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TRUMP MAKES HISTORY

Becomes first president in over 100 years to win a non-consecutive second term

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Donald Trump stormed into the White House for the second time yesterday after convincingly defeating US Vice-President Kamala Harris, after surviving an assassin's bullet and fighting a high-pitched campaign. Elected the 47th president of the United States, Trump pulled off a stunning political comeback in one of the most polarised contests for the highest office. At 78, Trump became the oldest in US history to take the Oval Office. He is also the first president in more than a century to win a non-consecutive second term. "We overcame obstacles that nobody thought possible," Trump told a victory party in Florida, adding that he would take office with an "unprecedented and powerful mandate." That mandate extended to the Senate, where Republicans won control with a slew of victories. Republicans also posted early gains as they battled to retain control of the House of Representatives. If they prevail, Republicans would be in a position to dictate the agenda in Washington, helping Trump deliver on his promise to slash taxes and restrict immigration. At the site of Harris's election night party, the scene was different. When it became clear that the vice-president would not speak at Howard University, those gathered headed home, leaving behind empty chairs and abandoned flags. The battle was over.

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■ Trump and his wife Melania in Florida yesterday. Trump secured more than the 270 electoral votes needed to defeat Kamala Harris.

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