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Hungarian conservative party wins majority in parliament

Fidesz, the conservative Hungarian party, has won a two-thirds majority in parliament, according to official results. With about 99% of all votes counted, Fidesz is projected to have won 263 seats in the 386-seat parliament, ending eight years of Socialist government.

The incumbent Socialists placed a distant second, obtaining 59 seats, while the far-right Jobbik took 47 seats. A new Green party, called Politics Can Be Different, received sixteen seats, and an independent candidate took the remaining seat.

With this power change, Fidesz now has the ability to unilaterally alter the constitution, having more than the required two-thirds majority - or 258 seats - needed to do so.

Hungarian prime-minister elect and leader of Fidesz Viktor Orban commented on his victory in a speech in front of supporters in the capital of Budapest, saying: "We saw a revolution in the polling stations. Fidesz Hungarian Civic Alliance and the Christian Democrat Party have gained 68 per cent of mandates in parliament."

6.5 magnitude earthquake hits off coast of Taiwan

A 6.5 magnitude earthquake has struck off the southeast coast of Taiwan earlier today, the US Geological Survey reports.

The quake's depth was at ten kilometres (6.2 miles), which is considered relatively shallow. The epicentre was 269 kilometres (167 miles) east of T'ai-tung, Taiwan. It struck at 10:59:50 local time, or 02:59:50 UTC.

The Taiwanese Central Weather Bureau said no tsunami warning was issued over the temblor; the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center also said there is no threat of a Pacific-wide tsunami. According to the Associated Press, some buildings in the capital Taipei swayed for about twenty seconds, although there were no immediate reports of damage, injuries, or deaths.

Earthquakes occur frequently in Taiwan as the area lies on a seismically active area, although they generally do not cause much damage because they are small.

Sudanese president declared winner of elections

The Sudanese president, Omar al-Bashir, has been declared the winner of this month's elections, after the first multiparty polls in 24 years. Salva Kiir, a former rebel leader, meanwhile, was also declared president of the semi-autonomous southern Sudan in separate elections.

According to the Sudanese election commission, al-Bashir won 68% of the vote, while Salva Kiir obtained 93% of the vote out of slightly more than 2.5 million total votes.

"The first [was] Omar Hassan Ahmed al-Bashir. He was the candidate and won," said Abel Alier, the chairman for Sudan's National Elections Commission.

Observers and the opposition complained of fraud in the elections; two of al-Bashir's main opponents withdrew before the voting began, accusing the polling process of being rigged. Al-Bashir is also wanted by the International Criminal Court on charges of war crimes, which issued a warrant for his arrest, although al-Bashir denies the allegations.

New Zealander William Trubridge breaks freediving world record

29-year-old William Trubridge from New Zealand set a new freediving record on Sunday, reaching a depth of 116 metres (380 feet) in the Atlantic Ocean, holding his breath for four minutes nine seconds — breaking the world record for the deepest free immersion dive.

Wearing a silicon-coated wetsuit, Trubridge plunged into world's deepest blue hole in a bay west of Clarence Town on Long Island, Bahamas. Dean's Blue Hole is 202 metres (663 ft) deep. Using breaststroke and fins to decend, he said "It was hard to get the tag from the bottom as I struggled with some narcosis". "I wasted some time fumbling for the tag, then set off for the surface. I had to use my arms a little from 20m".

Trubridge already held nine world records, and the dive put him into first place in the "Vertical Blue
Suunto Dive-Off competition. Earlier in the tournament he broke the record for a "constant weight, no fins" unassisted dive to 92m (301ft) — the first person to reach the 300ft unaided.

There are many different classes of freediving. For breath-hold diving, there is with- and without-fins, and with/without 'assistance', such as a weighted sled.

This record was for "Constant Weight Apnea with fins", where the diver cannot drop any weights during the dive, and follows a guide line, but cannot touch it. They may use fins to descend, but on the ascent they pull themselves up with the rope. Divers retrieve a velcro tag from a metal plate placed at a certain depth. The record was previously held by Austrian Herbert Nitsch, who reached a depth of 92m (301ft) on 19 April 2010. The 'no limits' record, in which competitors can use a weighted sled, is 214m (702 ft).

Poison lead singer Bret Michaels in critical condition

Singer Bret Michaels has remained in a critical condition after suffering a brain haemorrhage. The Poison singer was rushed to a Los Angeles hospital on Friday with complaints of a severe headache.

His publicist released a statement saying that "Bret is a fighter and we are hopeful that once all is complete, the slurred speech, blurred vision and dizziness etc will be eliminated and all functions will return to normal." He added that Michaels is conscious.

Michaels reached fame in the 1980's along with the glam rock band Poison. The group released such songs as "Every Rose Has Its Thorn" and "Talk Dirty to Me". They are still recording and releasing music after 25 years. Michaels also recently recorded a song with teen singer Miley Cyrus.

The singer can currently be seen on US television on reality show The Celebrity Apprentice. The show which was recorded six months ago, is only half way through the current series. Michaels is one of the favourites to win. Fellow celebrities have sent messages to Michaels, British music manager Sharon Osborne said "I'm thinking of you and wishing you a speedy recovery", while former Professional wrestler Maria Kanellis asked fans to keep Michaels in their prayers. The show's host Donald Trump also sent Michaels his well wishes.

Australian rules football: 2010 Gippsland Football League round 3 - Morwell v Traralgon

Morwell, Victoria – Traralgon defeated Morwell last Monday in round three of the 2010 Gippsland Football League (officially Gippsland League, GL) season. The two teams, along with Maffra, were the only teams undefeated through two games played going into this weekend.

In other round two matches, Warragul lost to Sale, Traralgon defeated Warragul, and Maffra defeated Moe.

Traralgon cemented the top spot with a thirty-three-point win over Morwell. A six goal haul from Lauchlan Dowling couldn't bring Morwell towards victory. Traralgon shared around the goals with thirteen individual goal scorers.

Morwell lead Traralgon by three points at the end of the first quarter but had lost that lead to trail by nine points at half time. Traralgon extended their lead to twenty-three points at the end of the third quarter, ultimately winning 20–15 (135) to 15–12 (102).

Traralgon are on top with three wins, ahead of Maffra on percentage and a game clear of Sale and Morwell. Drouin rounded out the top five a game further back.

Wonthaggi, behind Drouin on percentage, Moe, Leongatha and Warragul, all with no wins, would miss the finals if they were to start next weekend.

The Gippsland Football League is considered one of the "major leagues" controlled by the Victorian Country Football League, the governing body of Australian rules football in regional Victoria, Australia. At the league's annual general meeting in December, it changed it's name from the West Gippsland Latrobe Football League.
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