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## Trump won't rush North Korea on denuclearization; peace deal possible

HANOI/WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korea's Kim Jong Un will hold a second summit this week with no real expectation of a final deal on ridding the North of nuclear weapons, but raised hopes on Monday for an official peace on the peninsula at long last. The two leaders are due to meet in the Vietnamese capital, Hanoi, on Wednesday and Thursday, eight months after their historic summit in Singapore, the first between a sitting U.S. president and a North Korean leader. At the time, Kim pledged to work toward the complete denuclearization of the Korean peninsula, but the vague agreement has produced few concrete results. U.S. Democratic senators and security officials have warned Trump against cutting a deal that would do little to curb North Korea's nuclear ambitions.

Speaking in Washington on Sunday, Trump said he believed he saw eye-to-eye with Kim and that they had developed "a very, very good relationship." In a tweet on Monday, he stressed the benefits to North Korea if it gave up its nuclear weapons. "With complete Denuclearization, North Korea will rapidly become an Economic Powerhouse. Without it, just more of the same. Chairman Kim will make a wise decision!" Trump said. Trump told reporters on Monday that he and Kim would have "a very tremendous summit."

"We want denuclearization, and I think he'll have a country that will set a lot of records for speed in terms of an economy," he said. Trump's departure from Washington comes at a time of increased pressure at home.

A person walks past a banner showing North Korean and U.S. flags ahead of the North Korea-U.S. summit in Hanoi, Vietnam, February 25, 2019. REUTERS/Kim Kyung-Hoon

Anticipation has been rising about the impending release of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report on Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. elections, although a senior U.S. Justice Department official said on Friday it would not come this week.

Trump's former lawyer Michael Cohen is due to testify in a public hearing before a U.S. congressional committee on Wednesday and the panel's chairman said Trump's business practices would be a focus of the testimony. A speech on Sunday night, Trump appeared to play down any hope of a major breakthrough at the Hanoi summit, saying he would be happy as long as North Korea maintained its pause on weapons testing.

"I'm not in a rush. I don't want to rush anybody," he said. "I just don't want testing. As long as there's no testing, we're happy."

A South Korean presidential spokesman told reporters in Seoul the two sides might be able to agree to a formal end of the 1950-1953 Korean War, which the North has long called for as a major step towards normalizing ties.

"The possibility is there," the spokesman, Kim Eui-kyeom told a briefing in Seoul.

North Korea conducted its last nuclear test, its sixth, in September 2017 and last tested an intercontinental ballistic missile in November 2017.

Before that freeze, the North conducted a series of tests that it says has given it powerful nuclear bombs and missiles capable of reaching the U.S. mainland.

The United States has for years demanded North Korea's complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization before any concessions will be granted. North Korea denounced that stance as unilateral and "gangster like."

But in recent days, Trump has signaled a possible softening, saying he would love to be able to remove tough sanctions if there was meaningful progress on denuclearization.

Easing of punishing sanctions is a top priority for North Korea and it warned Trump on Sunday not to listen to U.S. critics who it said were disrupting efforts to improve ties. Trump himself has scoffed at those questioning his handling of North Korea, and added that Chinese President Xi Jinping has been supportive of U.S. efforts.



A person walks past a banner showing North Korean and U.S. flags ahead of the North Korea-U.S. summit in Hanoi

## U.S. Navy ships pass through strategic Taiwan Strait, riling China

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The United States sent two Navy ships through the Taiwan Strait on Monday as the U.S. military increased the frequency of movement through the strategic waterway despite opposition from China.

The movement comes as U.S. President Donald Trump said the United States and China are "very, very close" to a deal to end a months-long trade war that has slowed global growth and disrupted markets.

The U.S. Navy's passage through the Taiwan Strait also comes just days before a summit between Trump and North Korea's Kim Jong Un.

"The ships' transit through the Taiwan Strait demonstrates the U.S. commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific," the U.S. Pacific Fleet said in a statement.

The two ships were identified as the destroyer Stethem and Navy cargo and ammunition ship Cesar Chavez, the statement added. The 180-km-wide (111.85 miles) Taiwan Strait separates Taiwan from China.

Washington has no formal ties with Taiwan, but is bound by law to help defend the island nation and is its main source of arms. The Pentagon says Washington has sold Taiwan more than \$15 billion in weaponry since 2010.

Trump says he's happy as long as Pyongyang stops tests

China has been ramping up pressure to assert its sovereignty over the island, which it considers a breakaway province of "one China."

China has repeatedly sent military aircraft and ships to circle the island on drills in the past few years and worked to isolate the island internationally, whittling down its few remaining diplomatic allies.

Earlier this year the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency released a report describing Taiwan as the "primary driver" for China's military modernization, which it said had made major advances in recent years.



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# ‘Green Book’ denies Netflix top Oscar on night of music and diversity

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - Road trip movie “Green Book” triumphed over “Roma” to win best the best picture Oscar on Sunday, denying Netflix bragging rights as the first streaming service to beat Hollywood at its own game. Mexican director Alfonso Cuarón was chosen as best director for “Roma,” his sentimental black-and-white journey back to his childhood, and the film won two other Oscars, including for best foreign language. In the biggest upset of the night, Britain’s Olivia Colman won her first Oscar for her role as petulant monarch Queen Anne in Fox Searchlight period comedy “The Favourite,” beating presumed front-runner Glenn Close, who starred in “The Wife.” “It’s genuinely quite stressful! This is hilarious,” said a visibly shocked Colman. “Glenn Close - you have been my idol for so long, and this is not how I wanted it to be,” she told her fellow actress, sitting in the audience.

Rami Malek won for his role as late Queen frontman Freddie Mercury in 21st Century Fox musical “Bohemian Rhapsody.” The film was the biggest overall winner, with four Oscars, and it also stamped its mark on the show when the group became the first rock band to open an Academy Awards show. “I may not have been the obvious choice, but I guess it worked out,” said Malek, who had been favored to win the award.

91st Academy Awards - Oscars Show - Hollywood, Los Angeles, California, U.S., February 24, 2019. Peter Farrelly accepts the Best Picture award for “Green Book.” REUTERS/Mike Blake

**OSCARS NOT SO WHITE**

It was also a big night for diversity, with Oscars going to black supporting actors Mahershala Ali and Regina King, while Spike Lee won for adapted screenplay for his Ku Klux Klan movie “BlacKkKlansman.” Malek was born in the United States to Egyptian parents. “Black Panther,” with a predominantly black cast, came away with three Oscars, including costume design, for its

vision of a fictional glorious African kingdom of Wakanda.

“Green Book” a Universal Pictures film about an unlikely friendship between a black pianist and his white driver touring the segregated U.S. South in the 1960s, also won for original screenplay and supporting actor for Ali

The wins came despite a slew of negative publicity around both “Green Book” and “Bohemian Rhapsody” in recent months.

The family of the late pianist Dr. Don Shirley has said that his portrayal in “Green Book” contained inaccuracies, and in January accusations surfaced of sexual impropriety by director Peter Farrelly in the 1990s. Farrelly apologized for his conduct. “I think we brought great honor to Dr. Shirley,” screenwriter Nick Vallelonga told reporters on Sunday about the criticism.

“Bohemian Rhapsody” director Bryan Singer was accused in January of sexual misconduct involving underage men in the 1990s.

Singer issued a statement denying the accusations. The Oscar ceremony went ahead without a host for the first time since 1989 and instead was filled with powerhouse music performances from Queen, Bette Midler and



91st Academy Awards - Oscars Backstage - Hollywood, Los Angeles, California, U.S., February 24, 2019. Mahershala Ali after “Green Book” won Best Picture. Matt Sayles/A.M.P.A.S./Handout via REUTERS.

Jennifer Hudson. Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper performed an intimate duet of “Shallow” from “A Star is Born,” which brought Gaga her first Oscar.

it’s not about winning, it’s about not giving up,” said a tearful Gaga. “It’s not about how many times you get rejected. ... It’s about how many times you are brave and you keep on going.”

Street party in Mexico City’s Roma district for Cuarón’s Oscars  
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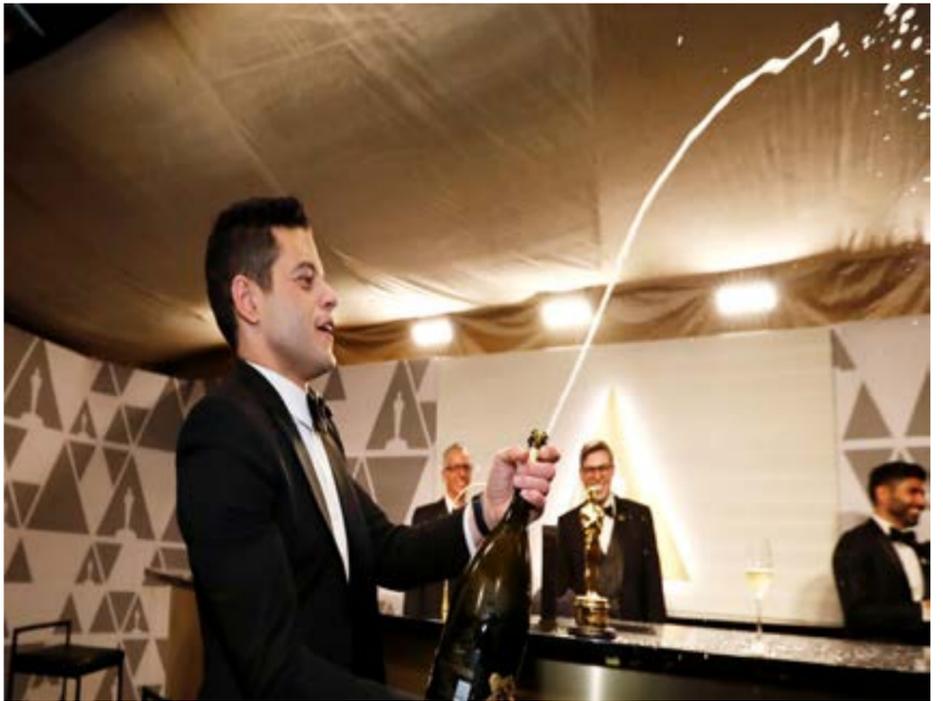
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91st Academy Awards - Oscars Governors Ball - Hollywood, Los Angeles, California, U.S., February 24, 2019. Rami Malek winner of the Best Actor award for "Bohemian Rhapsody" opens a bottle of champagne. REUTERS/Mario Anzuoni



Spike Lee holds his Best Adapted Screenplay award for "BlacKkKlansman." Matt Petit/A.M.P.A.S./Handout



Olivia Colman after accepting the Best Actress award for her role in "The Favourite" from presenter Frances McDormand. Matt Sayles/A.M.P.A.S./Handout via REUTERS



Brian May of Queen and Adam Lambert react. Matt Petit/A.M.P.A.S./Handout via REUTERS ATTENTION EDITORS.



91st Academy Awards – Vanity Fair – Beverly Hills, California, U.S., February 24, 2019 – Scott Campbell and Lake Bell. REUTERS/Danny Moloshok



91st Academy Awards – Vanity Fair – Beverly Hills, California, U.S., February 25, 2019 – Regina King. REUTERS/Danny Moloshok



Lady Gaga holds her award for Best Original Song "Shallow". REUTERS/Danny Moloshok

The Women's Voice Holds Successful Session On Empowering Lives



Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

[Fort Bend, TX, February 24, 2019] - The Women's Voice, an all-volunteer community network of women from all walks of life, held a remarkably successful house-full session on 'Life Coaching and Relationships in Workplace, Marriage and Family' to encourage and empower the attendees on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at Ismaili Jamatkhana Center, Sugar Land. This session provided valuable and resourceful information to all attendees to enable them to utilize their talents to the fullest whether in workplace, marriage or family. "We are glad to provide effective tools and techniques to help women have good health, satisfying careers, better financial stability and a fulfilling life", said Neeta Sane, the Founder of The Women's Voice. The presentations by speakers Mahtab Moradi, Neeta Sane, Daysi Marin, and Parvin Bagherpour encouraged women to further their goals in life. This was followed by enjoyable and heart-warming roundtable discussions among the attendees about job satisfaction and careers.



Considering that women face a wide range of emotional, social & financial pressures

as they go through many struggles to advance in life, The Women's Voice will be offering monthly sessions on various topics that impact women's lives significantly. The Women's Voice thanks all its partners, supporters and sponsors for joining in for this cause.

The next session to be offered by The Women's Voice will be on 'Financial Wellness for Women' on Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 10:00 AM to Noon. To register, please contact Neeta Sane at 832-279-8601 or Mandy Randhwa at 818-681-2468.

About The Women's Voice

Vision: To enable women from all walks of life to have a better quality of life with confidence, knowledge and a network for professional and personal growth. The Women's Voice is committed to empowering women, thereby strengthening families and transforming communities. Mission: To support and empower women with equitable options in Healthcare, Skills training, Job search, Business-start up, Relationships, Retirement, Investments, and Civic engagement.

Previous Programs From The Women's Voice

Women's Voice for Better America, a network of diverse women leaders from Fort Bend and Houston, in April 2016 launched a uniquely designed initiative to increase women's access to Health-

care Choice, Career Progress and Voting Decision. Co-chairs of Women's Voice for Better America are Neeta Sane, Anhanh Nguyen, Nargis Ahmed, Ponn Pillai, Fheryl Prestage, Munira Panjawani, Farida Abjani, Eme Nisnisan, Ling Luo, Claudia Ortega Hogue, Christina Sanders, Sophie Chou along with special coordinators, Ritu Raju, Maleeha Samee and Habiba Kavalec.



Co-Chairs of Women's Voice for Better America

The mission of Women's Voice for Better America is to encourage women to participate for societal, professional and individual advancement. The efforts by Women's Voice for Better America are based on the simple principle that women's progress is essential in making America better for our generation and for future generations to come.

Women's Voice for Better America also launched an Opportunity Fair in August 2016 at the Star Learning located at 3528 Texas 6, Sugar Land, TX 77478. The Opportunity Fair was a family event with light refreshments and door prizes. At the Opportunity Fair, women received free services and counsel from Ibn Sina Community Medical Center, Workforce Solutions and League of Women Voters. In addition, information about senior care and personal assistance service was available by Golden Years.

Women's Voice for Better America is happy to open the doors of opportunities for more women to join its network of volunteers. To join Women's Voice for Bet-

ter America, please contact Neeta Sane at 832-279-8601. Contact Info: https://www.neetasane.com/collaborations For more information, please visit https://www.facebook.com/TheWomensVoice2019/

About Neeta Sane, Founder Of The Women's Voice



Neeta Sane

In 2007, Neeta Sane was elected to serve on the Board of Trustees of Houston Community College. In 2013, she was re-elected to serve a second six-year term on the HCC Board and in 2014, she was elected to serve as the Board Chair. During her 10-year tenure, she has served on several Board committees and twice serving as the Vice Chair and Secretary.

Trustee Sane is a business owner of a consulting firm, community leader, wife and mother who brings to the HCC Board a unique blend of innovative entrepreneurship, educational background and fervor to develop programs that enhance student success at HCC, serving the community with universal values.

As a strong advocate of workforce training programs, she has been instrumental in the expansion of HCC's educational and workforce training programs in Advanced Manufacturing, Health Sciences, Engineering, Entrepreneurship and Vocational Training in Fort Bend and Alief. She has hosted workforce summits in Southwest Houston, a youth leadership summit for Early College High School students and Rising Leaders Academy conference for the HCC Honors College. She provided Workforce Support Scholarships for HCC students through the HCC Foundation. With a dedication to be inclusive of all students, she established the HCC-ASPIRE scholarship program, which honors Asian culture. HCC-ASPIRE raises funds

to support the educational pursuits and scholastic achievements of students attending HCC, as well as HCC's outstanding faculty and staff.



Trustee Sane graduated from the University of Houston-Clear Lake with a Master of Science degree and also earned a MBA in Finance from the Florida Institute of Technology.

Trustee Sane is deeply committed to community service. In addition to her dedicated service on the HCC Board, she is involved in numerous organizations across the state that advocate for education, families and underserved populations.

Trustee Sane grew up in India with tremendous respect for the United States. Since coming to this country, she has immersed herself in community service in an effort to give back some of the blessings and opportunities that she has been afforded. She is deeply committed to public service and community involvement.

Trustee Sane is strongly committed to "Student Success." She continues to stay focused on ensuring educational access and success of HCC students while serving the community. She is also committed to establishing stronger business partnerships for a mutually-beneficial educational and workforce environment. Trustee Sane is actively involved in establishing policies that support diversity awareness at HCC, where students and employees from all backgrounds, ethnicities and genders are recognized and respected. Trustee Sane strongly believes that educational attainment is imperative for all members of the community to succeed and reach their fullest potential in life. Her vision and desire is to ensure educational opportunities for all through Houston Community College. She continues to promote and advocate community college education to ensure a stronger and well-educated workforce as the economy continues to move into globalization.

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## SPECIAL REPORT

# Cellphone Use With Internet Access Bringing Rapid Changes To Cuba

HAVANA (AP) — After a tornado slammed Havana in late January, Mijail Ramirez complained on Twitter that authorities were threatening to evict him from his damaged home. A week later he said the government had changed its mind and would help him rebuild the house.

Jorge Luis Leon used the official Twitter account of a Cuban vice president to request that hospital waiting rooms have seating for family members, while a group of young people launched "Sube," a ride-hailing app for the aging American sedans that ply the streets of Havana.

In the 2 1/2 months since Cuba allowed its citizens internet access via cellphones, fast-moving changes are subtle but palpable as Cubans challenge government officials online, post photos of filthy school bathrooms and drag what was once of the world's least-connected countries into the digital age. Communist authorities, in turn, are having to learn how to deal with more visible pressure coming from outside of party-controlled popular and neighborhood committees.

"Life has changed," said Alberto Cabrera, 25, who is part of the team that developed the Sube app. "You see it when you walk down the street. The other day, looking from the roof of my house I could see that a neighbor had mobile internet service, as did the person in front and the person beyond him. You never saw that before."



A man holds his phone showing the app "Sube," a ride-hailing app for the aging American sedans on the streets of Havana, in Havana, Cuba, Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019.



In the 2 1/2 months since Cuba allowed its citizens internet access via cellphones, fast-moving changes are subtle but growing as Cubans challenge government officials online, post photos of filthy school bathrooms and drag what was once of the world's least-connected countries into the digital age. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

In the first 40 days after Dec. 6, when people could start buying internet access packages for 3G service, 1.8 million Cubans on this island of 11 million purchased the services. A government report last week said about 6.4 million residents use the internet and social networks.

Previously, nearly all Cubans could use mobile phones to link only to their state-run email accounts unless they connected to the internet at a limited number of government-sponsored Wi-Fi spots.

"We are in a process of learning about how to use the data" packages, said Claudia Cuevas, 26, a university professor and member of the Sube team. "Before you went to the park (with Wi-Fi zones) once a week to communicate with your family."

The history of the internet in Cuba has been rife with tensions and suspicions since it began in the 1990s. Cuba's government accused Washington of blocking its access to the fiber optical cables near the island, forcing it to use an expensive and slow satellite service. It was only in 2011 that Cuba got access to a submarine cable with the help of Venezuela. And it wasn't until 2015 that the general population gained access through the opening of Wi-Fi points in hundreds of parks.

Critics of the communist government said it resisted giving Cubans free access to the internet because it feared a free inflow of information. Government supporters said it was fighting efforts by Washington to undermine Cuba's communist system and revolution.



Cellphones are becoming a way of life in Cuba, as the country struggles to catch up with the rest of the digital world.

"For a while, the internet generated fear among Cuba's leaders and there was a long wait," said Harold Cardenas, a pro-revolutionary blogger and Cuba specialist who now resides in the United States. "It was collateral damage from the dynamics of the Cold War prolonged in Cuba for decades."

Cardenas said that what Cuba can expect is "more citizen participation, incorporation into global digital trends and challenges for the new president."

People questioned by The Associated Press agreed that using the internet has become more practical since the recent arrival of cellphone access. Cubans are moving from state telephone company ETECSA to WhatsApp, searching for information on the internet and reaching out to government officials through Facebook and Twitter.

Julio Aguirre Luson, 25, a DJ who has had a YouTube channel called TecnoLikeCuba for a year, says he has noticed the impact.

"Previously, the country with the most subscribers to my channel ... was Spain, followed by the United States, and Cuba third. Now the highest number are Cubans," he said.

Aguirre said, however, that there are still many limitations from both outside and inside Cuba. For example, there are obstacles facing local developers who want to enter their products in places like Google Play store. And in Cuba, developers face a paralysis in the delivery

of operating licenses so they can work within a legal framework.



Cellphone user proudly displays the flag of Cuba on his cellphone.

Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel opened a Twitter account prior to December and recently ordered all his ministers and senior leaders to do the same. But many of them only retweet official messages or propaganda slogans without providing their own content or answering citizens' questions.

Diaz-Canel has repeated the importance of the internet and says Cuban authorities are working on websites and platforms to provide government services, such as requesting a birth certificate or being able to fill in government forms that now must be done out by hand.

An example of the growing use of the internet and social media was the reaction via Facebook and Twitter to the tornado that devastated half of Havana in late January. Residents used the platforms to assess the damage and organize solidarity.

The combination of internet access and social networks "is a channel that people can use to say things as they are directly: 'We need this or this is happening.' It cannot be blocked and people must see it as a way to express themselves and say what they think," said Cuevas. (Courtesy <https://www.apnews.com>)

## 美南廣播電視台 看電視聽廣播

美南國際電視STV15.3為方便觀眾收看，「電視廣播合為一體」不需任何付費，觀眾可24小時直接收看及收聽該頻道，行車間也可方便收聽，輕鬆獲取美南電視節目以及各類國際、社區重大資訊。

操作指南如下，讓觀眾24小時收看收聽：

### 1. 掃二維碼(QR code)：

觀眾只要掃描報上的二維碼，就可連結到美南國際電視，直接在手機上觀看STV15.3。



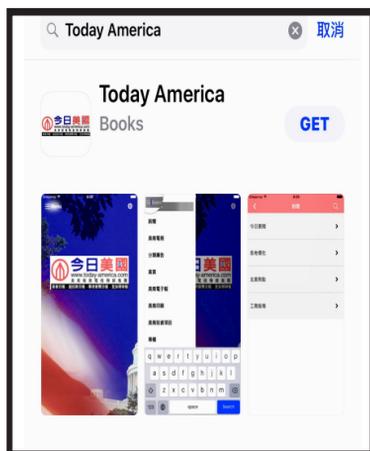
### 2. 今日美南公眾號直播：

觀眾可在「今日美南」公眾號上，點選「美南視頻」裡的「美南國際電視直播」就可輕鬆連接至STV15.3。



### 3. 下載Apps收看：

可在蘋果商店搜尋「Today America」，下載Apps，除了可用手機讀報更方便，也可以在Apps裡收看STV15.3 電視直播。



### 4. Google搜尋：觀眾只要在Google網站搜尋「Southern TV- STV15.3 Houston」

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或輸入該平台網址

**「<http://media.maqtv.com/?1497381&proc=1>」**

就可直接連結美南國際電視直播平台。

**<http://media.maqtv.com/?1497381&proc=1>**

如需開車時收聽廣播，請鏈接到車載音響設備(數據線/藍牙設備)，效果更佳。