

FRIDAY  
TAKEAWAY



WHY ARE WE  
ALWAYS SO  
TIRED ON THE  
WEEKENDS?

You promise yourself  
a productive and  
fun weekend only  
to end up curled up  
under the blanket  
and, before long,  
you realise Monday  
is back. Experts  
decode weekend  
fatigue and offer  
tips on how to  
manage it | P9

# ‘ABSOLUTELY NOT’

Biden: I’m in this race to the end, no one’s pushing me out

**WASHINGTON**

**L**et me say this as clearly as I possibly can — as simply and straightforward as I can: I am running... no one’s pushing me out. I’m not leaving. I’m in this race to the end and we’re going to win,” American President Joe Biden said trying to douse Democratic panic triggered by his disastrous debate with Donald Trump.

His statement came as the White House said Biden is “absolutely not” pulling out of the presidential race. Biden yesterday took to the airwaves fighting to show he is fit to run for reelection and serve another term.

As Americans gathered for their Independence Day holiday, concern swelled over the 81-year-old incumbent’s mental acuity. However, Democratic governors offered their support for Biden in a meeting with him to discuss the fallout from his disastrous debate.

**Bad night**

And with polls showing Republican Trump extending a narrow lead, Biden finds himself under pressure as never before to demonstrate his capacity to lead. “I had a bad night,” Biden acknowledged to Wis-

**MARKETS ON ALERT**

The debate over whether President Joe Biden will scrap his run for re-election is spilling into Wall Street, where traders are shifting money to and from the dollar, Treasuries and other assets that would be impacted by Donald Trump’s return to office.

With speculation now mounting rapidly that Biden could drop out of the race, investors are hastily making contingency plans to react to such an announcement during the Fourth of July holiday and the subsequent weekend.

consin’s Civic Media in a radio interview recorded the day before it aired yesterday. “I made a mistake,” he added. “That’s 90 minutes on stage. Look at what I’ve done in 3.5 years.”

The Biden campaign has been desperate to reassure Democratic donors, voters and lawmakers that the president’s dismal performance against Trump was a one-off.

Biden sought to appear determined he was staying in the race, telling his interviewer: “When you get knocked down, you just get back up.”

—Agencies  
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**I had a bad night. I made a mistake. That’s 90 minutes on stage. Look at what I’ve done in 3.5 years. ... When you get knocked down, you just get back up.”**

**Joe Biden | US President**

Dubai aims to develop world’s largest car market

**DUBAI**  
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Dubai entities DP World and Dubai Municipality have signed a partnership agreement to develop a car market in the Emirate.

Shaikh Maktoum Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the First Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of the UAE shared on his X account that the car market, which aspires to be the largest in the world, will cover an area of 20 million square feet.

“The new market will offer innovative government and banking services and will be connected to global markets through DP World’s network,” shared Shaikh Maktoum. “It will host major events and specialised conferences in the automotive world, making it a global destination for car enthusiasts,” he added.

By increasing the market’s capacity, increasing its current sales, and connecting it to 77 ports worldwide managed by DP World, Dubai aims to accelerate the achievement of the ambitious objectives of the Dubai Economic Agenda D33 with the new car market.

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