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NETANYAHU VISIT SPARKS PRO-PALESTINE PROTEST AT US CAPITOL

Pro-Palestinian demonstrators rally near the US Capitol before Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu's address to a joint meeting of Congress yesterday in Washington, DC. Hundreds of protesters were arrested on Tuesday for gathering near the US Capitol. **SEE ALSO P8**

July 22 hottest day in history

With global average at 17.15C, Monday was warmest in records going back to 1940

PARIS

Earth withered through a second-straight day of record-breaking heat on July 22, the EU's climate monitor said yesterday, as large parts of Europe, Asia and North America suffer blistering tempera-

tures. Preliminary data from the Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) showed the daily global average temperature was 17.15 degrees Celsius on Monday, the warmest day in records going back to 1940. This was 0.06C hotter than the day before on July 21, which itself broke the all-time high temperature set a year earlier.

Copernicus, which uses satellite data to update global air and sea temperatures close to real time, said its figures were provisional and

final values may differ very slightly. The monitor had anticipated daily records would be exceeded as summer peaks in the northern hemisphere, and the planet endures a long streak of extreme global heat driven by human-caused climate change.

"This is exactly what climate science told us would happen if the world continued burning coal, oil and gas," said Joyce Kimutai, a climate scientist from Imperial College London, yesterday. —AFP

Travellers warned to disclose excess cash

Violators may face jail, fine depending on value of undisclosed possessions

ABU DHABI

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Travellers passing through the UAE have been warned against the non-disclosure of "currencies, precious metals and precious stones" of sizeable value through any point of entry in the country.

The Abu Dhabi Judicial Department (ADJD) said in its warning bulletins on its website that failure of travellers arriving in or departing from the UAE through airports or ports to disclose money, precious metals and precious stones whose value exceeds Dh60,000 is a punishable crime.

If found guilty, travellers may be subject to imprisonment and a fine depending on the value of the undisclosed possessions.

The Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship, Customs and Ports Security (ICP), in cooperation with Abu

Dhabi Judicial Department (ADJD), has launched a sophisticated electronic system called Afsah to enable travellers arriving in and departing from the UAE to declare cash and other specified possessions that add up to more than Dh60,000 or its equivalent in foreign currencies.

According to the Afsah system, each family member over the age of 18 has the right to carry an amount not exceeding this limit without disclosure. Any amount exceeding the same must necessarily be disclosed through Afsah or other disclosure systems approved at the country's border crossings.

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Harris surges ahead of Trump in new poll

VICE-PRESIDENT LEADS REPUBLICAN RIVAL BY TWO POINTS

DUBAI

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The resurgent Democratic Party gained significant momentum as the first polls after President Joe Biden's exit positioned US Vice-President Kamala Harris ahead of former President and Republican candidate Donald Trump. Following an impressive 32-hour surge during which Harris secured the backing of a majority of delegates uncontested and record funds, a national poll released on Tuesday showed the vice-president leading her Republican rival by two points, 44 per cent to 42 per cent.

In the previous week's poll, Harris, 59, and Trump, now 78 and the elder in the presidential race, were tied at 44 per cent. That's a great improvement from the five-point deficit Biden faced before his exit from the race.

Overwhelming favourite

Harris, overwhelmingly favoured for the Democratic nomination, continues to amass endorsements, donations, and pledged delegates.

A separate poll released on Tuesday shows her narrowly trailing Trump, within the surveys' margins of error.

According to a PBS News/



Building up the middle class will be a defining goal of my presidency. When our middle class is strong, America is strong.

Kamala Harris

US Vice-President

NPR/Marist poll conducted on Monday, Trump holds a slight edge over Harris with 46 per cent to 45 per cent among US registered voters, with 9 per cent undecided.

Both surveys come in the aftermath of Trump surviving a shock assassination attempt at a Pennsylvania rally on July 13.

Trump maintains a very narrow advantage of 1.6 percentage points against Harris, according to an average of polls collated by RealClearPolitics.

Harris's strong showing in the polls, fuelled by Democrat-

ic voter enthusiasm over the race's developments, indicates she is effectively neutralising the usual post-convention bounce that nominees typically receive.

At her first rally since effectively clinching the presidential nomination, an exuberant Harris whipped up a rapturous crowd as she launched fresh attacks on Trump for trying to "take the country backward."

Out from Biden's shadow

In a stark contrast to Biden's often stumbling and low-energy speeches, Harris gave a punchy and enthusiastic address that was greeted with cheers at the event in the battleground state of Wisconsin.

Harris touted the administration's major legislative victories on infrastructure, combating climate change and building up a domestic semiconductor industry.

She's also highlighted policies meant to support American consumers directly, including a crackdown on so-called junk fees and measures to boost housing affordability.

"We believe in a future where every person has the opportunity to not just get by, but to get ahead," she said. She outlined her agenda, focusing on extending health care, child care, and paid family leave to all Americans.

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