

Power sans majority

Justin Trudeau's Liberal Party will remain in power in Canada but a narrow election win means he will head a minority government

VOTE SHARE

CONSERVATIVES | 34.4%

LIBERALS | 33%

NEW DEMOCRATS | 15.9

BLOC QUÉBÉCOIS | 7.7

GREEN PARTY | 6.5%

What's next for Trudeau

- To form a government, Trudeau must show he has the confidence of the House of Commons, the elected lower chamber of Parliament
- Jagmeet Singh, the leader of the NDP with 24 seats, could play the kingmaker
- The NDP is unlikely to join the Trudeau Cabinet. The only time Canada had a coalition government was in 1917, during the First World War
- The NDP helped keep Liberal minority governments in power from 1972-1974 and again in 2005

Thank you, Canada, for putting your trust in our team and for having faith in us to move this country in the right direction. Regardless of how you cast your vote, our team will work hard for all Canadians. — JUSTIN TRUDEAU, Prime Minister

The winner of this election is not a leader or a party - the winners should be Canadians. They want a govt that works for them. Not the rich and the powerful. — JAGMEET SINGH, leader of NDP

CONSERVATIVES 121 (+26)
LIBERAL PARTY 157 (-20)
NEW DEMOCRATS 24 (-15)
BLOC QUÉBÉCOIS 32 (+22)
GREEN 3 (+1)
OTHERS 1 (-8)

Total Number of seats 338

+/- Difference from the 2015 election

SOURCE: ELECTIONS CANADA

Jagmeet Singh emerges as ‘kingmaker’

PM Justin Trudeau, who lost majority, needs the support of Singh’s left-leaning NDP to form the govt.

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OTTAWA

Indian-origin Canadian politician Jagmeet Singh, whose New Democratic Party (NDP) won 24 seats in the general election, is set to emerge as the “kingmaker” while Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s Liberal Party lost majority.

The Liberal Party won 157 seats in the 338-member lower House, while the main opposition Conservatives secured 121 seats. Mr. Trudeau will now require at least 13 legislators from his left-leaning rival parties to reach the ‘magic number’ of 170 to form a Liberal Party-led minority government.

“The New Democratic Party is poised to play kingmaker in a minority Parliament after Jagmeet Singh spearheaded a turnaround on the federal campaign trail

that may have saved his leadership and pulled his party from the brink of irrelevance,” the *Toronto Star* newspaper reported.

With 24 seats in its kitty, the NDP has lost nearly 50% of the seats it had won in 2015. Despite the drop in seats, Mr. Singh, in a celebratory speech on Tuesday, said his party will now be “working hard” to deliver on the “priorities that Canadians have”.

“When we get back to Ottawa, every single day we are in Parliament, New Democrats are going to be working to make sure Canadians’ lives are better,” he was quoted as saying by globalnews.ca. Mr. Singh said his party’s elected officials will now head to Ottawa to tackle a number of issues, including taking “real and urgent action” on climate change, making life more affordable



Liberal Party supporters flashing V signs after party's victory in Montreal. • REUTERS

deau’s outgoing Cabinet has four Sikhs – Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan; Infrastructure Minister Amarjeet Sohi; Innovation, Science and Economic Development Minister Navdeep Bains and Tourism Minister Bardish Chagger.

NDP’s demands

“I think a Liberal government supported by the NDP is likely going to lean farther left,” said John Manley, a former Liberal Finance Minister who now works in the private sector. “It raises a series of issues about what are the demands that an NDP party would make. What’s the price of governing going to be? I think businesses are going to be reluctant to make any moves until they get some satisfaction around that.”

Minority governments in Canada rarely last more than

two and a half years.

One senior Liberal noted that many legislators need to serve another two years to meet the six-year requirement for a Parliamentary pension. “That gives us a pretty free hand for that period,” said the Liberal, who requested anonymity given the sensitivity of the matter.

The New Democrats struck deals to help keep Liberal minority governments in power from 1972-1974 and in 2005.

Mr. Trudeau visited Montreal’s subway, posing for selfies with commuters early on Tuesday, an echo of 2015 when he did the same thing.

This win was different. But Mr. Trudeau barely mentioned the loss of his majority when he spoke to supporters, saying he had “a clear mandate” for a progressive agenda and more action to combat global warming.

Trump calls impeachment inquiry against him a ‘lynching’

President faced backlash for using the racially charged term

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WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday likened the impeachment investigation against him to a “lynching,” a racially charged word from the darkest days of America’s slavery legacy.

There was an immediate backlash to Mr. Trump’s tweet, in which he claimed that impeachment was unfair and stripping him of his legal rights.

“All Republicans must remember what they are witnessing here – a lynching. But we will WIN!” Mr. Trump tweeted.

Kristen Clarke, president



Donald Trump • BLOOMBERG

of the National Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, said she was “sickened to see Mr. Trump’s gross misappropriation of this term today.”

Ms. Clarke said that 4,743

people were lynched in the U.S. between 1882 and 1968, of which 3,446 were African Americans.

“Lynchings were crimes against humanity and an ugly part of our nation’s history of racial violence,” she said.

“It’s beyond shameful to use the word ‘lynching’ to describe being held accountable for your actions,” said Democratic presidential candidate Julian Castro.

Mr. Trump is being investigated for possible impeachment in the Democratic-led House of Representatives over his alleged abuse of office.

Political deadlock continues in Israel

After Netanyahu failed to form govt., his rival Benny Gantz is expected to be invited

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
JERUSALEM

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has suffered a serious defeat in his bid to stay on as Premier by failing to form a new coalition government, but his opponent faced similar difficulties on Tuesday.

Ex-military chief Benny Gantz is now expected to be given the chance to try to negotiate a coalition by President Reuven Rivlin, but a deadlock following polls held on September 17 remains and yet another election cannot be ruled out.

It would be Israel’s third election within a year after Mr. Netanyahu also failed to form a coalition after April polls.

Mr. Netanyahu’s decision to inform Mr. Rivlin on Monday night that he has been unable to form a government by no means signalled the end of his tenure as Israel’s longest-serving Prime Minister. He remains premier as long as no new government is formed, and a number of scenarios exist that could see him retain his post even as he faces the possibility of corruption charges in the weeks ahead.

Obstructed negotiations

When announcing his decision with a social media video, Mr. Netanyahu sought to blame Mr. Gantz since the ex-military chief has refused to negotiate on the premier’s preferred terms.



Benny Gantz

One of Mr. Netanyahu’s closest allies, Energy Minister Yuval Steinitz, argued on Tuesday that the Prime Minister had been “obstructed” in negotiations. “Disagreements don’t prevent negotiations,” he told Israel’s Army radio.

A senior member of his centrist Blue and White al-

liance was strongly critical of Mr. Netanyahu.

“What has Bibi done with the mandate to build a government? Four weeks of nothing,” Ofer Shelah said on Twitter, using Mr. Netanyahu’s nickname.

“He passed the time in order to continue as prime minister for a little while longer... Bibi wants elections. That is obvious.”

The deadlock following the polls will likely require major concessions or a decision by members of Mr. Netanyahu’s right-wing Likud to abandon him – and the two options appear a long way off for now. Both Likud and Blue and White say they want a unity government, but they are divided on how.

ELSEWHERE



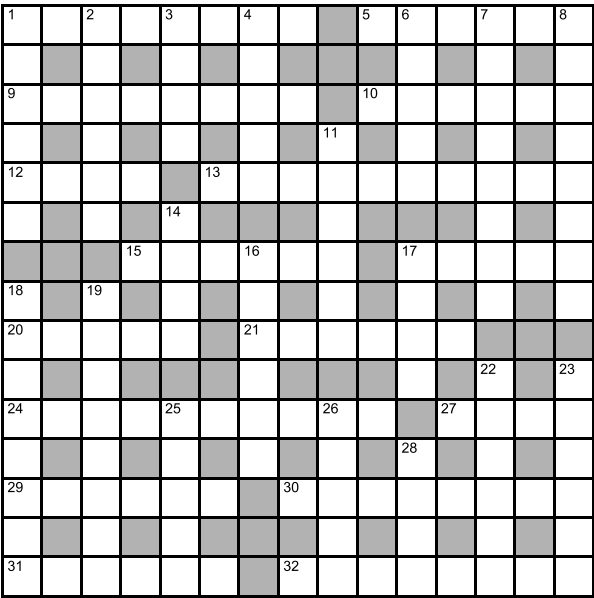
We have done all in our power for Brexit: EU

STRASBOURG
European Commission chief Jean-Claude Juncker said the EU has done “all in its power” to ensure an orderly Brexit and that a new divorce deal now hangs on the approval of British MPs before any European ratification. AFP

157 dead in week-long Iraq protests: official toll

BAGHDAD
The death toll from week-long anti-government protests in Baghdad and other cities at the start of the month totalled 157, an official inquiry found. Around 70% of the deaths were caused by bullet wounds. AFP

THE HINDU CROSSWORD 12762



ACROSS

- 1 Involvement in street disturbance (8)
- 5 Congratulation for medical department’s licence (6)
- 9 End-user to study problem with hesitation (8)
- 10 Strict to get a set of bones (6)
- 12 General feeling is low and beginning to drop (4)
- 13 Stage play, for one, in favour

DOWN

- 1 Without which there can’t be outgo (6)
- 2 Shoddy couple of containers (6)
- 3 Endless way to defeat (4)
- 4 Very thin cut, say (5)

(set by Gridman)

- 6 Greek storeroom? (5)
- 7 Erudition left out; dollars obtained finally; that’s wages (8)
- 8 Guiding to exercise? (8)
- 11 Devotee roared deliriously (6)
- 14 Trinket retrieved from Hindu agharam (4)
- 16 Most docile Tamil leader’s steam dissipates (6)
- 17 Frank’s work went to no end (4)
- 18 From where horse may emerge? (8)
- 19 Phileas Fogg? He’s gone out to figure out computing speed unit (8)
- 22 Fare well with the river flowing endlessly (6)
- 23 Gear shift to grasp, for example, Caribbean music (6)
- 25 Is French hesitation over perfumery ingredient? (5)
- 26 About to capsize vessel (1-4)
- 28 Time edge’s put in shape (4)

SUDOKU



Solution to puzzle 12761

P	A	R	S	N	I	P	T	I	P	O	F	F	
I	J	I	A	E	O	R	O	R	D				
A	S	C	O	T	P	O	P	O	U	R	R	I	
N	K	U	P	U	R	W	S						
O	B	S	E	R	V	E	P	E	A	S	A	N	T
A	H	A	A	R		T	R	R					
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N	O	I	E	M	N	L	E	A					
E	X	I	S	T	S								

Solution to yesterday’s Sudoku

1	4	7	8	9	3	2	5	6
3	9	6	2	5	7	1	8	4
8	5	2	4	6	1	7	9	3
5	2	8	1	3	6	4	7	9
9	6	1	7	4	8	3	2	5
4	7	3	9	2	5	6	1	8
7	3	9	6	8	2	5	4	1
2	8	5	3	1	4	9	6	7
6	1	4	5	7	9	8	3	2

FAITH Vishnu the enabler

Lord Mahavishnu is lauded as Vijayah in the Vishnu Sahasranama. That is because He makes it possible for Brahma and others to execute their duties successfully, explained M.A. Venkatakrishnan in a discourse. He is Jeta – that is He makes them act according to His wishes. He is VishvayOnih – that is He is responsible for making the Universe function. He is Punarvasu – He is present in everyone and makes it possible for everyone to do their respective work. Nothing is possible without His grace and without His willing it. If something turns out well when we execute it, it is because of His blessing. We may observe that a skilled artist may paint a lovely picture, but may sometimes not be able to reproduce the same picture if asked to do it again. That is because the Lord decides what we achieve and when and how.

Nammazhvar, in one of his verses, talks about the episode of the burning of the three cities of the demons by Lord Siva. The story is a Vedic one, and it is the reason why Siva is known as Tripurantaka. It was Vishnu who was present at the tip of the arrows of Siva. Brahma imparts jnana to the devas, but it is Lord Mahavishnu, who as antaryami, makes this possible. So ultimately, it is Vishnu, who is the enabler, the One who is responsible for the imparting of jnana to the devas.

The Vishnu Sahasranama extols the Lord’s many avatars, and not just the Dasavatars. The Sanskrit word dasa means ten, but it also means ‘beautiful’. So, while we take the word dasa to mean ten and talk of His ten avatars, the word dasa can also be taken to refer to the beautiful nature of His avatars, and this would apply not only to the Dasavatas, but to all His avatars. Thirumangai Azhvar, in His Peria Tirumozhi celebrates all the ten avatars in one verse.