



Two dead after fishing boat capsized and sank off the coast of South Korea's Jeju island



Weather table with columns for city, temperature, and weather conditions.

TDS: Thunderstorm ● LC: Light Cloud ● SNY: Sunny

Susie Wiles to be Trump White House's chief of staff

She will be first woman ever to hold this position; managed Don's election campaigns

WASHINGTON

US president-elect Donald Trump on Thursday made his first cabinet appointment after his decisive election win...

Trump's campaign manager Susie Wiles will serve as his White House chief of staff, the first woman to be named to the high-profile role...

Trump's crushing defeat of Democrat Kamala Harris is already shaking up US and world politics, just two days after Election Day...

Putin, the Russian president, hailed Trump as "courageous" for the way he handled himself following an assassination attempt...

Billionaire Trump later told NBC News that he had not talked to Putin, the authoritarian leader whom he has repeatedly praised over the years...

It marked a seismic shift from the icy silence that has existed between Biden and Putin since Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022...

The president-elect has previously said he would push through a peace deal in that conflict — but Ukrainian President



Donald Trump and Susie Wiles during an election night watch party | AFP

WHAT'S CHIEF OF STAFF'S JOB?

- 1. Chiefs of staff serve as the president's confidant, help execute a president's agenda and balance competing political and policy priorities
2. They also tend to serve as a gatekeeper, helping determine whom the president spends his time with and whom he speaks to
3. Trump went through four chiefs of staff — including one who served in an acting capacity for a year — during his first administration

Volodymyr Zelensky, who spoke to Trump on Wednesday, said calls for a ceasefire were "dangerous." Chinese President Xi Jinping had earlier joined the list of foreign leaders congratulating Trump...

Trump doubled down on his plans for mass deportations of undocumented migrants, telling NBC he had "no choice" and that there could be "no price tag" that was too much.

Trump's first cabinet pick Wiles enjoys wide support within his team and was notably called on stage during his victory speech on Wednesday morning.

innovative, and is universally admired and respected. Susie will continue to work tirelessly to Make America Great Again," Trump said of the steely 67-year-old Florida native.

The other frontrunners for a place in the Trump 2.0 administration reflect the disruptive shape it is likely to take. Robert F Kennedy Jr, a leading figure in the anti-vaccine movement for whom Trump has pledged a "big role" in health care, told NBC News on Wednesday that "I'm not going to take away anybody's vaccines."

But the former independent candidate reiterated that the Trump administration would recommend removing fluoride — a mineral US authorities say

aids dental and skeletal health — from public water supplies.

The world's richest man, Elon Musk, could also be in line for a job auditing government waste after the right-wing SpaceX, Tesla and X boss enthusiastically backed Trump.

Trump is expected to wield the axe on many of Biden's signature policies. He returns to the White House as a climate change denier, poised to take apart Biden's green policies with his pledge to "drill, baby, drill" for oil.

He may find it hard to dismantle some of Biden's investment legislation, which pumps money into many Congressional districts where members would be loath to see it go. AFP

GOP widens Senate majority to 53, picks up more seats in the House

WASHINGTON

DAVID McCormick won Pennsylvania's pivotal US Senate race, giving Republicans party its 53rd seats in the upper chamber.

The victory pads Republicans' majority in the Senate, which they wrested from Democratic control this week, and clocked in as the nation's second-most expensive race while playing out alongside the presidential contest won by Donald Trump in the nation's premier battleground state.

McCormick, 59, recaptured a GOP seat in Pennsylvania after Republicans lost one in 2022, paying off a bet that party brass made when they urged McCormick to run and consolidated support behind him. In an interview on Fox News shortly after The Associated Press called the race Thursday, the Trump-endorsed McCormick said "people want change."

"They're deeply distressed by the skyrocketing prices, the wide-open border, the crime in our cities, the war on fossil fuels, and they want change and common-sense leadership and that's why I think they elected President Trump and I think that's why they have elected me," McCormick said.

Meanwhile, Republican leaders are projecting confidence that they will keep control of the House as more races were decided in their favor Thursday, while Democrats insist they still see a path toward the majority.

House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries, who has led the House caucus through an election where Democrats have not suffered the same degree of loss as their counterparts in presidential and Senate races, said on Friday that his party should be "proud" of the legislative accomplishments of the Biden administration. Agencies

Intense Russian aerial attacks target three Ukraine regions

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN missiles, bombs and drones battered three regions of Ukraine in targeted nighttime attacks, officials said Friday, as Russia mounts an intensified aerial campaign that Ukrainian officials say they need more Western help to counter even as doubts deepen over what Kyiv can expect from a new US administration.

Since the war began almost three years ago following Russia's full-scale invasion of its neighbor, the Russian military has repeatedly used its superior air power to blast civilian targets across Ukraine.

More than 10,000 Ukrainian civilians have been killed in the conflict, according to the United Nations. A 500-kilogram glide bomb severely damaged a high-rise apartment building in Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, in the middle of the night, regional Governor Oleh Syniehubov said. At least 25 people, including an infant, were injured, he said.

Glide bombs obliterate their targets, sending out a powerful shock wave and often leaving a wide crater. AFP

Women and children account for 70% of Gaza deaths: UN



Palestinians carry a body from a site hit in an Israeli attack in Khan Younis | AP

NEW YORK

THE UN on Friday condemned the staggering number of civilians killed in Israel's war in Gaza, with women and children comprising nearly 70% of the thousands of fatalities it had managed to verify.

In a fresh report, slammed by Israel, the United Nations human rights office (OHCHR) detailed a raft of violations of international law since Hamas's deadly October 7 attack in Israel sparked the war in Gaza.

Many could amount to war crimes, crimes against humanity and possibly even "genocide", it warned, demanding international efforts to prevent "atrocities crimes" and ensure accountability.

"Civilians in Gaza have borne the brunt of the attacks, including through the initial 'complete siege' of Gaza by Israeli forces," the UN said.

"Conduct by Israeli forces has caused unprecedented levels of killings, death, injury, starvation, illness and disease."

It pointed to "the Israeli government's continuing unlawful failures to allow, facilitate and ensure the entry of humanitarian aid, the destruction of civilian infrastructure, and repeated mass displacement."

Israel's mission to the UN in Geneva "categorically" rejected the report, decrying "the inherent obsession of OHCHR with the demonisation of Israel". "Gaza is now a rubble-strewn

WAR WATCH ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 399. Includes a map of the region and a toll of 45,426 deaths.

landscape," Ajith Sunghay, head of the UN rights office's activities in the Palestinian territories, said via video-link from Amman. "Within this dystopia of destruction and devastation, those alive are left injured, displaced and starving."

Friday's report also found that Hamas and other armed groups had committed widespread violations that could amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity, including seizing hostages, killings, torture and sexual violence. AFP

Biden policy for undocumented spouses struck down

WASHINGTON

A federal judge on Thursday struck down a Biden administration policy that aimed to ease a path to citizenship for some undocumented immigrants who are married to US citizens.

The program, lauded as one of the biggest presidential actions to help immigrant families in years, allowed undocumented spouses and stepchildren of US citizens to apply for a green card without first having to leave the country.

The temporary relief from deportation brought a brief sense of security to some 5,000 immigrants estimated to benefit from the program before Texas-based US District Judge J Campbell Barker put it on hold in August, days after applicants filed their paperwork.

Barker ruled Thursday that the Biden administration had overstepped its authority by implementing the program and had stretched the legal interpretation of relevant immigration law "past its breaking point". The short-lived Biden administration initiative known as 'Keeping Families Together' would have been unlikely to remain in place after Donald Trump took office in January. But its early termination creates greater uncertainty for immigrant families as many are bracing for Trump's return to the White House.

Trump's election victory this week sets the stage for a swift crackdown on undocumented individuals after the Republican ran on promises of 'mass deportation.' The president-elect energised his supporters on the campaign trail with a litany anti-immigrant statements, including that immigrants were 'poisoning the blood' of the nation.

During his first term, Trump appointed Barker as a judge in Tyler, Texas, which lies in the 5th US Circuit Court of Appeals, a favored venue for advocates pushing conservative arguments. AP

Mozambique protests: Armed forces deployed

MAPUTO

MOZAMBIQUE has deployed soldiers on the streets to help keep order following weeks of protests against the ruling party that has been accused of rigging last month's election to extend its 49 years in power.

Mozambique armed forces spokesperson General Omar Saranga made the announcement at a late-night press conference on Thursday, saying the army would support police in keeping order.

The country of 34 million people in southern Africa is on edge, with the presidential palace under heavy guard and security forces constantly patrolling the streets. Many people are locking themselves in their homes.

"In moments like this, with demonstrations taking place in some regions, our role also extends to supporting security forces in maintaining public order and peace," Saranga said.

Thousands of protesters set fires and barricaded roads in the capital, Maputo, on Thursday in the biggest demonstration since the October 9 election. AP

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