West Virginia next stop for candidates

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INDIANAPOLIS -- The Democratic primary and caucus dance moves to West Virginia, as both candidates claim momentum after splitting North Carolina and Indiana.A handful of primaries remain, starting with the Mountain State and its 39 delegates Tuesday. A double-digit win in North Carolina and a squeaker of a defeat in Indiana infused energy into the campaign of Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill. The win in Indiana offered Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., the chance to press her case to uncommitted superdelegates.Obama took North Carolina by 14 percent over Clinton, his first primary win in nearly two months, The New York Times reported Wednesday. It also provided his campaign with the chance to tell uncommitted superdelegates he survived controversy -- the "bitter" remark and incendiary comments by his former pastor -- and still came out on top, the Times reported.Clinton, meanwhile, squeaked by Obama in Indiana by 3 percent. Delays in reporting totals from Lake County -- home to Gary, Ind., and adjacent to Chicago -- postponed her victory speech. But when she finally addressed the crowd in Indianapolis, Clinton asked for their support and money, the Times said.She vowed to remain in the race and maintained her argument that delegates from Michigan and Florida -- which she won despite not campaigning -- be seated at the national convention. The Democratic National Committee stripped the two states of their delegates as punishment for moving up their primaries. The DNC's rules and bylaws committee said it would meet May 31 to settle the issue of whether to seat the delegates from those two states.

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