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Imran Khan assumes power in Pakistan despite rival protests

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Islamabad

The former cricket star Imran Khan declared himself the new leader of Pakistan yesterday after an acrimonious election campaign marred by violence and accusations of fraud.

Mr Khan, 65, who captained Pakistan and won the World Cup in 1992,

addressed the nation to announce that he was prime minister even though only half the votes had been counted. Speaking from his villa in the hills outside Islamabad, he said: "God has given me a chance to come to power to implement the ideology which I started 22 years ago."

Rivals rejected the results as outrage grew at alleged vote-rigging by the mili-

tary. With results in from 224 of 270 seats last night, Mr Khan's party, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, had won 105 and was projected to secure almost 120. That would mark a landslide for Mr Khan, who has vowed to stamp out corruption. The party led by his main rival, Nawaz Sharif, the former prime minister jailed for corruption, was on course to win only 60 seats.

In an unexpected gesture Mr Khan said that he would not move into his official residence but open it for public use. "I would be ashamed to live in such a large house," he said. "I will live humbly. So far we have seen that everyone who comes to power changes. That will not happen with me."

Mr Khan left London high society in 1996 to return to his homeland and

enter politics. His former wife Jemima Goldsmith offered her congratulations yesterday. She paid tribute to the "humiliations, hurdles and sacrifices" Mr Khan had overcome but added: "The challenge now is to remember why he entered politics in the first place."

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Antisemitic hate posts allowed by Facebook

Anger at social media firm as value falls \$120bn

Katie Gibbons

Antisemitic posts claiming that the Holocaust is a lie and that Jews are "barbaric and unsanitary" remain on Facebook despite being flagged to the social media company, an investigation by *The Times* has found.

Cartoons that depict Jewish people as hook-nosed cockroaches, links to a website selling "holohoax" books banned by mainstream retailers and fan pages for a convicted Holocaust denier are also accessible.

Facebook's community guidelines class antisemitic material as hate speech and the company says that it is committed to removing posts that are reported. However, it does not consider Holocaust denial hate speech.

The Times found scores of examples of material designed to incite hatred and violence against Jews. Some of it had already been flagged to the company. When the material was highlighted to Facebook yesterday some was taken down but several antisemitic posts and pages remained up last night.

Among the content removed was a photograph of a Jewish woman with text that includes: "I have the power to genocide the entire White race... deliberately corrupting their children, destroying their families."

Another, which remained, showed a Star of David with the caption "the worst cancer I've ever seen".

Mark Zuckerberg, the founder of Facebook, was criticised this month for suggesting that Holocaust denial mat-

erial should be allowed as people were not "intentionally getting it wrong". He said: "If we were taking down people's accounts when they got a few things wrong, then that would be a hard world for giving people a voice."

Some \$119 billion was wiped off the value of Facebook yesterday — the biggest one-day fall in US corporate history — as it reported growth far below expectations. Analysts said that the public were losing trust in the company after the Cambridge Analytica data scandal, in which Facebook profiles were used without consent to target American voters with political adverts.

Facebook is also attempting to address the problems it has had with fake news by running an advertising campaign promising to do better.

Damian Collins, chairman of the culture, media and sport select committee, said: "This yet again highlights the deep chasm between the text of Facebook's own community guidelines and the action that it fails to take to implement them. These disgraceful antisemitic posts have no place in society and no place on social media."

"Hiding behind freedom of speech has long been the defence of social media companies, but there is absolutely no excuse for the hosting of this vile content on Facebook. I urge Facebook to finally take action and properly implement its community guidelines."

Yvette Cooper, chairwoman of the home affairs select committee, said: "Facebook are providing people with a

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Quick march The Duchess of Sussex at the Sentebale Polo Cup in Windsor, which was won by her husband's team. She rewarded him with a rare public kiss. Page 5

Fancy that: men's brains hardwired for promiscuity

Tom Whipple Science Editor

If the passion you felt for your spouse in the first flushes of romance starts eventually to wane, then there is a good chance you are a man.

A study has found that monogamy leads to husbands, but not wives, becoming less sexually satisfied. In doing so, it has also resolved a 90-year-old dispute between Calvin Coolidge, the US president, and his first lady.

The study, taken from a survey of 1,500 married men and women, was inspired by the so-called Coolidge Effect, named after an apparent exchange in the 1920s when the Coolidges were touring a chicken farm.

Mrs Coolidge noticed that the rooster was mating frequently, and asked how often that happened. "Dozens of times each day," an attendant replied.

Mrs Coolidge said: "Tell that to the president when he comes by."

Informed of the observation, her husband asked: "Same hen every time?" "Oh no, Mr President, a different hen every time," the attendant replied.

He said: "Tell that to Mrs Coolidge."

Evidence for this effect in humans, however, has been mixed. Chien Liu, a researcher at Wagner College in New York, set out to investigate. His study, in the journal *Evolutionary Behavioural Science*, asked couples how physically pleasurable their relationship was. Then Professor Liu looked to see how that related to marital duration.

"As a reproductive strategy, men could have evolved to be more sexually promiscuous," he said. "Women, because of the limit of number of children they have, have a different strategy: find a good man and keep him."

That is what his data showed. If a man starts off his marriage saying his sex life is "extremely pleasurable", the next year there is a 3 per cent chance of him revising that downwards to "very pleasurable" or below. That rough drop-off rate continues throughout his marriage. "Monogamous marriage has an inherent defect," Professor Liu said. "Men are programmed to be less satisfied with one sexual partner."