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Protests over Trump's immigration raids spread across US

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For more coverage of the protests in Los Angeles, [read our story](#) about why the LA Police Department (LAPD) has opposed President Donald Trump's decision to deploy the US Marines against the demonstrators.

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A protester waves a flag next to armoured vehicles driven by the California National Guard in Santa Ana, California, the US [Jae C Hong/The Associated Press]

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more often in domestic contexts, regardless of state officials' approval.

California Governor Gavin Newsom filed an emergency motion to block Trump's troop deployment, with a judge setting a hearing for Thursday.

US officials said that trade talks with China in London were proceeding and could stretch into Wednesday.

Trump appeared at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to rally soldiers ahead of a military parade to mark the US Army's 250th anniversary.

Echoing his strong-arm rhetoric against the Los Angeles protests, Trump warned that any demonstrations at this weekend's military parade would be met with "very heavy force".

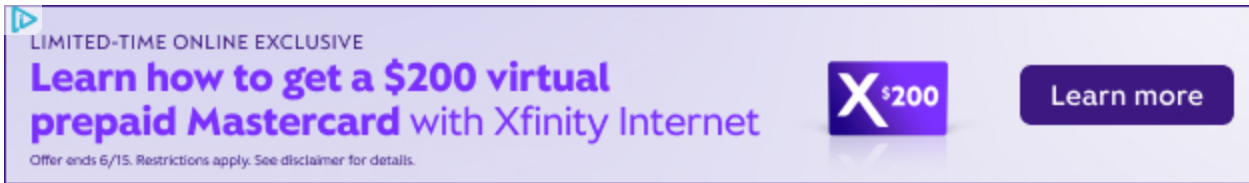


US President Donald Trump pumps a fist during a rally in Fort Bragg, North Carolina [Evelyn Hockstein/Reuters]

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Photos: Trump celebrates the US Army's 250th anniversary

Visiting Fort Bragg, a military installation in North Carolina, US President Donald Trump offered a campaign-style rally for members of the US Army.

The event was ostensibly designed to celebrate the army's 250th anniversary. But during his remarks, Trump veered into the political, denouncing the protests in California against his "mass deportation" drive and attacking Democratic rivals.

"Generations of army heroes did not shed their blood on distant shores only to watch

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Trump described the participants in those protests as “rioters bearing foreign flags with the aim of continuing a foreign invasion of our country”. The Republican leader has framed immigration as a criminal “invasion” in order to justify the use of wartime laws like the Alien Enemies Act of 1798.

Here are some images from Trump’s visit to Fort Bragg.



President Donald Trump points to a hat emblazoned with a US Army seal [Alex Brandon/AP Photo]

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Trump applauds the audience assembled to hear him speak at Fort Bragg [Alex Brandon/AP Photo]



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Trump watches a parachute exercise, conducted by the US Army's airborne division [Evelyn Hockstein/Reuters]



US Army members at Fort Bragg listen to Trump's remarks [Evelyn Hockstein/Reuters]

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Trump continues attacks on diversity initiatives in the military

As he marked the US Army's 250th anniversary with an appearance at Fort Bragg, Trump hit many of his usual talking points. He called a restoration of military might, bashed his rivals in the Democratic Party and called for tough action against protesters opposed to his government.

But he also took some time to rally support for his signature budget legislation, nick-

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Trump, however, sought to sell the bill as a boon to the US military. He said it would bring a “record investment” to the armed forces.

He also denounced diversity initiatives in the military, another long-running theme during his second term.

“Under the Trump administration, we’re focused on restoring the spirit of the US armed forces. No soldier ever volunteered for the Army to be lectured about transgender diversity or inclusion,” Trump said.

“You don’t want to hear that, ‘Transgender for everybody.’ We don’t do that. America’s patriots join the army to kick down doors, storm beaches, kill terrorists and win America’s wars. That’s what we want, and that’s what you want.”

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Trump renews threat to criminalise flag burning

During Trump’s first term as president, he openly mused about making the destruction of the US flag a criminal offence, despite Supreme Court precedent that flag burning constitutes free speech.

Today, in a speech at the Fort Bragg military installation in North Carolina, Trump revived that ambition.

“These are animals,” Trump said of the protesters denouncing his immigration push in Los Angeles, California.

“They proudly carry the flags of other countries, but they don’t carry the American flag. They only burn it. Did you see a lot of the flags being burned? They weren’t being burned by people from our country or people that love our country.”

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“People that burn the American flag should go to jail for one year,” Trump said. “We’ll see if we can get that done. I’m going to try and get that done.”

The final year of Trump’s first term was largely defined by tensions over the COVID-19 pandemic and widespread protests following the death of George Floyd at the hands of police.

During those protests, US media captured several incidents of US flags being burned, prompting Trump to call for the Supreme Court to step in and overturn its precedent.

Flag burning, the court has ruled, is protected under the First Amendment of the US Constitution.



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Judge sets hearing in California case challenging federal troop deployment

Judge Charles Breyer has scheduled the hearing for 1.30pm local time (20:30 GMT) on Thursday.

That came hours after California’s governor filed an emergency motion to block the deployment of the National Guard and Marines.

Breyer did not grant Newsom’s request to issue an order on the motion by today.



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Trump appears to mistake World War I for World War II

While speaking at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, the US president repeated a sentiment he has articulated elsewhere: that the US was responsible for winning World War II.

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“The only one that doesn’t celebrate is the USA, and we’re the ones that won the war. Without us, you’d all be speaking German right now. Maybe a little Japanese thrown in.”

Trump appeared to be referring to ceremonies this month to mark the anniversary of D-Day, a World War II battle that saw Allied Forces — including US, Canadian and British troops — storm Normandy Beach, setting the stage for France’s liberation.



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Secretary of State Marco Rubio has ordered US embassies around the world to move ahead with an agency directive to fire all remaining US Agency for International Development (USAID) staffers by September 30.

The State Department will take over all foreign assistance programmes from USAID by Monday, Rubio said in a cable sent to embassies and viewed by The Associated Press news agency.

Rubio's directive comes after a federal court ordered a stay in firings in response to a broad case brought by a federal employees' union challenging the Trump administration's mass cuts in multiple agencies, including the State Department.

The plaintiffs say the State Department is violating that stay, though the government denies that.



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Trump claims, without evidence, 'somebody' financing protesters

Trump has continued his lengthy tangent on LA protests, claiming the LAPD weren't "aggressive like our soldiers, our soldiers really were aggressive".

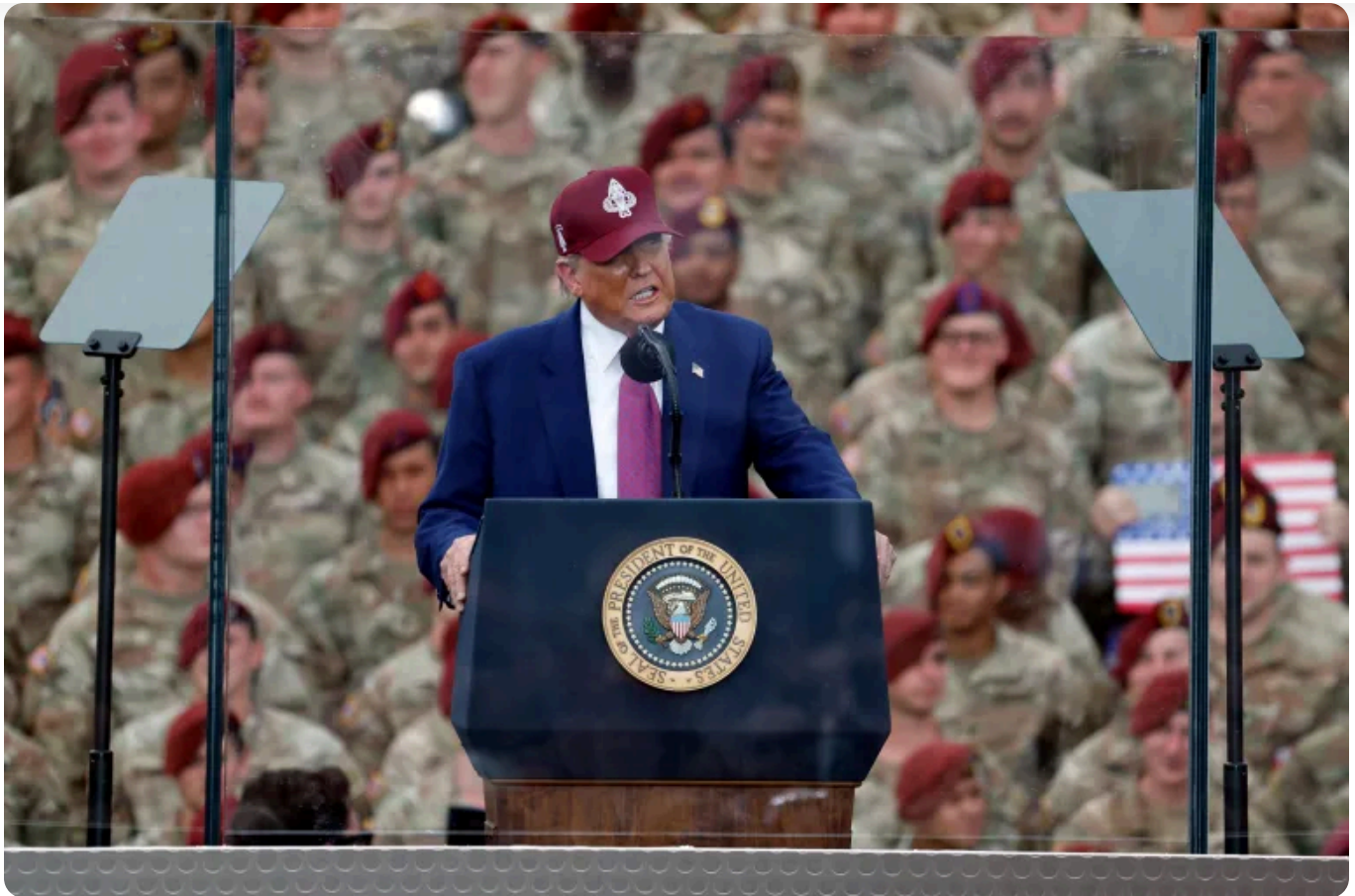
The statement comes amid allegations from local officials that the National Guard deployment has only escalated, not calmed, the unrest.

Trump also suggested "somebody" is financing the protesters, a claim that veers into conspiracy. He said protesters were "wearing armour and face shields – the best money can buy".

"Somebody's financing it. We're going to find out through [Attorney General] Pam Bondi and the Department of Justice who it is," he said, without providing evidence.

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US President Donald Trump speaks at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, North Carolina, the United States [Karl DeBlaker/The Associated Press]

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Trump slams Newsom and Bass for 'incompetence'

Addressing the troops at Fort Bragg, Trump calls the protests in Los Angeles “a full-blown assault on peace, on public order, and national sovereignty”.

“These guys are professionals. These are not amateurs,” he said, adding he was working with US senators to pass legislation to imprison people who burn the American flag for “one year”.

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“Their position is that the rioting will not stop unless ICE [US Immigration and Customs Enforcement] withdraws from Los Angeles and ceases the enforcement of federal immigration law,” he said.

“So sad what they’ve done to our country.”



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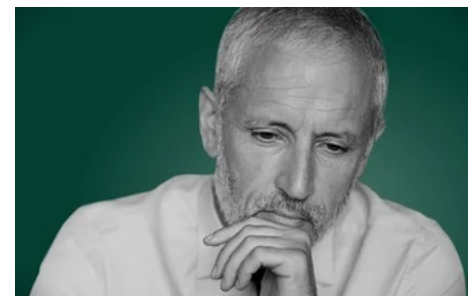
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