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Protests over Trump election enter day five

By AGENCIES

Demonstrators in major US cities took to the streets for a fifth straight day on Sunday to protest President-elect Donald Trump, whose campaign manager said President Barack Obama and Democrat Hillary Clinton should do more to support a peaceful transition.

Following several nights of unrest, crowds of people marched in parks in New York City and San Francisco, and planned to do so in Oakland, California, according to social media.

A few thousand joined a march at the south end of New York's Central Park, beginning at a Trump property on Columbus Circle and walked toward the real estate mogul's skyscraper headquarters less than a mile away.

They chanted, "Say it loud, say it clear, immigrants are welcomed here!" and "We are here to stay!"

Demonstrators carried signs in English and Spanish saying things like "Hate won't make us great?"

Thousands in several cities have demonstrated since the results from Tuesday's election showed Trump, a Republican, lost the popular tally but gained enough votes in the 538-person Electoral College to win the presidency, surprising the world.

Largely peaceful demonstrators in urban areas have said Trump threatens their civil and human rights. They have decried Trump's campaign promises to restrict immigration and register Muslims, as well as allegations the former reality-TV star sexually abused women.

Dozens have been arrested and a handful of police injured. In San Francisco on Sunday, about 1,000 people marched through Golden Gate Park toward a beach where they chanted, "Let's make waves." They held signs such as "I resist racism" and "Down with the Trumps."

Other protests were expected Sunday in St. Louis, Philadelphia, Denver, as well as smaller cities like Worcester, Massachusetts and Iowa City, Iowa.

In Los Angeles, an estimated 8,000 people marched on Saturday to condemn what they saw as Trump's hate speech about Muslims, his pledge to deport people in the country illegally and crude comments about women.



"Say it loud, say it clear, immigrants are welcomed here."

Chant at anti-Trump rally in New York City on Sunday

Civil rights groups have monitored violence against US minorities since Trump's win, citing reports of attacks on women in Islamic head scarves, of racist graffiti and of bullying of immigrant children. They have called on Trump to denounce the attacks.

Trump said he was "so saddened" to hear of instances of violence by some of his supporters against minorities, according to a transcript released on Sunday of an interview with the CBS program 60 Minutes.

Kellyanne Conway, Trump's campaign manager, said on Fox News on Sunday that she was sure many of the protesters were paid professionals, though she offered no proof.

Suggesting a double standard, Conway said on NBC's Meet the Press that if Clinton had won and Trump supporters had protested, "people would be freaking out and his supporters were not accepting election results."

"It's time really for President Obama and Secretary Clinton to say to these protesters, 'This man is our president,'" she said on NBC.

Republican House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan told CNN on Sunday that protests are protected by the First Amendment as long as they are peaceful.



Ed Lee (center), mayor of San Francisco, sips Moutai liquor with Li Baofang (right), general manager of China Kweichow Moutai Group, on Saturday at the group's 1st anniversary celebration for its Moutai Day, which was announced by Lee at the group's San Francisco stop during its overseas centennial celebrations last year. CHANG JUN / CHINA DAILY

LIFE

Raising a glass to Moutai, China's 'national liquor'

By CHANG JUN

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Li Baofang, general manager, Kweichow Moutai Group

More and more people could be lifting their spirits, the Chinese way.

For Moutai, China's leading liquor producer, the new buzzwords are technological innovation and continuous expansion into overseas markets, and the brand is getting a shot in the arm in San Francisco.

On Nov 12, Kweichow Moutai Group kicked off a series of celebrations by hosting a grand banquet and product exhibition at the Palace of Fine Arts to commemorate the first anniversary of Moutai Day in San Francisco.

A delegation led by Li Baofang, general manager of Kweichow Moutai Group of Guizhou, is on a mission to strengthen liquor cultural integration with its Western counterparts, enhance communications with global consumers and help facilitate China-US relations through a variety of platforms that involve people, business and governments on both sides.

During Moutai's overseas centennial celebration held

in San Francisco City Hall last year, Mayor Ed Lee named Nov 12 the city's Moutai Day.

In his speech to 500 guests on Saturday night, Li reviewed Moutai's history of growth, brand development and its journey to internationalization by recalling that it had won a gold award at the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition which was held "at exactly the same place where we hold the gala tonight."

San Francisco remains a city of opportunity and a shrine to generations of Moutai group employees, Li said, adding "Our ancestors rarely traveled outside of the local town but all of

us know the liquor we made through hard word and artisan spirit is well received throughout the world," Li said. For 100 years, the group has been sustaining the original artisan spirit, adapting to changing environments and embracing technology innovation in order to maintain the legacy of the "Moutai miracle" and Moutai's iconic ranking in China's liquor industry, Li said. Currently, Moutai products are sold in more than 60 countries and regions in Asia, Europe, the Americas, Oceania and Africa with its liquor exports reaching 614 tons by the end of August, representing a yearly growth of 12.9 percent.

The group reported a net profit of approximately \$2.5 billion by the end of August, a 6.7 percent yearly rise over the same period last year, according to Yuan Renguo, chairman of the group, adding that increased exports and expansion into other businesses such as e-commerce, investment and financial leasing contributed to the rise.

Moutai is also known as the "liquor of diplomacy and friendship", serving as the

China-US relationship in the 1970s through to the current building of a new type of major power relationship, said Li.

At the famous state dinner of 1972, then Chinese premier Zhou Enlai proposed a toast to visiting US president Richard Nixon with a glass of Moutai as the whole world looked on.

"When I paid a visit to former US president Jimmy Carter and presented him four bottles of Moutai," Li recalled, "Carter said he knew the liquor and called it well-known."

In June, 2013, visiting Chinese President Xi Jinping drank Moutai with his US counterpart President Barack Obama at Sunnylands.

As the national liquor of China, "Moutai has played a big part in China's international relations and a significant role in celebrating major festive events and moving forward friendship between China and other countries," said Li.

Strolling around the exhibit booths check the lineup of Moutai products, Mayor Lee said, "Moutai is associated with many important celebrations, celebrations of new year, celebration of birthdays, celebrations for meaningful events."

ENVIRONMENT

Kerry vows to keep up effort on climate

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

US Secretary of State John Kerry said Sunday he will continue his efforts to implement the Paris Agreement on global warming until the day President Barack Obama leaves office on Jan 20.



John Kerry, US Secretary of State

Speaking in New Zealand following a trip to Antarctica, Kerry said his administration would continue to do everything possible to meet its responsibility to future generations.

Kerry has long championed climate action but now his legacy is under threat. President-elect Donald Trump has called climate change a hoax and said he would "cancel" US involvement in the landmark Paris deal.

Under the deal, which came into force this month, countries have agreed to limit global warming to 2C above pre-industrial levels. Achieving the goal will require a major shift away from fossil fuels.

Kerry said it would be up to the Trump administration to define itself on climate change. He said that sometimes there is a divide between what is said on the campaign trail and what is done in governance.

But Kerry appeared to take a swipe at Trump when he listed some of the ways in which global warming could already be seen. He said that globally, there were more fires, floods and damaging storms, and sea levels were rising.

"The evidence is mounting in ways that people in public life should not dare to avoid accepting as a mandate for action," Kerry said.

He also made a point of crediting a previous Republican president, George H.W. Bush, with first joining the global effort to address climate change in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.

"Now the world's scientific community has concluded that climate change is happening beyond any doubt. And the evidence is there for everybody to see," Kerry said.

He said he thinks his administration is on the right track because the majority of Americans believe climate change is happening and want action.

"So we will wait to see how the next administration addresses this," he said.

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Trump: Priebus chief of staff

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On Sunday, Trump named Republican Party chief Reince Priebus as White House chief of staff.

In bringing Priebus and Bannon into the White House, Trump is making overtures to both traditional Republican circles and the

party's anti-establishment wing, which helped fuel the businessman's political rise.

Priebus has ties to GOP congressional leaders, particularly Ryan. Bannon previously ran the Breitbart.com website, which has been highly critical of Republican leadership, including Ryan.

Bannon was given top billing

in the press release announcing the appointments, a curious arrangement given that White House chief of staff is typically considered the most powerful West Wing job.

Together with Vice President-elect Mike Pence, the triumvirate will lead Trump's transition and help guide his presidency. "I am

thrilled to have my very successful team continue with me in leading our country," Trump said.

On trade, US Secretary of State John Kerry said that he hopes Trump will drop his opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership free-trade deal.

The 12-nation TPP, which doesn't include China, became a contentious issue during the US election campaign, with critics saying it would cost American jobs.



US President-elect Donald Trump and RNC Chairman Reince Priebus address supporters during his election night rally in Manhattan on Nov 9. MIKE SEGAR / REUTERS

Clinton loss spurs second guessing about platform, primary process

There is a Chinese saying called *shihou zhugeliang*, which means it's easy to prophesize after an event or to be a Monday-morning quarterback, as Americans like to say.

After a historic win on Tuesday by businessman Donald Trump, pundits and TV commentators who fervently supported Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton started to talk about what went wrong with her campaign.

It is not clear that they knew all the problems during the dirty campaign, but at least a few had pointed them out before Election Day.

I was observing the election on Nov 8, including at a polling place on Connecticut Avenue



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near the Duke Ellington Bridge. A young man I talked to said he came to vote for none of the candidates but to vote against all of them.

Such protest voters were not a small group this year, as many Americans felt they had to choose the lesser of the two evils, a situation I described in an earlier column.

In the days after the election, many Clinton supporters or anti-Trump voters took to the streets to voice their opposition to the president-elect, who will

be inaugurated on Jan 20.

Many still had not realized that the problem of the Clinton campaign was that she represented too much of the status quo after aligning herself with President Barack Obama, whom she served as secretary of state during his first term.

That means she could not genuinely criticize the many problems in US society and address the concerns of many Americans.

Those problems and concerns, such as income inequality and the role of money in politics, have become so dire that Americans were angrier than ever going into the 2016 election.

In that regard, an endorsement by Obama was both a

blessing and a curse for Clinton, who lost many traditional Democratic districts to Trump.

As an outside observer, the vision for the United States represented by Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders has been the best of all candidates, an America I would truly respect.

The election result might have been different if Clinton had embraced more of Sanders' campaign platform after she won the Democratic primary.

I wrote six months ago that I had that I never understood why Americans would regard Sanders as too idealistic and unrealistic given John F. Kennedy's moon speech in 1962: "We choose to go to the moon in the decade and do the other things, not because they

are easy, but because they are hard ..."

Sanders lost to Clinton in a primary that was not played on a level playing field, given the revelations in emails obtained by WikiLeaks showing that the Democratic National Committee had worked against Sanders' campaign.

Clinton's close connection with the super delegates also disadvantaged Sanders during the primaries.

A story by Daniel Strauss on Politico on Saturday quoted Severin Believeau, a former Maine Democratic Party chairman who supported Sanders in the primary, saying that Sanders people feel strongly that they were mistreated during the primary process and

the conventions.

It then described how many Sanders supporters are working hard to get their progressive candidates elected to Congress in the 2018 midterm elections.

There was little doubt that the Sanders campaign was the healthiest and most focused on substance, unlike the name-calling between Trump and Clinton, their superficial presidential debates and their negative ads on television.

Early on, some polls had shown that Sanders had a better chance to beat Trump than Clinton did.

In an op-ed in The New York Times on Friday, Sanders said he was saddened but not surprised by the outcome.

"It is no shock to me that

millions of people who voted for Mr Trump did so because they are sick and tired of the economic, political and media status quo."

Filmmaker Michael Moore said on CNN on Thursday night that Sanders "absolutely" would have won the election if he had been the Democratic nominee.

"Democrats need to start running people who are inspiring. ... Why don't we run people who are beloved by the American people?" Moore said.

That is something the protesters should reckon with while venting their anger at President-elect Trump.

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