

On 5 July, **King Charles III** invited **Sir Keir Starmer**, the leader of the Labour Party, to form a government and become Prime Minister following the party's historic victory in the UK's 4 July general elections.

After leaving the palace, Starmer delivered an address to the nation outside 10 Downing Street, the PM's official residence. "I have just returned from Buckingham Palace, where I accepted an invitation from His Majesty the King to form the next government of this great nation," Starmer said. He also thanked his predecessor **Rishi Sunak**, who also resigned as leader of the Conservative Party following the electoral defeat. "His achievement as the first British-Asian prime minister of our country, the extra effort that that will have required should not be underestimated by anyone. And we pay tribute to that today."



In June, the first and only debate between President Biden and **former** President Donald Trump **prompted** a wave of panic among Democrats as it **reignited** the discussion about Biden's health and his ability **to run for a second term**. President Biden on July 21 abruptly abandoned his campaign under intense pressure from fellow Democrats, in a **dramatic** last-minute bid **to stop** former President Donald Trump **from returning** to the White House.

Biden immediately **endorsed** Vice President Kamala Harris to lead their party, and at the end of the Democratic National Convention in August, Harris formally accepted the Democratic Party's nomination.

Over and over, speakers repeated her new slogan ("A New Way Forward") and declared that it was Ms. Harris who would **usher in** a new future. They tried to relegate Mr. Trump to a figure of the past. "Let us choose the sweet promise of tomorrow over the bitter return to yesterday," Oprah Winfrey said. "Something wonderfully magical is in the air," said Michelle Obama, the former first lady.



A man fired multiple shots toward the stage during former President Donald J. Trump's rally in Butler, Pa., on the evening of July 13, killing one spectator, critically **injuring** two others and **wounding** Mr. Trump.

The Secret Service said its agents had killed the shooter, Thomas Matthew Crooks, a **20-year-old** from Bethel Park, Pa. Law enforcement officials recovered an AR-15-type semiautomatic rifle from Mr. Crooks's body that had been legally purchased by the shooter's father.

The **gunman graduated** from the Community College of Allegheny County in May and was employed at a nursing home. High school classmates described Mr. Crooks as intelligent but solitary. And in an **era** when other people his age put **troves of personal information** online, Thomas Matthew Crooks left **few clues** about who he was, what he believed, or why he decided to drive to a Trump rally and try to assassinate the former president.



The two NASA astronauts who flew to the International Space Station in June aboard Boeing's **faulty** Starliner capsule will need to return to Earth on a SpaceX vehicle early next year as the issues with Starliner's propulsion system **are deemed too risky** to carry its first crew home as planned.

Veteran NASA astronauts Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams, both former military test pilots, became the first **crew** to ride Starliner on June 5 when **they were launched** to the ISS for what **was expected to be** an eight-day test mission. They will use their extra time to conduct science experiments alongside the station's other seven astronauts, NASA said.



It was one of the most memorable moments of arguably the most unique opening ceremony in history, but one that has **sparked controversy** around the world. The scene in question has been described by some critics as a parody of "The Last Supper," which featured drag artists and multiple dancers.

The performance and scene in question also included Philippe Katerine, a French entertainer who featured as the Greek god of wine Dionysus and quickly became known as the "semi-naked blue guy." In the scene, Katerine sang a song while lying on a table, seemingly without clothes and covered head-to-toe in glittery blue paint.

Olympic organizers apologized for the scene after it was criticized by the Catholic church and Christian groups, and even **censored** in some countries. Katerine apologized if his appearance shocked people, calling it a misunderstanding. He has now gained international fame for his performance.



Algerian boxer Imane Khelif found herself at the center of a bitter controversy over her eligibility to take part in the Olympics after an opponent quit a fight in just 46 seconds.

25-year-old Khelif landed a heavy first punch, dislodging her opponent's chinstrap. Subsequent blows pushed Carini back to her corner before she dropped to her knees. The match raised questions about Khelif's participation. In 2023, a now-discredited boxing regulator ruled her ineligible for a women's tournament after she apparently failed what has been described as a gender eligibility test.

But the International Olympic Committee (IOC) strongly supported her participation in the 2024 Games, with IOC spokesperson Mark Adams saying she was "born female, was registered female, lived her life as a female, boxed as a female, has a female passport." Khelif has become a flashpoint for an often-misinformed debate about how women are allowed to compete in sports. The Paris Games were the first ever to reach gender parity.

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There has been no shortage of iconic **venues** at the Paris Olympics.

From the Palace of Versailles to the Eiffel Tower, organizers made sure the City of Light's most famous landmarks would take center stage during the Olympics. But maybe the most picturesque sight was the rise of the Olympic cauldron every night at sunset, a tribute to the Montgolfier brothers. A clever combination of water, light and electricity, the Olympic Flame shined without fuel for the first time in the history of the Games.

