'Trump wrong president'

Michelle Obama presses fight for Biden as US Democrats kick off virtual four-day convention with emphasis on unity

REUTERS, *WASHINGTON*

Former first lady Michelle Obama launched a blistering attack on President Donald Trump on Monday and urged Americans to elect Democrat Joe Biden in November to end the chaos she said had been created during the four years of Trump's presidency.

In an impassioned speech capping the first night of the Democratic National Convention, Obama said the Republican Trump "has had enough time to prove that he can do the job" but had failed to meet the moment in a country reeling from the coronavirus pandemic, economic turmoil and racial injustice.

"Whenever we look to this White House for some leadership or consolation or any semblance of steadiness, what we get instead is chaos, division, and a total and utter lack of empathy," she said, calling him "the wrong president" for the United States.

"He simply cannot be who we need him to be for us. It is what it is," Obama said. "If you think things cannot possibly get worse, trust me, they can; and they will if we don't make a change in this election. If we have any hope of ending this chaos, we have got to vote for Joe Biden like our lives depend on it."

Obama, whose husband, Barack Obama, was in the White House when Biden was vice president from 2009-2017, capped a long parade of speakers, including some of Trump's fellow Republicans, who gathered online to make the case for Biden at the start of his four-day nominating convention.

The harsh takedown by Michelle Obama could generate the sort of voter enthusiasm some Democrats thought a virtual convention might lack.

The convention opened amid widespread worries about the safety of voting in November because of the pandemic. Democrats have pushed voting by mail as a safe alternative, but Trump without evidence has proclaimed it is prone to fraud and blocked emergency aid for the US.

Israeli jets hit Gaza for 7th straight night

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Attacks on Gaza continued for the seventh straight night as Israeli warplanes targeted Hamas observation posts in what the Israeli army said was a response to Palestinian fire balloon attacks across the border.

Yesterday's air raids came as visiting Egyptian security officials strove to defuse the latest uptick in violence.

"Fighter jets and [other] aircraft struck underground infrastructures belonging to Hamas in the Gaza Strip," an Israeli military statement said, linking the attack to "explosive and arson balloons launched from the Gaza Strip into Israel".

Gaza security sources and witnesses said yesterday's raids hit Hamas lookout posts at Rafah in the south of the territory and Beit Lahia in the north.

Tensions have been rising for more than a week, with Israel accusing Hamas of firing rockets and launching bundles of balloons across the border fitted with incendiary or explosive devices.

Israel has closed the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) goods crossing with the Gaza Strip, imposed a ban on fishing off the Gaza coast and staged nightly air raids for seven nights.

The Palestinian territory has been under a crippling Israeli blockade since 2007, with Israel citing security threats from Hamas for its land, air and naval blockade. A Hamas source told AFP news agency that the group held talks with the Egyptian delegation in Gaza on Monday before the delegation left for meetings with the Israelis and the occupied West Bank-based Palestinian Authority.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Infectious Covid mutation may be 'a good thing'

An increasingly common mutation of the novel coronavirus found in Europe, North America and parts of Asia may be more infectious but appears less deadly, according to a prominent infectious diseases doctor. Paul Tambyah, senior consultant at the National University of Singapore and president-elect of the International Society of Infectious Diseases, said evidence suggests the proliferation of the D614G mutation in some parts of the world has coincided with a drop in death rates, suggesting it is less lethal. "Maybe that's a good thing to have a virus that is more infectious but less deadly," Tambyah told Reuters. Tambyah said most viruses tend to become less virulent as they mutate. "It is in the virus' interest to infect more people but not to kill them because a virus depends on the host for food and for shelter," he said.

Credit card problems for HK's Carrie Lam as sanctions bite

Hong Kong's leader says using her credit cards had been "hampered" by the United States slapping sanctions on her in response to a sweeping new security law in the financial hub. Chief Executive Carrie Lam was personally targeted, along with 10 other senior city officials, in the toughest US action on Hong Kong since Beijing imposed the new law on the territory in late June. The move by Washington freezes the American assets of the 11 officials and criminalises any financial transactions in the US. The US Treasury Department said Lam was sanctioned because she is "is directly responsible for implementing Beijing's policies of suppression of freedom and democratic processes". Lam told Chinese state media that although the measures are "really meaningless" for her, she now has problems paying by plastic.

Canada FM quits amid charity scandal

Canada's finance minister Bill Morneau announced his resignation Monday, on the heels of an ethics scandal and amid a reported split with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau over pandemic spending. Morneau, who has held the post since 2015, told a news conference that he met with Trudeau to inform him that he would not run in the next election, and that a new finance minister with a long-term outlook was needed. "As we move to the next phase of our fight against the pandemic and pave the road towards economic recovery, we must recognize that this process will take many years, it's the right time for a new finance minister to deliver on that plan for the long and challenging road ahead," Morneau said.

SOURCE: **REUTERS, AFP**

COUP D'ETAT IN IRAN

UK's lead role in 1953 exposed

ALJAZEERA ONLINE

A recently discovered transcript of an interview with a British intelligence officer who played a leading role in the 1953 coup that restored powers to the shah of Iran claims that Britain was the driving force behind the overthrow of Iranian Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh.

On the anniversary of the UK-US-led coup d'etat that removed Iran's democratically elected leader, an interview with Norman Darbyshire - head of the MI6 spy agency's "Persia" station in Cyprus at the time - was published.

In his account, Darbyshire said Britain had convinced the US to take part in the coup.

Darbyshire's comments came from an interview with the creators of an episode of 1985 British series End of Empire. His interview was not used directly in the programme, as he did not want to appear on camera.

The transcript, long forgotten, was recently unearthed during the making of a new documentary called Coup 53, scheduled for release today, the 67th anniversary of the coup.

Darbyshire died in 1993. The transcript of his interview was published on Monday by the National Security Archive at George Washington University in the United States.

The coup - known as Operation Ajax - eventually succeeded on August 19, 1953. Mossadegh was tried and kept under house arrest until his death 14 years later.

"Even though it has been an open secret for decades, the UK government has not officially admitted its fundamental role in the coup," Taghi Amirani, the director of Coup 53, was quoted by the Guardian newspaper as saying.

This handout photo collected yesterday from the Facebook page of Javee Vallecer shows rescuers looking for survivors at the site of a damaged house after a 6.6-magnitude earthquake hit the town of Cataingan in the central Philippine province of Masbate. At least one person was killed and 43 injured when the earthquake shook the central Philippines yesterday, sending residents fleeing their homes and damaging buildings and roads.

PHOTO: **AFP**

No evidence Hezbollah leadership involved

Says Lebanon tribunal on ex-PM Hariri's murder

REUTERS, **LEIDSCHENDAM**

A UN-backed tribunal yesterday said there was no evidence the leadership of Hezbollah or the Syrian government were involved in the 2005 killing of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri.

Four members of the Iran-backed Shi'ite movement Hezbollah are charged with conspiracy to carry out the massive bomb attack that killed Hariri and 21 other people.

Hariri, a Sunni Muslim billionaire, had close ties with the United States, Western and Sunni Gulf Arab allies, and was seen as a threat to Iranian and Syrian influence in Lebanon. He led efforts to rebuild Beirut following the 1975-1990 civil war.

"The trial chamber is of the view that Syria and Hezbollah may have had motives to eliminate Mr Hariri and his political allies, however, there is no evidence that the Hezbollah leadership had any involvement in Mr. Hariri's murder and there is no direct evidence of Syrian involvement," said Judge David Re, reading a summary of the court's decision.

Hezbollah has denied any involvement in the Feb. 14, 2005 bombing.

The reading of the verdict by the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, which began yesterday was expected to take several hours, comes as Lebanese are still reeling from the aftermath of a huge explosion that killed 178 people this month and from an economic meltdown that has shattered their lives.

Hariri's assassination plunged Lebanon into what was then its worst crisis since the war, setting the stage for years of confrontation between rival political forces.

Even before judges began reading their 2,600 page verdict into the Hariri's killing, Lebanon's an-Nahar daily ran a headline: 'International Justice Defeats Intimidation'.

The paper published a caricature of Hariri's face looking at a mushroom cloud over the devastated city, with a caption: "May you also (get justice)", referring to an investigation that could unveil the cause of the blast.

New Zealand PM hits back at Trump's Covid claims

AFP, WELLINGTON

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern on Tuesday slapped down Donald Trump's talk of an out-of-control coronavirus "surge" in New Zealand as "patently wrong". She expressed dismay after the US president exaggerated the new virus outbreak in New Zealand as a "huge surge" that Americans would do well to avoid.

"Anyone who is following," Ardern said, "will quite easily see that New Zealand's nine cases in a day does not compare to the United States' tens of thousands."

"Obviously, it's patently wrong," she added of Trump's remarks.

New Zealand had been hailed as a global success story after eradicating local transmission of the virus and Ardern was lauded as the "anti-Trump". But the recent discovery of a cluster in Auckland forced the country to impose new curbs.

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Temporary panel lawyers to prepare/conduct case individually in the Supreme Court (High Court & Appellate Division, Administrative Tribunal and Appellate Administrative Tribunal) & Advocates on Record (AOR).

1.	Ministry/Division		Ministry of Home Affairs, Public Security Division.
2.	Agency		Bangladesh Police.
3.	Procuring entity name		Office of the Additional Inspector General, CID, Malibag, Dhaka.
4.	Procuring entity code		1220205-105979
5.	Procuring entity district		Dhaka.
6.	Expression of Interest for	1.	For Lawyers: To prepare/conduct the case in the honorable High Court & Appellate Division of Supreme Court, Administrative Tribunal and Appellate Administrative Tribunal.
		2.	For AOR: Preparation of paperbook for filing AAT/AT/CA/ CMP/CP/CPLA/ CrA/CrMP/CrP/CrPLA/CS/PPR on behalf of Additional Inspector General, CID, Bangladesh Police in the honorable High Court and Appellate Division of Supreme Court, Administrative Tribunal and Appellate Administrative Tribunal.
7.	EOI Ref. No.		Admin/GA/Procurement/67-2020/390 Date: 17/08/2020
8.	Date		20/08/2020
9.	Procuring method		Selection Based on Consultants Qualifications (SBCQ) Method.
10.	Budget and source of funds		Revenue Budget.
11.	EOI closing date and time		On 07/09/2020 at 12.00 hrs.
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ROCKET ATTACK ON KABUL

Afghan presidential compound hit

AFP, KABUL

Six members of Afghan President Ashraf Ghani's honour guard were wounded yesterday when a rocket struck his palace compound, two officials told AFP.

The rocket was one of a salvo launched into central Kabul just as officials were gathering in the capital to commemorate Afghanistan's 101st independence day.

Ghani had finished speaking outside the famous Arg Palace to mark the event when a rocket landed in the sprawling compound and wounded six members of his honour guard, two palace officials told AFP on condition of anonymity. The president had already wrapped up his ceremonial duties and was not affected.

The interior ministry did not immediately comment on the incident, but spokesman Tareq Arian earlier said 14 rockets were fired out of two vehicles in the capital, mostly hitting civilian homes. Unfortunately, 10 civilians including four children and one woman have been wounded," Arian said. Two suspects were arrested, he added.