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The Macedonian army of Alexander the Great defeats Darius III of Persia in the Battle of the Granicus



1570

1st atlas 'Theatrum Orbis Terrarum' (Theatre of the World), published by Abraham Ortelius in Antwerp with 70 maps

1843

1st wagon train with 700 - 1000 migrants, departs Independence, Missouri for Oregon

1939

Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini sign 'Pact of Steel' in Berlin, Germany

# Australia ousts conservatives, Albanese to be prime minister

Anthony Albanese claims victory for Labor as Scott Morrison stands down as Liberal leader

Climate key issue as conservatives punished in urban seats

Reuters | Sydney

Australia's Labor Party was set to end almost a decade of conservative rule as the government was swept away in yesterday's election by a wave of support for candidates who campaigned for more action on climate change and may hold the balance of power.

Partial results showed that while Labour had made small gains, Prime Minister Scott Morrison's Liberal-National coalition had been punished by voters in Western Australia and affluent urban seats in particular.

The Greens and a group of so-called "teal independents", who campaigned on policies of gender equality and tackling climate change, put on a strong showing, tapping voter anger over inaction on the environment after some of the worst floods and fires to hit Australia.

"Tonight, I have spoken to the leader of the opposition and the incoming prime minister, Anthony Albanese. And I've congratulated him on his election victory this evening," said Morrison.

Albanese, speaking as he head-



Anthony Albanese, leader of Australia's Labor Party is accompanied by his partner Jodie Haydon and son Nathan Albanese to address his supporters after incumbent Prime Minister and Liberal Party leader Scott Morrison conceded defeat in the country's general election

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ed to his party celebrations, said he wanted to unite the country and "end the climate wars".

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Albanese said he aimed to be sworn in swiftly so he could attend a meeting of the Quad security grouping in Tokyo on Tuesday. He promised constitutional recognition and parliamentary representation for Indigenous Australians, as well as the establishment of an anti-corruption commission.

Minority government possible

In results so far, Labour had yet

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With 60% of the vote counted, Labor had 72 seats and Morrison's coalition 55. Independents and the Greens held 11, the Australian Broadcasting Corp projected. A further 13 seats remained in doubt

to reach the 76 of the 151 lower house seats required to form a government alone. Final results could take time as counting of a record number of postal votes is completed.

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The centre-left Labour had held a decent lead in opinion polls before the election, although surveys showed the Liberal-National government narrowing the gap in the final stretch of a six-week

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campaign.

In one of the biggest hits to the government, Treasurer Josh Frydenberg said it would be "difficult" for him to hold the long-held Liberal seat of Kooyong in Melbourne against an independent newcomer.

Three volunteers working for teal independent Monique Ryan, who was challenging Frydenberg, said they joined Ryan's campaign because they were concerned about the climate for the sake of their children and grandchildren.

"For me, it's like this election actually feels hopeful," Charlotte Forwood, with three adult children, said.

With Morrison stepping down as party leader and Frydenberg likely to lose his seat, Defence Minister Peter Dutton - a former policeman from Queensland - was shaping up as favourite to lead the Liberals.

## Trump faces \$110,000 fine for New York state tax probe



Former President Donald Trump

demanding accounting and tax documents from the Trump Organization before March 31.

Faced with Donald Trump's refusal, James demanded obtained a ruling on April 25 that he be charged with obstruction.

On May 6, however, the New York judge suspended the counting of days for which he should be fined and decided that Donald Trump would have until Friday May 20 to pay for the period from April 25 to May 6, or 110,000 for 11 days -- which is what he did on Thursday.

According to James' spokesperson, the Trump camp also had until Friday to submit sworn statements relating to the Trump

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A Manhattan judge declared Trump in contempt of court on April 25 and fined him \$10,000 per day for not complying with a subpoena in James' long-running investigation into his business practices

Organization's request for accounting and tax records.

These documents were indeed collected and produced by a third-party firm on Thursday, according to the same source.

The judge must now decide whether the Trump camp have met all the demands.

James suspects the Trump Organization fraudulently overstated the value of real estate properties when applying for bank loans, while understating them with the tax authorities in order to pay less in taxes.

## Boeing's Starliner capsule docks with space station in uncrewed flight test

Reuters | Washington

Boeing's new Starliner crew capsule docked for the first time with the International Space Station (ISS) on Friday, completing a major objective in a high stakes do-over test flight into orbit without astronauts aboard.

The rendezvous of the gumdrop-shaped CST-100 Starliner with the orbital research outpost, currently home to a seven-member crew, occurred nearly 26 hours after the capsule was launched from Cape Canaveral U.S. Space Force Base in Florida.

Starliner lifted off on Thursday atop an Atlas V rocket furnished by the Boeing-Lockheed Martin joint venture United Launch Alliance (ULA) and reached its intended preliminary orbit 31 minutes later despite the failure of two onboard thrusters.

Boeing said the two defective thrusters posed no risk to the rest of the spaceflight, which comes after more than two years of delays and costly engineering setbacks in a program designed to give NASA another vehicle for sending its astronauts to and from orbit.

Docking with ISS took place



Boeing's CST-100 Starliner capsule launches aboard a United Launch Alliance Atlas 5 rocket

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If all goes well with the current mission, Starliner could fly its first team of astronauts to the space station as early as the fall

"This is all part of the learning process for operating Starliner in orbit"

BOEING MISSION COMMENTATOR STEVE SICELOFF

at 8:28 p.m. EDT (0028 GMT yesterday) as the two vehicles flew 271 miles (436 km) over the south Indian Ocean off the coast of Australia, according to commentators on a live NASA webcast of the linkup.



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Congratulations @AlboMP for the victory of the Australian Labor Party, and your election as the Prime Minister! I look forward to working towards further strengthening our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, and for shared priorities in the Indo-Pacific region.

@narendramodi

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Congratulations @AlboMP on your election as Prime Minister of Australia. I look forward to working with you as we reap the rewards of our comprehensive Free Trade Agreement, the AUKUS partnership and the unmatched closeness between the British and Australian people.

@BorisJohnson

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With reverence for the heroes who gave everything for their country. Their legacy lives on in the democratic and free Republic of Korea they helped create. May their bravery never be forgotten.

@POTUS

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When war is waged, people go hungry. 60% of the world's undernourished people live in areas affected by conflict. Connections between conflict and hunger mean that generosity is not only an act of altruism. Feeding the hungry is an investment in global peace and security.

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