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■ Hundreds of anti-far right protesters gather at Place de la Republique to demonstrate against the results of the first round of legislative elections in Paris, France, on Sunday night.

## France polls: Macron, allies fight to keep far-right at bay

First round results deliver resounding victory for Le Pen's National Rally

**PARIS**  
BY ALEX ABRAHAM  
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French President Emmanuel Macron and his allies were yesterday battling to prevent the far-right National Rally (RN) from taking an absolute majority and control of government in a historic first after his gamble on early elections backfired.

The far-right National Rally (RN) party of Marine Le Pen won a resounding victory in the first round of polls on Sunday with 33 per cent of the

vote, with Macron's centrists trailing in third with 20 per cent behind a left-wing coalition that won 28 per cent.

Despite leading the first round, the RN's path to an outright majority remains uncertain, hinging on the crucial July 7 run-off and potential coalition-building efforts.

Although Article 8 of the French constitution grants President Emmanuel Macron the authority to appoint the

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prime minister — traditionally the leader of the winning parliamentary group — the constitution offers no specific criteria, opening the door to complex political manoeuvres.

The RN party has stated that 28-year-old Jordan Bardella is their candidate for prime minister but would decline the role without a clear majority.

Macron could attempt to form an anti-RN alliance, possibly offering the prime minister position to a non-RN party or an unaffiliated candidate.

French Prime Minister Gabriel Attal, who is likely to be forced to resign after the second round, warned that the far right was now at the "gates of power". The RN should not get a "single vote" in the second round, he said.

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## Officials clarify fines for overstaying in UAE

Visit visa penalty reduced from Dh100 to Dh50 for each day of violation

**ABU DHABI**  
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Fines for overstaying in the UAE after the expiry of the visa have not changed, officials have clarified.

On its website, the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Ports Security (ICP) explained that once the residence visa expires, there is normally a grace period to renew it. If the visa is cancelled, the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs (GDRFA) grants a grace period of 30 days during which the expat

can continue to stay in the UAE.

According to the updated visa system, the fine for violations with regard to the expiration of the period of residence within the country has been raised from Dh25 to Dh50 for each day of violation.

**Visit visa**

Meanwhile, the value of the visit visa fine has been reduced from Dh100 to Dh50 for each day of violation.

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**When the visa expires, the Emirates ID card also expires, and the person has to apply for its renewal before applying for residency renewal.**

## Trump enjoys immunity from prosecution

COURT RULING TO LIKELY DELAY TRIAL FOR CONSPIRING TO OVERTURN 2020 ELECTION

**WASHINGTON**

The US Supreme Court ruled yesterday that Donald Trump has some immunity from criminal charges for trying to reverse the 2020 election results, all but ensuring that a trial won't happen before the November election.

The justices, voting 6-3 along ideological lines, said a federal appeals court was too categorical in rejecting Trump's immunity arguments, ruling for the first time that former presidents are shielded from prosecution for some official acts taken while in office.

The majority ordered the lower courts to revisit the case to decide the extent of the allegations that are off limits to prosecution.

**Tactical triumph**

The court stopped short of tossing out the indictment, as Trump had sought. But the ruling's timing nonetheless makes it a tactical triumph for the former president, effectively shutting the narrow window for Special Counsel Jack Smith to put Trump in front of a jury

### 4 CATEGORIES OF CONDUCT ANALYSED

The court analysed four categories of conduct contained in Trump's indictment: his discussions with Justice Department officials following the 2020 election, his alleged pressure on then Vice President Mike Pence to block certification of Biden's election win, his alleged role in assembling fake pro-Trump electors and his conduct related to the January 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol.

in Washington before Election Day on November 5.

Trump is now likely to reach the November election with only one of the four criminal cases against him having gone to trial. He was convicted in New York state court May 30 for falsifying business records to conceal a hush money payment to porn star Stormy Daniels before the 2016 election. The Washington trial has been on hold while Trump pressed his immunity case. —Agencies

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