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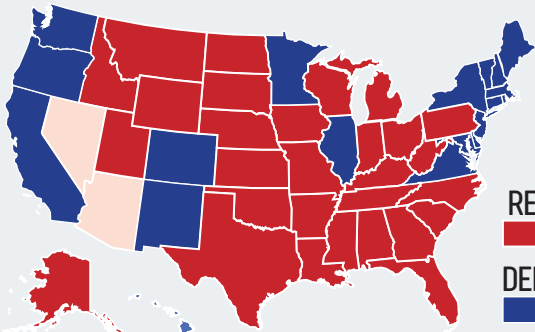
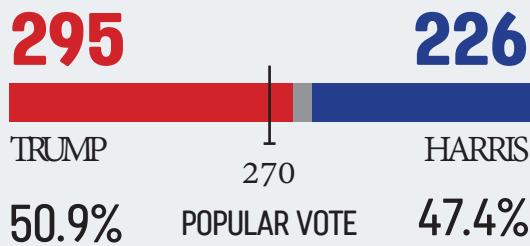
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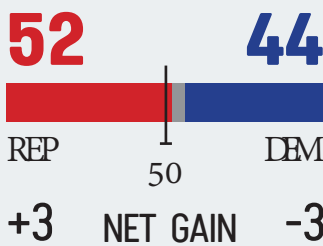
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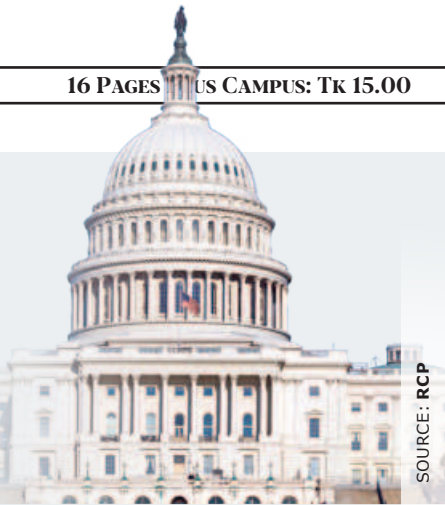
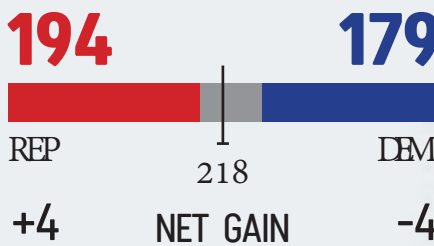
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# TRUMP IS BACK

## Swing states turn red; GoP takes control of Senate

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Donald Trump was elected US president, capping a remarkable comeback four years after he was voted out of the White House and ushering in a new American leadership likely to test democratic institutions at home and relations abroad.

Trump, 78, recaptured the White House yesterday after a campaign marked by dark rhetoric that deepened the polarisation in the country, prevailing after two attempts on his life and a late decision by Democrats to run Kamala Harris when President Joe Biden withdrew from the race in July.

Harris, the US vice president, called Trump to congratulate him for winning the 2024 presidential election, one of her senior aides said.

She is expected to deliver her concession speech around 6:00pm (2300 GMT).

The former president's victory in the swing state of Wisconsin pushed him over the 270 Electoral College votes needed to win the presidency. As of 8:00am ET (1300 GMT) Trump had won 295 electoral votes to Harris' 226 with only two states yet to be counted, Edison Research projected.

He also led Harris by more than 5 million votes in the popular count.

"America has given us an unprecedented and powerful mandate," Trump said early yesterday to a roaring crowd of supporters at the Palm Beach County Convention Centre in Florida.

Trump prevailed despite persistently low approval ratings. Impeached twice, he has been criminally indicted four times and found civilly liable for sexual abuse and defamation. In May, Trump was convicted by a New York jury of falsifying business records to cover up hush money payments to a porn star.

Trump's political career had appeared to be over after his false claims of election fraud led a mob of supporters to storm the US Capitol on January 6, 2021, in a failed bid to overturn his 2020 defeat.

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Donald Trump gestures to the crowd while accompanied by his wife Melania at a victory rally at the Palm Beach County Convention Center in West Palm Beach, Florida, yesterday. Trump thanked American for electing him as the 47th president of the US.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## Harris calls Trump, concedes

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Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris called Donald Trump yesterday to congratulate the Republican leader on his US presidential election win, two aides to Harris said.



The call formally ends the bitter contest between the vice-president and the former president.

The aides said she emphasised the importance of a peaceful transfer of power and being a president for all Americans.

"President Trump acknowledged Vice President Harris on her strength, professionalism, and tenacity throughout the campaign, and both leaders agreed on the importance of unifying the country,"

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## What second term will mean for US, world

REUTERS, Washington

A Donald Trump presidential election victory would have huge implications for US trade policy, climate change, the war in Ukraine, electric vehicles, Americans' taxes and illegal immigration.

While some of his proposals would require congressional approval, here is a summary of the policies he has said he would pursue in his second four-year term in office:

### MORE TARIFFS

Trump has floated the idea of a 10 percent or more tariff on all goods imported into the US, a move he says would eliminate the trade deficit. But critics say it would lead to higher prices for American consumers and global economic instability.

He has also said he should have the authority to set higher tariffs

on countries that have put tariffs on US imports. He has threatened to impose a 200 percent tariff on some imported cars, saying he is determined in particular to keep cars from Mexico from coming into the country.

### MASS DEPORTATIONS

Trump has vowed to reinstate his first-term policies targeting illegal border crossings and to forge ahead with sweeping new restrictions.

He has pledged to limit access to asylum at the US-Mexico border and to embark on the biggest deportation effort in American history, which would likely trigger legal challenges and opposition from Democrats in Congress.

### DRILLING AWAY

Trump has vowed to increase US production of fossil fuels by easing

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## Prof Yunus congratulates Trump

STAR REPORT

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday congratulated Donald Trump for his historic win in the US presidential election.

"I am delighted to convey, on behalf of the government and the people of Bangladesh, my heartfelt felicitations to you on your victory in the US Presidential Election 2024," he said in a congratulatory message.

"Electing you as the US President for a second term

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## NEW TRUMP ERA Dhaka needs to be more proactive

Say foreign policy analysts

PORIMOL PALMA

The victory of Donald Trump, who focuses more on America's domestic interests than on anything else, means the recent trend of progress in Dhaka-Washington ties might slow down, foreign policy analysts said.

Trump has secured 295 votes in the Electoral College so far, beating Democratic candidate Kamala Harris.

The analysts, however, said Dhaka does not need to worry; instead, it should work more proactively than before in getting what it needs from Washington.

"After Donald Trump's previous victory

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## TIB expresses concern over press freedom

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expressing serious concerns over press freedom in the country, Transparency International Bangladesh yesterday said persistent attacks, ill-motivated lawsuits and widespread harassment are not conducive to an anti-discriminatory "new Bangladesh".

In a press statement, the graft watchdog urged the interim government to implement strict measures to curb these "alarming trends" to ensure a congenial environment for journalists and the media.

In 14 years during the previous regime's rule, Bangladesh's position in the World Press Freedom Index fell by 42 notches, with all standards of media freedom consistently declining, said TIB Executive Director Ittekkharuzzaman.

He said the sacrifices made by students during the July-August mass uprising presented the nation with a unique opportunity to build a "new Bangladesh".

However, despite the interim government's repeated commitments to

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## Don't indulge in activities disliked by the people

Tarique urges BNP leaders, activists

UNB, Dhaka

BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman yesterday urged his party leaders and activists to avoid activities disliked by the people and focus on earning their trust and love instead of becoming overconfident about electoral victory.

Speaking at a discussion, he also stressed the need for the people's political and

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## Star INTERVIEW

## 'Business-friendly environment remains elusive'

REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA

A congenial business environment is yet to be restored under the interim government, said Tapan Chowdhury, managing director of Square Pharmaceuticals.

Until that happens, fresh investment or business expansion plans would be on hold, Chowdhury told The Daily Star in an interview recently.

"Square Group also has plans to expand the group's business both at home and abroad, but this is not the time for investment as the congenial and business-friendly environment is absent now."

Regarding the recent labour unrest, he suggested minimising the communication gap between the factory owners and workers.

"There should be regular interactions between the workers and owners – if there is any grievance of the workers, their views should be heard."

Only police and the army cannot manage the problem of worker unrest, he said, adding his pharmaceutical factory was also attacked during the time of weak law and order situation.

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Tapan Chowdhury



School students had to carefully tread on bricks on their way back home as the capital's Mugda road was waterlogged yesterday after rain the evening before. Due to the poor drainage system in the area, the road gets waterlogged even after little rain.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

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