

Trevor Noah takes over 'The Daily Show'

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(Image extracted from YouTube)

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Stewart is standing down after 15 years as host. He's reported as saying that he wants to spend more time with his family, whom he understands are 'quite nice people'.

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South African comedian to replace Stewart on 'Daily Show'

NEW YORK CITY, US: South African comedian Trevor Noah will host iconic US late-night news satire 'The Daily Show'. The news comes after anchor Jon Stewart announced last month he would step down, the program said on Monday.

The 31-year-old is relatively unknown in the United States -- he has appeared a handful of times as the show's "senior international correspondent" -- but has a big following online and in his homeland.

The widely acclaimed Comedy Central program has been led by Stewart for the past 15 years, and become an influential source of news and views for a younger audience that those tuning into straight news broadcasting.

"No-one can replace Jon Stewart. But together with the amazing team at The Daily Show, we will continue to make this the best damn news show!" Noah tweeted.

In mid-February, Stewart announced he would leave the program, which relentlessly pokes fun at politicians, current events and mainstream cable news.

The exact date of his departure has not yet been announced.

"Very excited to welcome our next host: [@Trevornoah](#)! That's right - another guy in late night from Soweto," Stewart tweeted.

The South African comedian, who grew up in the Johannesburg suburb of Soweto, has become an occasional contributor to the "The Daily Show" last year 2014.

Noah expressed his incredulity to The New York Times from Dubai, where he is on tour.

"You don't believe it for the first few hours," Noah said. "You need a stiff drink, and then unfortunately you're in a place where you can't really get alcohol."

Born in his country's apartheid-era to a black, South African mother and white, Swiss father, Noah told the Times that he "didn't live a normal life."

His home country was the topic of his first appearance on 'The Daily Show' in early December, when he played on South

African stereotypes and headlines about racism and brutality among US law enforcement agents.

"I never thought I'd be more afraid of police in America than in South Africa. It kind of makes me a little nostalgic for the old days, back home," he said.

Noah made his US television debut in 2012 on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and was the host of his own late-night talk show in South Africa.

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