



Ronaldo sets new record with YouTube channel

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Cristiano Ronaldo is renowned for setting records on the pitch, but he's now also reaching new heights off the pitch after launching his own official channel on YouTube.

The Portuguese forward's new channel, *UR Cristiano*, launched on Wednesday, reached one million subscribers in just 90 minutes, smashing the previous record set by Blackpink's Jennie Kim, who gained a million subscribers in seven hours.

The Al Nassr and Portugal footballer announced the channel launch on Instagram, where he is the most followed person in the world, saying: "The wait is over My YouTube channel is finally here! SUUUbscribe and join me on this new journey". The channel already boasts over 21 million followers.

Joy, hope as Kamala Harris stands on the cusp of history

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION URGES AMERICANS TO STAND UP FOR FREEDOM

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The time has come. As Kamala Harris steps on to the stage to accept the Democratic presidential nomination, it will mark a new beginning for the US Vice-President. For the next 73 days she will be on the road, addressing rallies, meeting people and campaigning across the country to ensure that every voter turns out on November 5 to cast the ballot to elect the 47th president of the United States.

But first, Harris will have to present the biggest speech of her life. Her address at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago will tell the story of her middle-class upbringing and tap into an appeal to patriotism – an opportunity to engage a wider electorate, including independents and open-minded Republicans.

She will talk about how she was raised by a working mother and knows the challenges facing families hit by inflation, media reports said.

Harris was taking her convention address so seriously that she held rehearsals complete with teleprompters in three different time zones, reports added.

The daughter of a Jamaican father and Indian mother, both



Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate Tim Walz with his daughter Hope (left), son Gus and wife Gwen Walz on the third day of the Democratic National Convention in Chicago on Wednesday.

immigrants, Kamala Harris reflects the United States' changing demographics.

Some 42 million Americans now identify as multiracial, or 13 per cent of the country, according to the US Census Bureau. That is up from 2 per cent

in 2000 when the census first allowed people to select multiple races.

It will be the culmination of three days of electrifying speeches from former US presidents to party leaders and celebrities calling on the people to

stand up for freedom and vote for 'joy'. In fact, joy has been a recurrent theme at the convention, with Oprah Winfrey urging voters to "choose joy" and vice-president nominee Tim Walz thanking the packed arena for "bringing the joy".

UAE's longest mountain trails ready for adventurers

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Rejoice, outdoor sport and adventure enthusiasts. Work on the UAE's longest mountain trails, spanning 86km, is now complete.

Featuring 21 cycling routes, 17 walking trails, 9 wooden bridges and 14 rest stops and service facilities, the Hatta Mountain Trails are one of key projects by Dubai Municipality to establish Hatta as a leading tourist destination in the region.

The trails are divided into four colour-coded levels of difficulty: Green – with four tracks for cycling and four for walking; Blue – with six tracks for cycling and three for walking; Red – with eight routes for cycling and six for walking; and finally, Black – with three trails for cycling and four for walking.

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