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■ US President Joe Biden yesterday dropped out of the US presidential election and endorsed Vice-President Kamala Harris as the Democratic Party's new nominee.

Biden withdraws, endorses Harris as Democratic nominee

Party in chaos,
needs to find new
candidate for
November election

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US President Joe Biden announced yesterday that he was dropping out of his reelection battle with Donald Trump, in a historic move that plunges the already turbulent 2024 White House race into uncharted territory.

"It has been the greatest honour of my life to serve you as president," the 81-year-old Democrat said in a letter in X, posted while he was recovering from Covid at his beach house in Delaware.

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duties as President for the remainder of my term."

Biden said he would "speak to the nation later this week in more detail about my decision."

Support for Kamala Harris

He endorsed Vice-President Kamala Harris as the Democratic nominee for the 2024 election after he dropped out of the race.

"Today I want to offer my full support and endorsement

for Kamala to be the nominee of our party this year," Biden said on X.

The Democratic Party is now plunged into chaos and needs to find a new candidate by November's election, with Vice President Kamala Harris the frontrunner.

Weeks of pressure

Biden bowed out after weeks of pressure that began with a disastrous debate performance that raised fears over his health.

The stunning move makes Biden the first president in US history to pull out so late in an election race, and the first to bow out because of concerns over his mental acuity and health. Biden spent more than three weeks resisting calls to step down following the shock of the June 27 debate, at one point insisting that only the "Lord Almighty" could convince him to back out. —AFP

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If you are travelling and departing from the Zayed International Airport in Abu Dhabi, there will no longer any need for prior

registration. This is just one of the many benefits offered by the world's first-of-its-kind biometric Smart Travel project announced yesterday by Abu Dhabi Airports and the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Ports Security (ICP).

The project utilises the databases of ICP to automatically authenticate travellers

using biometric technology, eliminating the need for prior registration for departing passengers. Through the implementation of this project, Abu Dhabi Airports aims to uphold the highest aviation security and safety protocols within the airport, improve traveller experience and streamline the travel process for passengers.

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SUSPECTS GATHERED IN PUBLIC PLACE,
OBSTRUCTING ENFORCEMENT OF LAW

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C hancellor Dr. Hamad Saif Al Shamsi, UAE Attorney-General, has ordered an immediate investigation into the arrested Bangladeshi nationals who gathered and incited riots in several streets across the UAE on Friday.

A team from the Public Prosecution has commenced investigating the arrested suspects.

The investigations, conducted under the direct supervision of the UAE Attorney-General, revealed that the suspects committed crimes of gathering in a public place and protesting against their home government with the intent to incite unrest, obstruct the enforcement of laws and regulations, disrupt individual interests, cause harm and danger to others, violate their rights, disrupt traffic, and damage both public and private property.

Offence against state security

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The suspects deliberately disrupted transport services, incited these demonstrations, and recorded and disseminated audiovisual footage of these acts online.

seminated audiovisual footage of these acts online, which constitute offences against state security and public order, and jeopardise the UAE's interests.

Based on the preliminary investigation results, the Public Prosecution has ordered their pretrial detention pending further investigations. Furthermore, the UAE Attorney-General has directed that the suspects be referred to an expedited trial.

Dr. Al Shamsi urged people residing in the country to adhere to its laws and refrain from engaging in planning and carrying out such activities, as they constitute serious crimes with a severe impact on the community, with harsh penalties for the perpetrators.

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UAE residents
urged to uphold
principles of
co-existence

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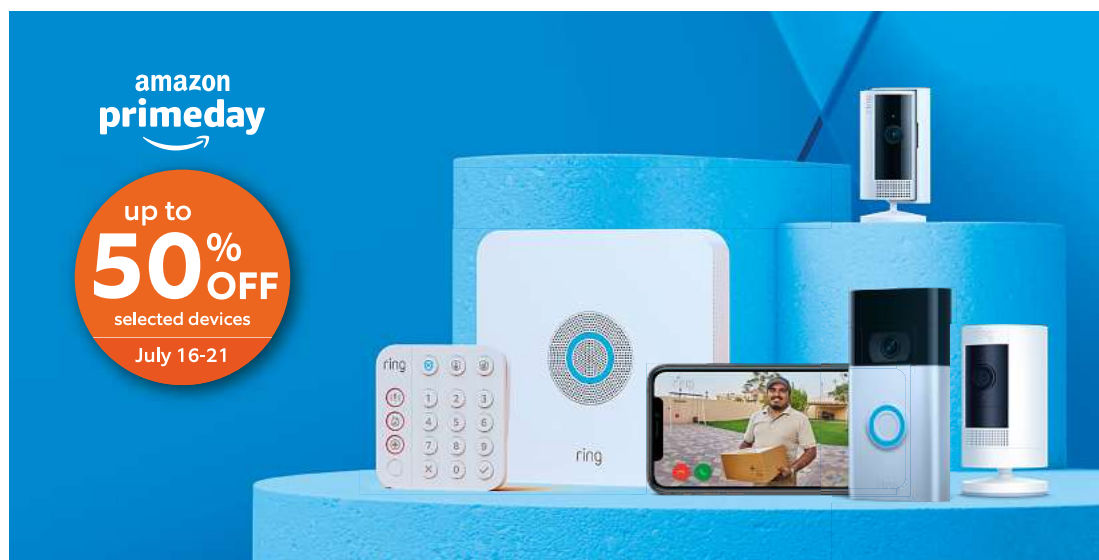
BY KHITAM AL AMIR
Chief News Editor

President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan highlighted the UAE's remarkable diversity and urged all expatriates living in the country to adhere to the principles of peaceful coexistence and understanding.

"More than 200 nationalities live side by side in the UAE, all contributing to the ongoing development of our nation. Security and safety are the bedrock of our society, and we encourage everyone who calls the UAE home to uphold these principles of peaceful coexistence and understanding," the President said in a post on his official X account.

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