



# Obama wins N.C., Clinton takes Indiana

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RALEIGH (NNPA) — Despite narrowing pre-primary polls, withering negative national headlines and a relentless assault by his fierce Democratic opponent, North Carolina put Sen. Barack Obama's historic bid for the presidency firmly back in the driver's seat Tuesday with a commanding 56-42 primary victory over Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York.

"There were those who were saying that North Carolina could be a 'game-changer.' But today, what North Carolina decided is that the only game that needs changing is the one in Washington, D.C.," the African-American candidate, with his beaming wife, Michelle looking on, said to over 3,000 cheering supporters Tuesday night in North Carolina State University's Reynolds Coliseum.

"I want to thank the people of North Carolina for giving us a victory in a big state," Obama continued, "a swing state, and a state where



Savoring their impressive 56-42 percent victory over Democratic presidential rival Sen. Hillary Clinton, Sen. Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, thank enthusiastic supporters Tuesday night at N.C. State University. Clinton won Indiana by a razor-slim 51-49 percent. Some Democratic Party officials think the split signaled the end of Clinton's run.

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we will compete to win if I am the Democratic nominee for president of the United States."

Winning the lion's share of North Carolina's 115 pledged delegates, in addition to the popular-vote, made losing the Indiana primary 51-49 percent in a squeaker to Clinton later that evening easier for the Illinois Democrat to swallow.

Obama conceded that Clinton victory early, satisfied that the night was his.

Obama's impressive North Carolina triumph wounded Sen. Clinton's claim that she is the surging, most viable Democratic presidential candidate to face presumptive Republican nominee Sen. John McCain in November, despite Obama's frontrunner status and insurmountable pledged delegate lead.

Uncommitted superdelegates, who must make the ultimate decision about whom to declare the Democratic Party nominee before the party convention

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## Experts: Treat Iran with care

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WASHINGTON (IPS/GIN) — The fundamental balance of power in the Middle East has shifted in the five years since the George W. Bush administration decided to invade Iraq.

Iran's leadership has become the main beneficiary of the U.S. quagmire in Iraq. And they have ramped up their defiance over the current wedge issue in the twisted path of U.S.-Iranian relations: Iran's nuclear program.

The recent conservative consolidation of Iran's Parliament, coupled with the April announcement that 6,000 new advanced centrifuges were up and running at the Natanz uranium-enrichment facility, suggest that U.S. pressure alone — in the form of unilateral economic sanctions — has not deterred Iran from continuing its drive toward mastering the nuclear fuel cycle.

While the President George W. Bush administration has maintained a consistent policy supporting rigid sanctions against Tehran, a bill currently making its way through the Senate may potentially further undermine the international support that Washington seeks in its quest to confront Iran and "change its behavior."

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## Bell protesters get arrested

NEW YORK (AP) — Rev. Al Sharpton and nearly 200 demonstrators were arrested Wednesday as they blocked traffic at the height of the evening rush hour to protest the acquittals of three detectives in the 50-bullet shooting of an unarmed Black man.

Police estimated that about 190 people were arrested, including Sharpton, two survivors of the shooting and the slain man's fiancée. They lined up and peacefully put their hands behind their backs as police arrested them on disorderly conduct charges.

The demonstrators prayed, sang and chanted such slogans as "no justice, no peace" as they converged on six heavily used bridges and tunnels. The protests were part of a coordinated

campaign to urge federal authorities to charge the detectives with civil rights viola-

tions in the shooting of Sean Bell on his wedding day in November 2006.

The three officers were acquitted of state charges last

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Rev. Al Sharpton, center, and Nicole Paultre Bell, right, are led away in handcuffs after being arrested at the Brooklyn Bridge on Wednesday in New York. Hundreds of demonstrators blocked traffic at the Manhattan entrance to the Brooklyn Bridge to protest the acquittals of three detectives in the 50-bullet shooting of unarmed Sean Bell.