



Clockwise from left, Barack Obama waves from a helicopter as Donald Trump walks with wife Melania back to the Capitol building. General view of west side of US Capitol prior to Trump's inauguration. Trump, Melania, Vice President Mike Pence and Karen Pence wave as Obama and Michelle depart. Obama greets Trump during the presidential inauguration.

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Trump era dawns

Donald Trump

- ★ June 14 1946 Born New York
- ★ 1964-68 Business studies
- ★ 1968 Joins the family business
- ★ 1971 Takes over as head of his father's real estate company. Will become a billionaire building towers, hotels, casinos, and golf courses
- ★ 1977 First of three marriages
- ★ 1983 Builds the Trump Tower in New York
- ★ Until 1987 Democrat
- ★ 1987-99 Republican
- ★ July 1991 1st bankruptcy, the Taj Mahal Casino
- ★ 1999-2001 Member of the Reform Party
- ★ 2001-09 Rejoins the Democrats
- ★ 2004-15 Hosts "The Apprentice" a TV reality show
- ★ 2012 Returns to the Republicans
- ★ June 2015 Candidate to become the Republicans' presidential nominee
- ★ May 2016 Wins the Republican nomination
- ★ Nov 8, 2016 Wins the presidential election, beating Hillary Clinton
- ★ Jan 20, 2017 45th president of the United States

"I will build a great, great wall on our southern border, and I will make Mexico pay for that wall!"

"Brexit will be 'a great thing', 'I believe others will leave' the EU"

"Catastrophic mistake" German Chancellor Angela Merkel's migrant policy

"Are we living in Nazi Germany?" Blaming the intelligence community for an incendiary but unsubstantiated report on his alleged Moscow ties

"The EU is 'a vehicle for Germany'"

"NATO 'obsolete'"

"Make America great again"

Donald Trump

19.8 million followers on Twitter

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Aerial pictures of the crowds of Trump supporters on the Mall showed a much smaller turnout at midday yesterday than that in comparable photos from Obama's first inauguration in 2009. Estimates of Friday's crowd size were not immediately available from police.

In his short speech, Trump accused the Washington establishment of protecting itself but abandoning regular citizens who have suffered from poverty and crime.

"This American carnage stops right here and stops right now," he said. "Every decision on trade, on taxes, on immigration, on foreign affairs, will be made to benefit American workers and American families," he said.

Trump, 70, takes over a country divided after a savage election campaign.

The dark vision of America he often paints is belied by statistics showing low levels of unemployment and crime nationally, although Trump won many votes in parts of the nation where manufacturing industry has been badly hit.

A wealthy New York businessman and former reality TV star who has never held public office, Trump will set the country on a new, uncertain path at home and abroad.

WORLD REACTION

Trump's election was greeted with concern by many countries around the world, in part because of the potential for an isolationist foreign policy.

In an interview after Trump was sworn in, German Vice Chancellor Sigmar Gabriel said, "What we heard

today were high nationalistic tones."

"I think we have to prepare for a rough ride," he told public broadcaster ZDF, adding Europe should stand together to defend its interests.

Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto congratulated Trump on his inauguration, but cautioned that the sovereignty, national interest and protection of Mexicans would be paramount.

Mexicans have been angered by Trump's pledge to build a wall along the southern US border to keep illegal immigrants out, and to make Mexico pay for it. Trump has also frequently criticised US companies who have manufacturing operations in Mexico.

On financial markets, the dollar was down but US stock indexes pared their gains in the last day of a choppy trading week, after Trump's inaugural speech prompted investor concern about protectionist trade policies.

Pope Francis urged Trump to be guided by ethical values, saying he must take care of the poor and the outcast during his time in office.

In Moscow, Russians hoping Trump will usher in a new era of detente celebrated his inauguration. Russian nationalists held an all-night party at what used to be the main Soviet-era post office in Moscow. East of there, in the city of Zlatoust, craftsmen released a limited series of silver and gold commemorative coins, engraved with "In Trump We Trust."

CAMPAIGN SPEECHES

Trump's address revisited the themes of the campaign speeches that carried him to an improbable victory on Nov. 8 over

Democrat Hillary Clinton, who attended the ceremony with her husband, former President Bill Clinton.

Trump signalled the possibility of a more aggressive approach to Islamic State militants.

"We will reinforce old alliances and form new ones, and unite the civilized world against radical Islamic terrorism, which we will eradicate completely from the face of the earth," he said.

After repeating the 35-word oath of office, Trump stretched his arms wide and hugged his wife, Melania, and other members of his family. Ceremonial cannon blasts fired.

The transition from a Democratic president to a Republican took place before a crowd of former presidents and dignitaries.

Obama headed to a vacation in Palm Springs, California, after the ceremony. Before sitting down to lunch in the Capitol's Statuary Hall, Trump shook hands with both Clintons.

Trump takes office with work to do to bolster his image.

An ABC News/Washington Post poll this week found only 40 percent of Americans viewed him favourably, the lowest rating for an incoming president since Democrat Carter in 1977, and the same percentage approved of how he has handled the transition.

Trump's ascension to the White House, while welcomed by Republicans tired of Obama's eight years in office, raises a host of questions for the United States.

Trump campaigned on a pledge to take the country on a more isolationist,

protectionist path and has vowed to impose a 35 percent tariff on goods on imports from U.S. companies that went abroad.

More than 60 Democratic lawmakers stayed away from the proceedings to protest Trump.

Many demonstrators are to participate in a "Women's March on Washington" today. Protests are also planned in other cities in the United States and abroad.

QUICKACTION

Trump's to-do list has given Republicans hope that, since they also control the US Congress, they can quickly repeal and replace Obama's signature healthcare law, approve sweeping tax reform and roll back many federal regulations they say are stifling the US economy.

"He's going to inject a shock to the system here almost immediately," Trump senior adviser Kellyanne Conway told Fox News.

Democrats, in search of firm political footing after the unexpected defeat of Clinton, are planning to fight him at every turn. They deeply oppose Trump's anti-immigrant rhetoric from the campaign trail.

Trump's critics have been emboldened to attack his legitimacy because his win came in the Electoral College, which gives smaller states more clout in the outcome. He lost the popular vote to Clinton by about 2.9 million.

Worry over wheat again

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The Daily Star that applying a molecular diagnostic tool they have confirmed at the BSMRAU lab that blast resurfaced in some of Meherpur's wheat fields.

Prof Sophien Kamoun of the UK's Sainsbury Laboratory, who along with Prof Islam and other international experts launched -- wheatblast.org -- a website dedicated to the cause of fighting wheat blast, also tweeted on Thursday, "Wheat blast detected in Meherpur, Bangladesh. Let's hope it doesn't take off like last year."

"If you remember there was an unlikely rain in early February last year and the dormant spores of the fungi responsible for wheat blast got triggered getting that conducive environment. Let's hope it doesn't repeat this year," Prof Islam told this correspondent emphasising on developing wheat varieties resistant to blast-causing fungi.

Talking to The Daily Star, Moin U Salam, principal research officer at the Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australia (DAFWA), emphasised on taking timely measures so that wheat blasts did not get widespread.

The blast attack came at a time when wheat production in Bangladesh had

just started picking up to 13 lakh metric tonnes (MT) in two previous years after remaining stagnant at as low as 8 to 9 lakh MT for past one decade.

Better wheat breeds developed by the Wheat Research Centre (WRC) contributed a lot in increasing domestic wheat output in recent years. Yet, Bangladesh has to import as high as 40 lakh MT of wheat from the international market to meet growing domestic demand.

Wheat production had hit a record high at 19.08 lakh MT in fiscal 1998-99. But later the acreage and production began to fall gradually as many farmers shifted to other winter crops like maize, potato and vegetables that promised higher profits.

In the aftermath of blast attack in Bangladesh's wheat fields, world's premier wheat and maize research institute, Mexico-based CIMMYT, feared that, "The consequences of a wider outbreak in South Asia could be devastating to a region of 300 million undernourished people, whose inhabitants consume over 100 million tonnes of wheat each year."

CIMMYT Director General Martin Kropff also visited Bangladesh for a better understanding of wheat blast's first Asia attack.

Sublime Soumya returns

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with an assured Shakib Al Hasan for the wicket after Tamim Iqbal had a forgettable debut as skipper and yet another no-show from Mahmudullah.

Coming in as a replacement for injured opener Imrul Kayes, Soumya batted beautifully and raced to his fifty with a pleasing on-drive for four against Colin de Grandhomme. Shakib scored an equally impressive 59. But when it looked like they were heading for a big partnership, they suffered soft dismissals.

Soumya went for a drive off Trent Boult but it stopped a bit and the left-hander lobbed the ball to cover where Grandhomme took a good diving catch. His dismissal after the lunch break sparked a collapse and Bangladesh, who were comfortably placed at 165 for two, suddenly slipped to 179 for five.

After scoring half centuries in both innings of the opening Test in Wellington Sabbir Rahman was undone by a well-directed bouncer from Boult. The right-hander fended it off to Boult's partner in crime with the ball, Tim Southee, at third slip after scoring only seven. Shakib was

caught down the leg side while trying to glide the ball down to the vacant fine-leg boundary. It may be a safe shot in conditions like in Bangladesh, but with a bit of bounce and movement in this part of the world these apparent harmless deliveries can be very deceptive. And if you cannot connect with a good part of the bat you are always susceptible to a caught-behind dismissal and Shakib fell into that trap after playing so well.

The two debutants -- wicketkeeper Nurul Hasan and young Nazmul Hossain -- then took the score close to the 250 mark. Nazmul, who was travelling with the team as a member of the development squad but suddenly found himself in the team following a late injury blow to Mominul Haque, played well for his 56-ball 18. It was not the amount of runs he scored but how he negotiated the hostile attack that impressed most.

Nurul Hasan was their third-highest scorer with 47. Dropped at slip while on four, the tall right-hander struck five fours in a 98-ball vigil.

But when it comes to occupying the crease against a two-pronged pace

attack considered the best in these conditions, Kamrul Islam Rabbi deserved an award for the way he played against Southee and Boult. He scored only two but faced 63 deliveries. Besides, the way he ducked, moved away from the firing line and left alone those swinging deliveries was something a top-order batsman in the Tigers' ranks would be envious of.

Rubel Hossain scored an enterprising 16 but also got a nasty blow on his right elbow from Boult. The experienced pace bowler however is lucky to have escaped a fracture on his bowling arm.

The Southee-Boult combination took nine wickets with Southee claiming five for 94. Boult, the more aggressive of the two, finished with four for 87.

Bangladesh will come out to bowl today and if you take Soumya's words for granted it would be an interesting day.

"The job of our bowlers will be to take ten wickets. I think it's not an easy wicket and if they can bowl in the right areas they can do it," said Soumya. But the question is if the fielders would be able to grab those chances created by the bowlers.

El Chapo in NY prison

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before yesterday's inauguration of President-elect Donald Trump, a US official told CNN. Trump angered Mexico during his campaign by demanding it pay for a border wall.

A Mexican deputy attorney general, however, said Trump's pending inauguration "had nothing to do with it."

"It was resolved today, and in terms of the international treaty, we had to immediately hand over the person

requested by the United States," Alberto Elias Beltran said. "Not doing so would generate a non-fulfilment to the international norms, specifically with the treaty shared between Mexico and the United States."

Guzman, who was moved last year to Ciudad Juarez, was picked up by a team from the Drug Enforcement Administration, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and US marshals.

Six separate indictments across the United States lay out wide-ranging cases against Guzman and others, alleging they have brought in billions in drugs to the United States and laundered profits back to Mexico.

The extradition brings an end, at least for now, to Guzman's exploits in Mexico, which included a 2015 prison escape through a mile-long tunnel that featured a motorcycle on tracks.

The US Justice Department thanked officials in Mexico "for their extensive cooperation and assistance in securing the extradition of Guzman ... to the United States."

Guzman and other cartel leaders were indicted in 2009 in US District Court in Brooklyn on charges of conspiring to import more than 264,000 pounds of cocaine into the United States between 1990 and 2005. The alleged traffickers are accused of

sharing drug transportation routes and obtaining their drugs from Colombian drug organizations.

Guzman also faces charges in California, Texas, Illinois, Florida and New Hampshire. Mexico's foreign ministry has said it had received assurances that if convicted Guzman would not receive the death penalty. Mexico opposes death sentences.

Federal indictments described the Sinaloa cartel as an enterprise that uses

murder, kidnappings and bribes.

The indictments refer to Guzman by various nicknames, including "El Rapido," "Papa," "El Viejo" and "El Chapo" (which means "Shorty." Guzman is 5 feet 6 inches tall.)

Over the years, Guzman gained near-mythic status in his home country. He has been the subject of ballads called "narcocorridos," a subgenre dedicated to cartels and their narco-violence.