

Donald Trump set to take office with almost unchecked power

From climate change to wars in the Middle East and Ukraine, the president-elect will make his presence felt worldwide

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Donald Trump, the 45th and soon to be 47th US president, will be returning to the White House with almost unchecked power after his landslide victory.

Not only did he win, Mr Trump's Republican Party retook the Senate after flipping three seats, while the House of Representatives appears destined to stay in its control, though votes were still being tallied in many races.

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Beni Sabti, a researcher in the Iran programme at the Institute for National Security Studies in Israel, said Mr Trump's return to power could force Iran to rethink plans to attack Israel, which itself last month hit a number of targets in Iran, including in Tehran.

He said the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps may hold off on attacking Israel again over fears the US could join forces with Israel in subsequent military operations.

“So you can see how [Trump] just being elected caused the Iranians to think and to be deterred,” Mr Sabti said.

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