



ICELAND Volcano erupts again, town spared

A volcano in southwestern Iceland erupted Thursday evening for the sixth time since December, spewing red lava through a new fissure on the Reykjanes Peninsula. The eruption began shortly after 9 pm following a series of strong earthquakes and within the hour a 4-kilometre (2.4-mile) fissure cut through the Sundhnúkur crater. Iceland authorities say the eruption's effects remain localised with road closures but do not threaten the population. Halldór Björnsson, head of weather and climate at the Norwegian Meteorological Agency, told the Icelandic news portal, Visir, that unlike previous eruptions, the lava flow is not heading for the town of Grindavik that was largely evacuated in December when the volcano came to life after being dormant for 800 years.

SYDNEY Freeing whale from nets

Rescue crews have resumed efforts to free a juvenile humpback whale entangled in fishing nets at Sydney Harbour. As of Friday morning, police and maritime authorities were tracking the whale and enforcing an exclusion zone near Bradley's Head -- a peninsula protruding from the harbour's north shore -- as the mammal dragged a line with buoys attached, Xinhua news agency reported. A whale-watching group spotted the whale in distress on Thursday noon, but initial attempts to detach the netting wrapped around it were suspended due to the failing light. Rescuers led by volunteers from the wildlife group, the Organisation for the Rescue and Research of Cetaceans in Australia, attached a GPS tracker to the whale on Thursday. However, the tracker became dislodged shortly afterwards. The whale was again spotted by authorities at 7:30 a.m. local time on Friday after initial fears it had swum out of the harbour overnight.

THAILAND No survivors in plane crash

Rescue personnel, despite an 11-hour search, have found no survivors at the site of a crash of a small passenger plane in Thailand that took off from Bangkok airport, local media reported on Friday. Nine people, including five Chinese nationals onboard left Suvarnabhumi airport in Bangkok at 2:46 pm on August 22. The aircraft reportedly lost contact with the Suvarnabhumi control tower at around 3pm. The plane on a domestic flight was bound for Ko Mai Chee airport in Trat in the country. The crash occurred at 3:18 pm behind Wat Khaod Din in Bang Pakong district and the wreckage of the plane was found in the mud in a mangrove forest near the temple.

Russian ferry wrecked: Kyiv

Ukraine's Navy confirmed on Friday that it had destroyed a ferry in the Russian port of Kavkaz that was used to deliver fuel and weapons to occupied Crimea. Local authorities had earlier said ferry was set ablaze and damaged in Thursday's attack on the port in Russia's southern Krasnodar region. "Another undoubtedly military objective has been destroyed. Its purpose was to provide fuel for the invaders.

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Harris promises to chart 'new way forward at DNC'

FP News Service CHICAGO

Bringing up her strong Indian upbringing under her mother Shyamala Gopalan Harris, who taught her values of independence, strength and courage, current US Vice-President Kamala Harris Thursday night present herself as a pragmatic leader who could unite all Americans behind a "new way forward", while accepting Democratic Party's presidential nomination with just 75 days left for the crucial election.

Watched by a huge cheering crowd that included her husband, daughter, sister, nieces and grand nieces, she sent a message across of the need for strong family values while making the US great. In a speech that stunned many, Harris came out of the shadows of Biden and a clear-eyed VP rallied a charged-up Democrats around the themes of true patriotism while calling her rival Donald Trump the enemy of classic American principles.

"In the enduring strength between democracy and tyranny, I know where I stand and I know where America stands," she said amidst wild cheering. Moving on from her biography as a person who fought for crimes against women, people who lost their lives due to gun laws and the underprivileged, she promised to make America the strongest force on earth. As the commander in chief of the Armed Forces, American forces will determine world outcomes she said while taking on China, Russia, Iran, Iraq and North Korea.

In her nearly 40-minute address, Harris supported Israel in its war for survival, but in the same breath she vowed to end the human sufferings in Gaza.

She also lent her strong support to Ukraine in its war with Russia. Under her US Foreign Policy will be realistic, practical and full of common sense, she added. Pointing her gun at her rival, she repeatedly said, "We shall not go back" amid cheers and a rain of balloons and confetti, promising to end the Trump era and grinding uncertainty and upheavals.



(L-R) Douglas Emhoff, Kamala Harris, Tim Walz and his wife at the end of the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Illinois, on Thursday

she blamed Trump for all the chaos and calamity he unleashed while in office and warned that he will throw the US into total disarray if elected. Unreeling a huge laundry list of crimes against women, financial misdeeds and someone who has no clarity of thought or action, she said Trump has just one client: himself; "but my clients are the people of the United States, the women who are suffering, gun-law victims, the homeless and jobless.

"In many ways, Trump is an unserious man, but the consequences of putting him back in the White House are extremely serious," she said. She tread with caution on the subjects of immigration and economy saying she will bring back the bi-partisan

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- Kamala Harris Democratic Party's presidential nominee

Bill on immigration which Trump had trashed. Without mentioning much about Biden or the failed Bidenomics, she promised to put America back on rails and go for technologies like AI to make lives more easy and less taxing. Critics were awed at the never-seen-before Harris, all charged up as



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Harris speech: Trump dials Fox News to rebut

Agencies WASHINGTON

Former President Donald J. Trump was watching television on Thursday night and he did not like what he saw. His newly minted Democratic opponent, Vice-President Kamala Harris, had just accused him of groveling to dictators, imperiling democracy, betraying American values and, to top it off, deemed him "an unserious man."



So Trump picked up the telephone and called Fox News. The network quickly patched him in to its live coverage of the Democratic convention, and the former president proceeded to issue a meandering, stream-of-consciousness rebuttal. Several times, the Fox anchors Bret Baier and Martha MacCallum tried to interject to ask a question. Several times, Trump ignored them. "Mr. President, let me interrupt," Baier pleaded at one point. Trump kept talking.

until Fox News informed Trump that the network had run out of time -- came shortly after he had taken to his social media platform, Truth Social, to provide real-time commentary on Harris's speech. His posts there, capitalized in a haphazard manner, were less directed at her specific remarks than at broader complaints about issues that Trump wants to keep the focus on: crime, immigration and the economy. At times, he digressed. At one point, referring to Harris, Trump asked, in all capital letters, "Is she talking about

me?" (She was, often.) Trump also accused Harris's running mate, Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota, of puffing up his résumé as a leader of a high school football team. "Walz was an ASSISTANT Coach, not a COACH," he wrote.

A few minutes later, on Fox News, Trump argued that Harris had not accomplished much during her tenure as vice-president. "All of these things that she talked about -- 'We are going to do this, we are going to do everything' -- but she didn't do any of it!" Trump said on the air, complaining that "she didn't talk about China, she didn't talk about fracking, she didn't talk about crime."

When anchor MacCallum observed that Harris was "having some success" with women, Hispanic and Black voters, Trump objected. "She's not having success; I'm having success," he said. "I'm doing great with the Hispanic voters, doing great with Black men, I'm doing great with women."

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