleground states of Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Wisconsin snatching crucial victories to prevent a blue takeover.

Democrats lost the chamber in 2014 and needed a net gain of five seats to retake the Senate with Trump in the White House.

But they fell short.

Many experts and political analysts had predicted a Democratic takeover, given the daunting math facing Republicans -- who had to defend far more seats -- and Trump's erratic campaign, reports the Los Angeles Times.

But just as they underestimated the Republican nominee, they failed to account for the resiliency of some of the GOP's most endangered incumbents.

Republicans staked victories in every one of the hardest-fought contests, with one exception. In Illinois, Democratic Representative Tammy Duckworth knocked off Mark Kirk, long seen as the most vulnerable GOP member of the Senate.

In Wisconsin, Ron Johnson had been all but written off by strategists in both parties. Instead, he handily fended off a comeback attempt by former Democratic Senator Russell D Feingold. In North Carolina, Richard M Burr won a second term despite waging a lacklustre campaign.

In Arizona, Senator John McCain easily won a sixth term after the toughest challenge of his lengthy career and Senator Roy Blunt of Missouri also withstood a more-difficult-than-expected fight. In Pennsylvania, Patrick J Toomey won after casting himself in a bipartisan light and touting his work with Democrats on gun control.

Tuesday's outcome for Senate Republicans may only be slightly less momentous for the GOP than Trump's looming victory, according to Politico.

It gives them control of the Supreme Court for years to come, a huge issue for the

YEAR	HOUSE	SENATE
2014	R-247 D-188	R-54 D-46
2012	R-233 D-201	D-54 R-45
2010	R-242 D-193	D-53 R-47
2008	D-257 R-178	D-58 R-41
2006	D-233 R-202	D-51 R-49

conservative base. When combined with a favourable map in 2018, Republicans could be on the verge of building a majority that could last well into the next decade.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (from Kentucky) could go down as one of the most successful Republican leaders in years, while Minority Leader Harry Reid (from Nevada) will leave office with his hopes of a Democratic majority crushed by his arch-rivals Trump and McConnell, the report adds.

The new Congress will not convene until January 3, but the "lame-duck" Congress will return next week and Republicans are set to begin the process of picking leaders for both chambers.

Paul Ryan's position as the House of Representatives speaker could be challenged by Republican conservatives who backed Trump and it remains to be seen if the president-elect himself will try to push Ryan out.

On the campaign trail, Trump offended and attacked some congressional Republicans, including Ryan who held Trump at arm's length during the campaign.

"Trump seems magnanimous right now," an aide to one of Trump's House supporters said after Trump stressed unity in his victory speech in New York. "We shall see."

Yesterday, shortly after Hillary Clinton conceded to Trump, Ryan said in a statement, "We are eager to work hand-in-hand with the new administration to advance an agenda to improve the lives of the American people."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, also a Republican, said in a guarded and similarly timed statement, "The American people have chosen a new direction for our nation."

Save Turag

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 the court fixed November 27 for passing further orders on the issue.

The rights body moved the HC on Monday after a report headlined "Time to declare Turag dead" was run by The Daily Star on November 6.

During the hearing yesterday, Manzill told the court that photos and the report published in the English daily depicted how the Turag was being grabbed and structures built along its foreshores in violation of laws and the country's constitution.

The HC on many previous occasions had directed the government with orders and judgments on saving the country's rivers within specific deadlines.

But most of those directives either

went into oblivion or ended up half-implemented.

The HC in June 2009 had delivered a landmark judgment on saving rivers. The court issued another order in July 2014 to save the Turag as its existence was deplorable.

The 2009 judgment delineated detailed measures about how to recover the ailing rivers from land grabbers and save them from pollution. The judgment contained orders on district administrations to demarcate the boundaries of five Dhaka rivers -- the Buriganga, the Balu, the Turag, the Shitalakkhya and the Dhaleswari.

Later, demarcation pillars were set up along the river banks during the lean flow of dry season, excluding around 2,500

acres of river foreshores and wetlands.

During visits to the Buriganga and the Turag last month, Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan admitted that out of 6,000 boundary pillars, 2,000 were installed wrongly.

It lured land grabbers into gobbling up river areas with massive earth filling.

Seven years ago, the judiciary along with Jatiya Sangshad had joined a rally launched by this newspaper to stop a slow but certain death of the rivers due to outrageous encroachment, pollution and lack of dredging.

It all hardly helped the cause as the Turag, the Buriganga, the Balu and the Shitalakkhya continued to be ravaged by ruthless river grabbers right under the nose of around half a dozen river custodians.

PM angry

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 leaders would have to face trial for killing people through arson attacks, trying to resist the last general election, getting involved in corruption and pampering war criminals.

"They must face trial on the soil of this country," she said at the meeting, reports UNB.

About the allegation of BNP high-ups that the government filed false cases against them, Hasina said not a single false case was filed against them.

"These cases will continue in court."

"They killed hundreds of innocent

people, including a presiding officer and an engineer, through arson attacks, created an anarchic situation across the country in the name of resisting elections, and vandalised schools. The trial of those who were involved in such killings must take place on Bangladesh's soil," she said.

Hasina also said those who made war criminals ministers and MPs, gave them the national flag earned in exchange for blood of millions and gave them scope for doing politics must face trial one day.

Our correspondent added that the

meeting distributed the responsibilities of party joint and organising secretaries.

It was the party's first joint meeting after the 20th triennial council held on October 22 and 23.

According to the decision taken in the meeting, Joint Secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif will look after the party's organisational activities in Chittagong and Sylhet divisions, Dipu Moni in Dhaka and Mymensingh divisions, Jahangir Kabir Nanak in Rangpur and Rajshahi divisions and Abdur Rahman in Barisal and Khulna divisions.

Let's move

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 Moving to live in Canada involves applying to get permanent residency in the country. There are a range of different types of citizenship, most of which stipulate that people come for work or live there with their family.

Trump's victory is expected to foster huge anxiety among his opponents.

A similar rush for the exit was seen in the UK in the wake of the 2015 general election and this summer's Brexit vote -- an issue that the European Union is looking to potentially solve by allowing people to keep their European citizenship.

Canada's official Twitter account appeared to reference the US election result in a tweet posted just as it became clear that Trump was about to win the race for the White House.

Canada has been active in taking in refugees from a range of countries in recent months. The government has run a campaign to welcome people fleeing the war in Syria, for instance, and has been praised for being so welcoming in greeting refugees from countries around the world.

Next time
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 1888, once in 1908 and once in 1952.

On Tuesday, Vigo country went to polls and on election night it was revealed Trump got 21,924 votes and Clinton 15,922. Vigo kept its bellwether streak giving Trump the nod with 55.4 percent of the votes.

So, in the next US presidential election due in four years, you can forget about the pundits and big data crunchers on election night and just watch which way Vigo votes.

Shahzad guides

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 In the day's afternoon game, Khulna Titans skipper Mahmudullah Riyad produced a magical final over which netted three wickets and condemned Rajshahi Kings to a three-run defeat.

Back to the evening match, while Chittagong seemed on top of their game on Tuesday when they comfortably beat Mashrafe Bin Mortaza's Comilla Victorians, Tamim's team seemed out-of-sorts both with the bat and ball yesterday.

It would however be unfair to talk just about the negatives of Chittagong in yesterday's game. Truth be told, Rangpur Riders outfoxed the Vikings in every department.

Batting first, the Vikings were bundled out for just 124 in 19.4 overs thanks to a disciplined performance from the Rangpur bowlers. In reply, a brilliant unbeaten 80 from the entertaining Afghanistan opening batsman, Mohammad Shahzad, led Rangpur home.

Shahzad and Soumya Sarkar shared an opening stand worth 77 and that gave Rangpur the edge. By the time Soumya was caught behind off Tymal Mills in the 10th over, Rangpur needed just 48 runs off 10 overs with nine wickets in hand. That is a task that they accomplished in just 15 overs.

That Shahzad loves to play his shots is not news. He has a habit of moving away from the wicket swinging his bat. He also employs the helicopter hit often. However, his inconsistency has been the most frustrating aspect of his career.

Yesterday though, Shahzad clicked and that gave Rangpur a huge edge in the chase. He began by cutting Razzak wide of slip for a four.

His favourite bowler was Dwayne Smith, whom he dispatched for four boundaries, almost all of which were chops and cuts. Eight fours and one six later Shahzad reached his half-century

in the 12th over off 41 balls. After that he just went berserk.

He even took the attack to Tymal Mills, a bowler who regularly bowls at 150 kmp/h and dispatched both his fiercely fast and painstakingly slow deliveries for boundaries. It was a sign of a man who had grown in confidence.

Taskin Ahmed, one of Bangladesh's premium pacers was not spared either. He was whipped for a six from outside the off-stump to over mid-wicket by Shahzad in the second ball of the 15th over and then pulled for a four in the next.

Shahzad levelled the scores by pulling Taskin for a six over midwicket in the same over. He eventually finished the game with a helicopter flick and took a single. An emphatic Shahzad finished on an unbeaten 80 with 11 fours and threesixes.

Earlier in the day, a good bowling show from Rangpur's spinners ensured that the Vikings didn't get away with the game. It was an attack of former national players and luckily for Rangpur they all bowled brilliantly.

Shohag Gazi, who should have gotten rid off Tamim in the first ball of the day -- the left-hander was trapped plumb in front but the umpire did not raise his finger -- eventually finished with two for 18 in three overs. He removed both Tamim and Smith in the third over.

Arafat Sunny looked effective with his new action and got the crucial scalp of Jahurul Islam, finishing on one for 19. Shahid Afridi was the most economical of the lot with figures of one for 12 in four overs.

Unfortunately for the Vikings both their set batsmen, Anamul Haque who scored 25 and Shoaib Malik, who posted 30, were run out at different points of the game and their batsmen just could not get a move along.

Anti-liberation forces behind

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 criticised the local administration for its failure to prevent the attack and safeguard the Hindus.

Information Minister Hasanal Haq Inu, who is also the president of a Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal faction, alleged that aides of Khaleda Zia had instigated the attack.

He also termed the attackers "anti-Islamic" and "anti-government".

"The attackers in Nasiragar and those who carried out the arson attacks, and killed foreigners, priests and vandalised temples in the past are the same people," he said.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rashed Khan Menon said the target of the Nasiragar attack was to destabilise the country.

A Jatiya Party team led by its Secretary General Ruhul Amin Hawlader also visited the affected areas yesterday.

Armed with sticks and sharp weapons, religious zealots vandalised and looted at least 17 temples and over a hundred Hindu houses and business establishments in Nasiragar and Haripur unions of Nasiragar upazila on October 30.

The attack was carried out over a Facebook post from the account of Rasraj Das, 27. Rasraj is in jail now in a case filed over the post "hurting Muslims'

religious sentiments".

On November 4 and 5, at least six more houses of Hindu families were set on fire in the same area.

Meanwhile, Shushashoner Jonno Nagoric (SHUIJAN), a citizens' platform advocating good governance, yesterday demanded exemplary punishment to the criminals who were involved in the vandalism and looting of Hindu houses in Brahmanbaria, reports our DU correspondent.

In a joint statement yesterday, SHUIJAN president M Hafizuddin Khan and its secretary Dr Badiul Alam Majumder demanded immediate arrest of the perpetrators and investigation in the matter by forming a judicial investigation committee.

Speakers at the meeting said the political parties completely failed to stand beside the victims while it was irresponsible for the administration to permit the Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat and the Hefajat-e-Islam hold a protest programme.

In the statement, SHUIJAN urged the government to take proper steps to prevent further communal attacks on minorities throughout the country and rehabilitate the victims.

They also urged to ensure that no innocent person be the victim of "arrest trade" or others sufferings.