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**US House in historic vote to impeach Trump**

I DID NOTHING WRONG, HE SAYS; PELOSI CALLS HIM THREAT TO US

**WASHINGTON**

**R**epublicans and Democrats clashed fiercely yesterday as the House of Representatives barreled toward a historic vote to impeach President Donald Trump, debating a pair of charges that would make him the third president in history to face removal by the Senate for “high crimes and misdemeanours.”

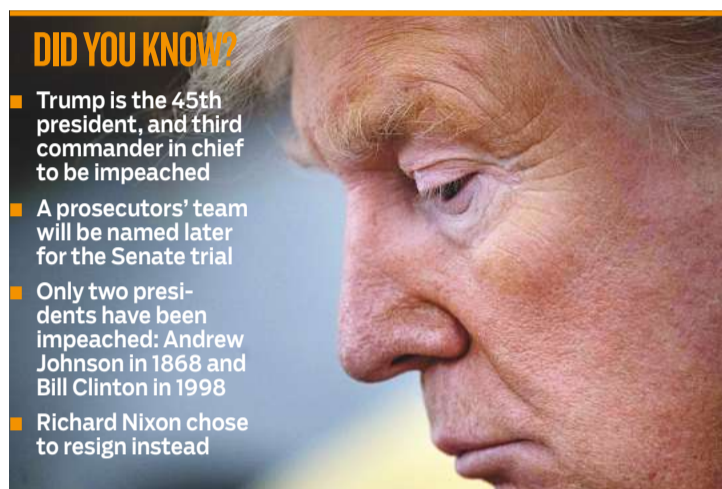
The epic debate on the House floor reflected the deep polarisation gripping US politics in the Trump era, but the outcome was considered certain. Majority Democrats were expected to push through two impeachment articles, abuse of power and obstruction of Congress, over the vehement protests of Republicans. The charges stemmed from Trump’s attempts to use the powers of the US government to pressure Ukraine to investigate his political rivals.

**Test vote: 228-197**

A vote yesterday morning to lay the ground rules for the proceeding signalled that the final outcome — like the debate itself — would fall almost purely along partisan lines, with nearly every Democrat in favour of impeaching Trump. The test vote was 228-197, with just two Democrats voting with Republicans in opposition. It began six hours of passionate back-and-forth

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Trump is the 45th president, and third commander in chief to be impeached
- A prosecutors’ team will be named later for the Senate trial
- Only two presidents have been impeached: Andrew Johnson in 1868 and Bill Clinton in 1998
- Richard Nixon chose to resign instead



“Such atrocious lies by the radical left, do nothing democrats. This is an assault on America, and an assault on the Republican party!!!!”

**Trump tweeted amid House debate**

between Democrats and Republicans, as they warred over whether to charge the president with offences that could lead to his ouster less than a year before he faces reelection.

As the debate started, US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called Trump an ongoing threat to American democracy who left Congress no choice but to impeach him.

On the House floor, Pelosi

read the US Pledge of Allegiance, then said, “today we are here to defend democracy for the people,” to applause from fellow Democratic lawmakers.

“Can you believe that I will be impeached today by the Radical Left, Do Nothing Democrats, AND I DID NOTHING WRONG! A terrible thing,” Trump wrote on Twitter before the debate. — Agencies

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**Anti-drug film students could land police roles**

**DUBAI**  
BY ALI AL SHOUK  
Senior Reporter

**U**niversity students taking part in the Hemaya clip contest — producing videos to educate the public on the perils of drug addiction — could get the chance to join Dubai Police, an official said yesterday.

Lieutenant Colonel Mansour Al Beloushi, director of the Scholarship and Recruitment Department, said: “We will give a chance for everyone to apply for jobs in Dubai Police based on interviews, their qualifications and the available jobs in the force.”

“It is a step to support the students and give an opportunity to Dubai Police to recruit young and innovative people,” he added. Students from all nationalities are welcome to participate in the contest.

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**Mistry restored as Tata chairman after 3 years**

A victory for the principles of good governance, he says

**NEW DELHI**

**C**yrus Mistry has won backing from a tribunal to be reinstated as executive chairman of Tata Sons, the holding company behind Indian conglomerate Tata Group, lawyers said yesterday, knocking shares in group companies.

Mistry has been embroiled in a legal battle with Tata Group since being ousted in 2016 over charges of shareholder oppression and mismanagement.

Mistry called the judgment “a victory for the principles of good governance and minority shareholder rights”.



“I believe it is now time that all of us work together for sustainable growth and development of the Tata Group.”

Tata Group companies holding firm, Tata Sons, said it would take appropriate legal recourse over the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal decision. Shares in Tata Motors nearly fell 3%, Tata Global Beverages 4% and Indian Hotels Company finished nearly 3% lower. — Reuters

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