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A New Dawn: Joe Biden Will Be The Oldest US President, Kamala The 1st Woman & 1st Person Of Colour To Be Veep

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Washington: Joe Biden will be the 46th President of the United States. The 77-year old Democrat, with mixed-race Indian-American Kamala Harris as his running mate, were projected as winners in the US Presidential election by ABC, CNN, and other media outlets under an informal system long embraced by political parties, after a prolonged counting of votes that showed him with an insurmountable lead to take him

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past the 270 votes needed to win the Presidency.

There was an explosion of joy and happy tears in many cities across urban America as people came out on the street dancing and chanting. Some television pundits — notably Van Jones on CNN — broke down as they explained the relief they felt at being freed from an ugly four-year term of a President who embodied racism, bigotry, narcissism, sexism, and an unrelenting disregard for truth, facts, and science.

It will take several more days for the full vote count to be tabulated and certified by the secretary of state in each state, as required by law, but there is little doubt in anyone's mind — except for Trump



Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris at a national address on Friday night

“We can't save any of the lives that have been lost, but we can save a lot of lives in the months ahead... We have serious problems to deal with — Covid, the economy, racial justice, climate change. We don't have any more time to waste on partisan warfare — JOE BIDEN

and his hardcore minions — that Biden has won clearly and convincingly. Trump is certain to contest the verdict of the people, continuing his phony claims of voter fraud and rigging, but the momentum shifted abruptly on Saturday morning when the networks went public with what had been obvious for almost 24 hours.

“I WON THIS ELECTION, BY A LOT!” Trump came out screaming in all-caps on Twitter, shortly before the race was called, perhaps anticipating the moment.

Under the US Constitution, Trump will remain President till noon of January 20, when the term of the new presidency is inaugurated — enough time many fear for

him to fan the flames of racial strife and lay waste to the country. Already, coronavirus cases in the US have crossed 100,000 each day for the past four days — with 1,000 deaths each day — with reckless disregard from Trump, at least in public. In a telling final statement, his own chief of staff Mike Meadows, an ardent “no-mask” proponent was diagnosed with the virus on Friday.

In sharp contrast, Biden on Friday night, hours before the race was called even though the result was obvious, spoke at length about addressing the health and economic crisis, rather than gloat about the imminent victory.

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Husband posts Kamala's first call to 'President Joe'

Moments after the race was called, Kamala Harris, out on a walk with her husband Doug Emhoff on a fall morning, posted a video of her phone call to Biden in which she said, “We did it, we did it, Joe. You are going to be the next President of the United States.” Trump, meanwhile, was out golfing in Virginia, even as his campaign released a statement saying the race isn't over, and “Beginning Monday, our campaign will start prosecuting our case in court to ensure election laws are fully upheld and the rightful winner is seated. TNN

Georgia runoffs to tip Senate balance

Georgia's two Senate seats, unusually, were both up for election this year, and both races are headed for runoff elections on January 5 after no candidate in either race managed to win a majority of the votes. Nationally, the Senate stands split at 48-48. But Republicans lead uncalled races in Alaska and North Carolina, so the ultimate balance is likely to come down to the result of the Georgia runoff. AGENCIES