



US to make history either way

If elected, Harris will be the first woman president, Trump first convicted felon in office

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Kamala Harris and Donald Trump launched a final frenzied campaign blitz yesterday, hitting must-win Pennsylvania on the last day of a volatile US presidential race that polls say is hurtling towards a photo finish.

At his first rally of the day in North Carolina, Trump, 78, shrugged off accusations that his age and the

435 house representatives, 34 senators, 11 governors also to be elected

grueling election schedule had left him physically and mentally exhausted.

"I don't even sleep. I've gone through 62 days without a day off," he said in an insult-laden 90-minute stump speech that he has

delivered dozens of times in recent weeks.

"It's ours to lose," Trump told

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US-BANGLADESH TIES Trump win may shift the focus to trade from values

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The US foreign policy towards Bangladesh will not see any change as far as state relations are concerned but the nature of the relations could see some changes if Republican candidate Donald Trump wins the elections, said foreign policy experts.

"The focus of the US Bangladesh relationship now is to help stabilise Bangladesh's economy," said Michael Kugelman, director of the South Asia Institute at the Washington-based Wilson Centre.

USAID recently concluded a new agreement with Bangladesh for providing development aid and the Biden administration is looking to support Bangladesh

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Pennsylvania holds the key Survey shows tight race in all 7 swing states

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Democratic candidate Kamala Harris and Republican Donald Trump remain in a tight race in the country's seven battleground states that will determine who will be the next president of the United States of America.

According to the RealClearPolitics Poll Average, Vice President Harris held marginal leads in Wisconsin (+0.4) and Michigan (+1.2). Former president Trump was ahead in Nevada (+1.0), North Carolina (+1.5), Georgia (+1.7), Arizona (+2.7), and Pennsylvania (+0.3).

Trump's lead in Pennsylvania with 0.3 percentage points shows the Republican candidate is gaining momentum in a state which is a must-win battleground for both candidates.

There are 50 states in the US and most of them vote for the same party -- Democratic or Republican -- at every election. That leaves just a handful of states where either candidate could win. At this election, there are seven -- Nevada, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Arizona.

There are 538 electoral college votes up for grabs and the winner will be the candidate that gets 270 or more.

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THE CONSTITUTION Reforms only after a strong consensus

Says Dr Kamal Hossain

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Constitutional reforms should be done after taking people's opinions into account, said Dr Kamal Hossain, one of the framers of the constitution.

"No individual should change it [constitution] with the stroke of a pen," he said at a discussion yesterday.

"We must work together with the new generation, prioritise the aspirations of the people to build a democratic, just, and equitable Bangladesh."



DR KAMAL HOSSAIN

"If a person, even if it is the president, feels that something is wrong, it would not be appropriate for them to change it single-handedly. They should proceed with amending the constitution only when a strong consensus or majority opinion has been established," Dr Kamal said.

Bangladesh Democratic Lawyers' Association organised the event to mark the day the constitution was adopted 52 years ago.

"We noticed that 15 to 16 amendments were made to the constitution. It was done from the realisation that it is made by human beings. The provision which was deemed right 10 years ago might create problems in a changed scenario. Then the constitution can be amended. But the people have to be taken on board to do that.

Dr Kamal, also the emeritus president of Gono Forum,

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