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# Trump demands Senate bypass votes to confirm appointees

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US President-elect Donald Trump demanded Sunday that Republican lawmakers allow him to appoint key officials without a Senate confirmation vote, aiming to block the little remaining power Democrats have to stymie his administration.

Republican senators are in the process of picking their next leader, who will wield significant power come January after the party wrested back control of the upper chamber from Democrats -- albeit with a narrow majority.

Under the US Constitution, the Senate must vote to approve nominations made by the president for senior executive positions, such as cabinet posts, and judicial appointments.

A constitutional clause however allows for presidents to bypass a Senate vote if the chamber is in an extended recess.

In a bid to maintain the legislative branch's power against the presidency, the Senate usually uses a parliamentary maneuver to avoid ever entering a sufficiently long recess.

But Trump said Sunday on social media that "any Republi-



People participate in a car caravan in support of U.S. President-elect Donald Trump

can Senator seeking the coveted LEADERSHIP position in the United States Senate must agree to Recess Appointments."

"Sometimes the votes can take two years, or more. This is what they did four years ago, and we cannot let it happen again," he said, referencing his first term in office. The three senators seeking to become the Republican leader in the chamber all issued statements of varying levels of support for so-called recess appointments.

"100% agree. I will do whatever it takes to get your nominations through as quickly as

possible," responded Rick Scott of Florida, who has won the backing of several close Trump allies, including billionaire Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy.

"We must act quickly and decisively to get the president's nominees in place as soon as possible, & all options are on the table to make that happen, including recess appointments," added John Thune of South Dakota, currently the number two Senate Republican.

John Cornyn of Texas said "it is unacceptable for Senate Democrats to blockade" Trump's cabinet appointments. "If they do, we

will stay in session, including weekends, until they relent. Additionally, the Constitution expressly confers the power on the President to make recess appointments," he added. Trump also called for the Senate to halt any pending judicial nominations. "No Judges should be approved during this period of time because the Democrats are looking to ram through their Judges as the Republicans fight over Leadership. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE," he said.

Democrats have narrowly controlled the Senate throughout President Joe Biden's term, during which they have pushed through hundreds of federal judges, seeking to offset a massive wave of conservatives installed by Trump during his first term.

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The next Senate will be sworn in in early January.

# Harris appears with Biden for first time since election loss



US President Joe Biden lays a wreath at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery to mark Veterans Day as Vice President Kamala Harris (L) and Veterans' Affairs Secretary Dennis McDonough (2nd L) look on on November 11, 2024 in Arlington, Virginia

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US President Joe Biden laid a wreath Monday to honor the nation's fallen soldiers on Veterans Day, an event marking his first appearance with Vice President Kamala Harris since her election defeat last week.

The ceremony, at historic Arlington National Cemetery across the Potomac River from Washington, is also the first time Harris has been seen in public since her November 6 speech in which she conceded the presidential election to Donald Trump.

Democrats, facing a painful reckoning over their drubbing,

have begun soul-searching internal discussions -- and some not-so-private blaming -- over what caused Harris's loss, with some pointing to Biden's initial insistence on running again at age 81, despite having promised to be a bridge president to the next generation. Criticism of Harris herself has been more muted, and Biden heaped praise on Harris last Thursday in a televised White House address.

Earlier Monday Biden hosted veterans at the White House to mark the holiday before heading to Arlington, the final resting place of two presidents, generals from all major US wars, and thousands of other military personnel.

Condensed consolidated interim statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the quarter and nine months period ended 30 September 2024					Condensed consolidated interim statement of financial position as at 30 September 2024				Condensed consolidated interim statement of cash flows for the nine months period ended 30 September 2024				
(Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)					(Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)				(Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)				
	Quarter ended 30 September 2024	Quarter ended 30 September 2023	Nine months ended 30 September 2024	Nine months ended 30 September 2023		30 September 2024	31 December 2023		Nine months period ended 30 September 2024	Nine months period ended 30 September 2023		Nine months period ended 30 September 2024	Nine months period ended 30 September 2023
	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)		(Reviewed)	(Audited)		(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)		(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)
Operating income	884,891	1,198,094	2,861,613	3,697,653	ASSETS			Operating activities			Net profit for the period	336,097	672,268
Operating costs	(848,641)	(1,216,805)	(2,870,420)	(3,628,482)	Non-current assets			Adjustments for:			Depreciation	409,394	615,167
Operating gross profit/(loss) for the period	36,250	(18,711)	(8,807)	69,171	Property, plant and equipment	1,932,095	2,367,563	Amortisation of cost to right-of-use assets	476,498	733,228	Profit on a sale of property, plant and equipment	(16,003)	(1,998)
Income from investments, net	294,946	223,894	1,220,667	1,643,219	Investment properties	23,056,378	23,065,000	Loss on closure of business - See I	40,038	-	Net share of loss/(profit) from investment in an associate	39,868	(140,246)
Other income	70,397	103,431	210,232	296,153	Right-of-use assets	1,014,783	1,331,987	Dividend income	(561,080)	(691,563)	Unrealised gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(99,367)	(229,474)
General and administrative expenses	(355,688)	(326,163)	(993,095)	(1,131,578)	Investment in an associate	10,084,115	10,103,983	Interest income - discount amortisation	(574,647)	(558,185)	Interest income on long term receivables	(25,441)	(23,751)
Finance costs	(34,277)	(74,344)	(92,900)	(204,697)	Financial assets at amortised cost	14,026,065	14,000,624	Interest income on loan to a related party	(53,179)	(64,106)	Finance costs	92,900	204,697
Net profit/(loss) and other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	11,628	(91,893)	336,097	672,268	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	10,118,375	9,962,657	Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			Inventories	16,427	(1,633)
Basic earnings/(loss) per share	0.15/fils	(1fils)	4.3fils	9fils	Total assets	60,212,311	60,851,994	Inventories	16,427	(1,633)	Trade and other receivables	208,432	(726,512)
					EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			Employers' terminal and other benefits	(60,019)	39,181	Trade and other payables	(351,461)	90,333
					Capital and reserves			Net cash used in operating activities	(121,543)	(188,983)	Investing activities		
					Share capital	8,262,345	8,262,345	Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(13,971)	(45,584)	Additions to investment properties	(1,378)	(16,595)
					Share premium	842,561	893,923	Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	16,010	1,998	Interest income on long term receivable	-	106,389
					Revaluation reserve	4,557,442	4,557,442	Interest income on loan to a related party	53,179	64,106	Purchase of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(1,009)	(374,055)
					Statutory reserve	4,131,173	4,131,173	Proceeds from sale of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	1,035,646	Interest income from bonds and sukuks	574,647	558,185
					Charity reserve	248,026	275,766	Dividend income received	561,080	691,563	Net cash provided by investing activities	1,188,558	2,021,653
					Retained earnings	37,957,804	38,803,877	Financing activities			Amount repaid against Murabaha facility	-	(199,645)
					Treasury shares	(422,710)	(380,666)	Lease liabilities paid	(442,953)	(722,863)	Term loan obtained/(paid)	68,904	(365,875)
					Total equity and liabilities	71,156,295	72,227,773	Charity paid	(27,740)	(65,000)	Treasury shares purchased	(93,406)	(27,210)
								Dividends paid	(1,182,170)	(1,183,623)	Finance costs paid	(92,900)	(204,697)
								Net cash used in financing activities	(1,770,265)	(2,768,913)	Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(703,250)	(936,243)
								Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	308,980	(683,133)	Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	(394,270)	(1,619,376)
								Comprising: Cash and bank balances	127,686	215,490	Bank overdrafts	(521,956)	(1,834,866)
									(394,270)	(1,619,376)			