

US ELECTION
Trump statement on Muslim ban vanishes
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Donald Trump's team has removed the statement on his website to ban all Muslims from the US. On the same night that millions of votes were pouring in for the real estate mogul turned politician, the page linking to his December statement regarding a temporary and complete Muslim ban has been removed. The page now redirects to his page encouraging voters to donate to his campaign.

53pc white women voted for Trump
 AGENCIES

More than half of the white women who voted in the presidential election cast their ballot for Donald Trump, according to exit poll data collected by The New York Times. The data indicate how deeply divided Americans are by race and gender: 94 percent of black women who voted and 68 percent of Hispanic or Latino female voters chose Hillary Clinton, but 53 percent of all white female voters picked Trump.

N Zealand immigration site traffic surges
 BBC ONLINE

New Zealand's immigration website has said it saw a surge in traffic, as the results of the US election came in. Immigration New Zealand (INZ) said its website received 56,300 visits in a 24-hour period, an increase of almost 2,500%. The site has a daily average of 2,300 visits. Canada's immigration website also received a high amount of traffic on Wednesday, causing it to crash.

Stop divisive rhetoric, top CEOs urges Trump
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Chief executives of more than 1,100 US companies, including Coca-Cola, Boeing and Pfizer have written an open letter to President-elect Donald Trump urging him to end his divisive campaign rhetoric. "American families, businesses and our communities cannot truly prosper and reach their full potential in a country that is divided and distrustful," the letter said, in an apparent reference to Trump's often-inflammatory speeches.

Al-Qaeda welcomes Trump's presidency
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"Trump's victory is a hard slap to those promoting the efficiency of democratic systems," Hamza al-Karibi, a spokesperson for the al-Qaeda affiliated Syrian jihadist group Jabhat Fatah al-Sham wrote to his Twitter followers. "Starting today, we won't need media releases clarifying the West's machinations. All we need to do is retweet what Trump says," he added.



Anti-Trump protesters demonstrate against the president-elect in different cities on Wednesday. Protesters lit fires in the streets and blocked traffic as rage over the billionaire's election victory spilled onto the streets of major US cities.



PHOTO: AFP, REUTERS

Anti-Trump pretests rock US

REUTERS, New York/Washington

Police put up metal security fences around US President-elect Donald Trump's new Washington hotel on Thursday and a line of concrete blocks shielded the front of New York's Trump Tower as cities around the country braced for a second day of protests over his election.

A day after thousands of people took to the streets in at least 10 US cities from Boston to Berkeley, California, chanting "not my president" and "no Trump," fresh protests were planned for the nation's capital, Baltimore and Madison, Wisconsin.

A Trump campaign representative did not respond to requests for comment on the protests but Rudy Giuliani, the former New York City mayor and a high-profile Trump supporter, called the demonstrators "a bunch of spoiled cry-babies."

The protesters, mostly young people, blasted the New York real estate developer for campaign rhetoric critical of immigrants, Muslims and allegations of sexual abuse of women. More than 20 people were arrested for blocking or attempting to block highways in Los Angeles and Richmond, Virginia, early Thursday morning.

More anti-Trump demonstrations are planned heading into the weekend, according to organizers' online posts. One urged protesters to rally in Washington, DC, on Inauguration Day, Jan 20.

Supporters of Trump, who surprised many in the political and media establishment with Tuesday's win, urged calm and recommended that Americans wait to see how he performed as president.

On Wednesday night, protests in Los Angeles and Oakland, California, each drew several thousand people. More than a dozen people were arrested by Los Angeles police when demonstrators tried to block a major highway intersection, a local CBS affiliate reported. The Oakland demonstrators blocked traffic, threw objects at police and smashed store front windows.

Trump said in his victory speech, which was delivered in a far calmer manner than he displayed in many campaign appearances, that he would be president for all Americans. Some of his most controversial campaign proposals, including the call to ban Muslims from entering the United States, had been removed from his campaign website by Thursday.

MEET TRUMP'S POSSIBLE CABINET

Here are some of the possible executive branch appointments being touted for Team Trump in the city of revolving doors.

NEWT GINGRICH - SECRETARY OF STATE

The combative conservative, an early Trump supporter who made it on to the shortlist of running mates, has been tipped as America's top diplomat. As Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1994, Gingrich masterminded the Republican wave election that won control of the chamber from Democrats. The 73-year-old former Georgia legislator quit the speakership because of ethics violations. He ran unsuccessfully for the Republican presidential nomination in 2011.



CHRIS CHRISTIE - COMMERCE SECRETARY

After his own Republican presidential campaign founded this year, the New Jersey governor promptly endorsed Trump. Christie, 54, currently overseeing Trump's White House transition, has been mentioned for various posts in the administration, including commerce secretary.



JEFF SESSIONS - DEFENCE SECRETARY

The US senator from Alabama is being touted as a possible Pentagon chief. At his victory bash in New York, Trump said of Sessions, "he is highly respected in Washington because he is as smart as you get". The 69-year-old was a supporter of the 2003 US invasion of Iraq, which Trump recently called "a terrible and stupid thing". Sessions sits on the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Judiciary Committee and the Budget Committee.



RUDY GIULIANI - ATTORNEY GENERAL

One of Trump's most ardent surrogates, Giuliani is being mentioned for the post of America's top prosecutor. As New York Mayor during 9/11, he became the face of the city's resilience amid the rubble of the World Trade Center. He also introduced NYPD's stop-and-frisk policy, which critics said was a form of racial profiling. Giuliani, a former New York prosecutor, ran unsuccessfully for the Republican presidential nomination in 2008.



REINCE PRIEBUS - CHIEF OF STAFF

The boyish Priebus, 44, is being widely tipped as Trump's White House consigliere. As chairman of the Republican National Committee, he was a bridge between the Republican nominee and a party establishment that was embarrassed by its own presidential standard-bearer. Priebus is close to House Speaker Paul Ryan, a fellow Wisconsinite, who could be instrumental in steering the new administration's legislative agenda.



MICHAEL FLYNN - NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER

Flynn, a retired three-star US Army lieutenant general, helped Trump connect with veterans despite the candidate's lack of military service. He claims he was forced out of his role as director of the Defense Intelligence Agency from 2012-14 because of his views on radical Islam. During the campaign, he pilloried the Obama administration's approach to the threat posed by the Islamic State group.



STEVEN MNUCHIN - TREASURY SECRETARY

Trump himself has named his finance chairman for the post of Treasury Secretary. But it's unclear whether Trump's populist supporters would welcome the idea of handing the levers of national tax policy to a consummate Wall Street insider. Mnuchin amassed a fortune during his 17 years at Goldman Sachs, before founding a movie production company that was behind such box office hits as the X-Men franchise and American Sniper.



SARAH PALIN - INTERIOR SECRETARY

Sarah Palin, the former Alaska governor who unsuccessfully ran as vice-president in 2008, is one of seven possibilities for Secretary of the Interior. Since leaving office, she has endorsed and campaigned for the Tea Party movement.



Shock, fear, resolve

American Muslims react to Trump's win

CNN ONLINE

Dilshad Ali had never felt the fear. Not when Donald Trump proposed banning Muslims from entering the United States, a plan his own running mate called "offensive and unconstitutional."

Not when Trump suggested monitoring mosques and torturing terrorism suspects. Not even when Islamophobic incidents spiked to their highest levels since the 9/11 attacks.

In some ways, Ali, a 40-year-old mother of three, had been buffered from the long and brutal 2016 presidential campaign.

She trods familiar ground in her Virginia home. She drops her children off at school, where the teachers know her and she knows them. She shops at the same grocery store, where the people smile at her and she smiles back, her face framed by a hijab.

At her polling station on Tuesday, she was greeted warmly by neighbors, even the ones whose cars bore pro-Trump stickers.



Until Wednesday morning. "I woke up today and I finally felt it. It felt personal, like the election was a vote against me."

As a tumultuous Tuesday ticked toward a worry-producing Wednesday, scores of Muslim imams and activists, soccer moms and scholars, commiserated over their concern and uncertainty, even as they pledged to hold fast to their faith and build stronger coalitions with fellow minorities.

Some said this election felt like a betrayal, as if half the country had turned on them.

Dalia Mogahed, a researcher and pollster, said she is in shock, unable to believe that more than 50.5 million Americans voted to elect Donald Trump as president.

But Mogahed said she is determined not to change a "single plan." She will continue to advocate on behalf of this country's estimated 3.3 million Muslims and to wear her hijab in public, proudly announcing her identity as a Muslim.

Trump due in court before Oval Office

REUTERS, Washington

Within a few weeks of winning the White House, President-elect Donald Trump could face another group of US citizens, a federal jury in California, courtesy of a lawsuit by former students of his now-defunct Trump University who claim they were defrauded by a series of real-estate seminars.

The trial is scheduled to begin on Nov 28. While presidents enjoy immunity from lawsuits arising from their official duties, the US Supreme Court has held that this shield does not extend to acts alleged to have taken place prior to taking office.

Could Bernie defeat Trump?

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"Right now in every major poll, national poll and statewide poll done in the last month, six weeks, we are defeating Trump often by big numbers, and always at a larger margin than Secretary Clinton is."

So spoke Bernie Sanders, Hillary Clinton's Democratic rival in the primary, when he appeared on the May 29 2016 edition of NBC's 'Meet the Press'.

It was not the first time the socialist former Mayor of Burlington had made the claim. And it was something that his supporters believed passionately.

Time after time, supporters of the white-haired, frequently cantankerous Democratic socialist, said the media was helping prepare a coronation for Ms Clinton in a way that was neither fair or democratic.

At rallies for the 74-year-old across the country, there was a sense of euphoria and excitement that simply did not exist at those for Clinton. Clinton's supporters said they had made a calculation to vote for her as they believed she would be the best candidate to lead the country, but there was no sense of the passion witnessed at her rivals' events, or those of Barack Obama eight years earlier.

But it was not just anecdotal evidence. A series of polls suggested that Sanders - with his calls for free college tuition, the removal of student debt, a national health service and the removal of big money from politics - would stand a better chance against Trump than Clinton.

A poll by NBC News-Wall Street Journal on May 15 said Clinton would beat Trump by three points, but said Sanders would win by 15 points.

At the same time, Fox News said Clinton would lose to Trump by three points, but said Sanders would win by four.



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