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President Donald Trump's top advisers and Nayib Bukele, the president of El Salvador, said Monday that they had no basis for the small Central American nation to return Kilmar Abrego Garcia, a Maryland man who was wrongly deported there last month.

Trump administration officials emphasized Abrego Garcia, who was sent to a notorious gang prison in El Salvador, was a citizen of that country and the U.S. has no say in his future. And Bukele, who has been a vital partner

Here's the latest:

US Army to control land on Mexico border as part of base, migrants could be detained, officials say

A long sliver of federal land along the U.S.-Mexico border that Trump is turning over to the Department of Defense would be controlled by the Army as part of a base, which could allow troops to detain any trespassers, including migrants, U.S. officials told The Associated Press.

The transfer of that border zone to military control — and making it part of an Army installation — is an attempt by the Trump administration to get around a federal law that prohibits U.S. troops from being used in domestic law enforcement on American soil.

But if the troops are providing security for land that's part of an Army base, they can perform that function. However, at least one presidential powers expert said the move is likely to be challenged in the courts.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to provide details not yet made public, said the issue is still under review in the Pentagon, but even as any legal review goes on, the administration's intent is to have troops detain migrants at the border.

► Read more about [the military at the U.S.-Mexico border](#)

— Tara Copp and Lolita C. Baldor

Trump reiterates desire to expand deportation plans to include US citizens

The president has said openly that he'd also favor El Salvador taking custody of American citizens who've committed violent crimes, a view he repeated Monday.

"We have bad ones too, and I'm all for it because we can do things with the president for less money and have great security," Trump said during the meeting with Nayib Bukele, the president of El Salvador. "And we have a huge prison population." It is unclear how lawful U.S. citizens could be deported elsewhere in the world.

Before the press entered the Oval Office, Trump said in a video posted on social media by Bukele that he wanted to send "homegrown" to be

Justice Department charges man with arson at New Mexico Tesla dealership and GOP headquarters

That's according to court records unsealed Monday.

A criminal complaint charges Jamison R. Wagner, 40, with federal [arson](#) charges in connection with the vandalism in February at a Tesla showroom in Bernalillo, New Mexico, where authorities found two Tesla Model Y vehicles ablaze as well as spray-painted graffiti messages including "Die Elon" and "Die Tesla Nazi."

[Elon Musk](#) is the billionaire CEO of Tesla and close ally of President Trump who's helped engineer a massive downsizing of the federal government and purge of employees.

The arrest is part of a federal crackdown on what Attorney General [Pam Bondi](#) has described as a wave of domestic terrorism against property carrying the logo of [Musk's](#) electric-car company.

► Read more about [vandalism against Tesla](#)

DC mayor says budgets cuts would be needed without action by Congress

The mayor of the nation's capital says the city is raising its stalled budget as much as possible under authority granted by federal law, but it would still need to cut more than \$410 million this fiscal year without action from Congress.

DC Mayor Muriel Bowser said Monday that she'd sent a letter to the House and Senate appropriations committee to notify them.

The move comes days after the House adjourned for a two-week recess without acting on a \$1.1 billion hole in the city's budget, despite directives from President Trump to address the issue.

"We believed that the fix would happen, and we wouldn't be running around planning for cuts," Bowser said Monday at a news conference.

She said the city is raising the budget 6%, as much as possible under federal statute, but the situation remains frustrating, with no options "off the table."

and WhatsApp

A [historic antitrust trial](#) is underway Monday for Meta Platforms Inc. in a case that could force the tech giant to break off Instagram and WhatsApp, startups it bought more than a decade ago that have since grown into social media powerhouses.

In opening statements, Federal Trade Commission attorney Daniel Matheson said Meta has used a monopoly to generate enormous profits as consumer satisfaction has dropped. He said Meta was “erecting a moat” to protect its interests by buying the two startups because the company feared they were a threat to Meta’s dominance. Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg and other Meta witnesses will testify during the trial.

The trial will be the first big test of President Trump’s Federal Trade Commission’s ability to challenge Big Tech. The lawsuit was filed against Meta — then called Facebook — in 2020, during Trump’s first term. It claims the company bought Instagram and WhatsApp to squash competition and establish an illegal monopoly in the social media market.

► Read more about [Meta’s antitrust trial](#)

Despite a court order, the White House bars the AP from Oval Office event

Despite a court order, a reporter and photographer from The Associated Press were barred from an Oval Office news conference on Monday with Trump and his counterpart from El Salvador, Nayib Bukele.

[Last week’s federal court decision](#) forbidding the Trump administration from punishing the AP for refusing to rename the Gulf of Mexico was to take effect Monday. The administration is appealing the decision and arguing with the news outlet over whether it needs to change anything until those appeals are exhausted.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. circuit set a Thursday hearing on Trump’s request that any changes be delayed while case is reviewed. The AP is fighting for more access as soon as possible.

► Read more about [the dispute between the Trump administration and the AP](#)

to discuss the potential return of a former Maryland resident, Kilmar Abrego Garcia, who was deported to the Central American nation by the Trump administration.

A federal judge ruled Garcia should be returned to the U.S., a decision that was unanimously upheld by the Supreme Court last week.

"If Kilmar is not home by midweek — I plan to travel to El Salvador this week to check on his condition and discuss his release," Van Hollen wrote in a letter address to El Salvador's ambassador to Washington.

El Salvadoran President Nayib Bukele said during a Monday Oval Office meeting that he did not intend to return Kilmar to the U.S.

Trump wants Congress to end daylight saving time

President Trump on Friday urged Congress to "push hard for more Daylight at the end of a day" in his latest dig at [the semiannual changing of clocks](#).

Trump, in a post on his Truth Social media network, said it would be "Very popular and, most importantly, no more changing of the clocks, a big inconvenience and, for our government, A VERY COSTLY EVENT!!!"

The Republican president's position calling for more daylight would push the schedule forward, keeping the country on [daylight saving time](#). His post came a day after a Senate panel heard testimony examining whether to set one time all year instead of shifting.

There's been growing interest in states to standardize daylight saving time in recent years.

► Read more about [daylight savings time](#)

Emboldened anti-abortion faction wants women who have abortions to face criminal charges

Advocates involved in the abortion debate are warning about the [widening influence](#) of a movement that seeks to outlaw all abortions and enforce the ban with criminal prosecution of any women who have abortions.

Mainstream anti-abortion groups have largely shied away from legislation that would punish women for having abortions, but abortion abolitionists

South Carolina and Texas — would allow prosecutors to charge those who have abortions with homicide. In some of those states, women could be subject to the death penalty if the bills were to become law.

“With the reversal of Roe v. Wade, now states can pass the most severe abortion bans, which has galvanized the anti-abortion movement as a whole, including this part of it,” said Rachel Rebouche, dean of Temple University Beasley School of Law in Philadelphia. “Certainly the fall of Roe has brought abortion abolitionists one step closer to what they want — banning abortion nationwide.”

► Read more about [the movement to charge women who have abortions](#)

Air Force Gen. Dan Caine has been sworn in as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

That's nearly two months after President Trump fired his predecessor.

A formal White House ceremony is expected this week.

Caine, a decorated F-16 fighter pilot and well-respected officer, took over the role Saturday and was at the Pentagon over the weekend after Trump signed the necessary documents to allow him to fill the job.

He'll serve the remainder of the four-year term of Air Force Gen. CQ Brown Jr., who was fired by Trump as part of a broader purge of military officers believed to endorse diversity and equity programs.

El Salvador's leader shares an inside look at meeting with Trump

Before the press entered the Oval Office, Trump and Bukele chatted in a video posted on social media by the leader of El Salvador.

The U.S. president said he wanted to send “homegrown” to be incarcerated in El Salvador, and he suggested “you’ve got to build five more places,” suggesting Bukele doesn’t have enough prison capacity for all of the U.S. citizens Trump would like to send there.

Trump also praised Bukele for his team’s slickly produced video of migrants arriving in El Salvador after being deported by the U.S.

“That’s what people want to see. Respect. They want to see respect,” Trump said.

Biden will address the national conference of Advocates, Counselors and Representatives for the Disabled.

The former president has kept a very low profile since leaving office Jan. 20 — despite Trump scoffing repeatedly at his predecessor's mental competency.

Organizers of the conference say participants are “committed to safeguarding and strengthening Social Security for the generations to come.”

Trump has pledged to shield Social Security from possible cuts, even as Democrats say it, and other federal entitlements like Medicare, could face funding trims to help offset tax reductions the administration supports.

Trump says he plans to provide temporary exemptions to automakers on his tariffs

And the president said he's talked with Apple CEO Tim Cook, whose company could be hurt if the China tariffs become permanent.

“They need a little bit of time,” Trump said of the automakers that would have to upend their supply chains to reduce their exposure to Trump's import taxes.

Trump also said he had talked to Cook and “helped” him by exempting electronics from some of his China tariffs.

“I don't want to hurt anybody but the end result is we're going to get to the position of greatness for our country,” said Trump.

The U.S. president also theorized that China and Vietnam were meeting “to figure out: how do we screw the United States of America?”

Seizing on the March consumer price index, Trump says he's fixed inflation

“We already solved inflation,” Trump told reporters gathered Monday in the Oval Office.

The U.S. president was touting the 2.4% annual inflation rate seen in the monthly consumer price report released last Thursday. Many economists are hesitant to claim a single report makes up a broader trend. Many

An earlier version of this item incorrectly said the report came out

Monday instead of last Thursday.

Trump suggests Iran is 'tapping us along'

The president expressed some impatience at the pace of nuclear negotiations with Iran.

"I think they're tapping us along," he said.

The next meeting is scheduled for this coming weekend.

"These are radicalized people. And they cannot have a nuclear weapon,"

Trump said.

Trump is again praising his own health after undergoing an annual physical

He says the results indict "you've got me for a little longer."

The president spent hours Friday at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. He said after it that testing went well.

A medical report on the physical was released Sunday. But Trump brought up the test again a day later, telling reporters in the Oval Office on Monday that he did well on a cognitive exam performed as part of it.

"I like taking them because they're not too tough for me to take," Trump said of cognitive tests. He said his health was good enough that he should be around for years or at the very least "a little longer."

Bondi: US would provide plane if El Salvador returns Abrego Garcia, which Bukele called 'preposterous'

Trump referred questions about Abrego Garcia to Attorney General Pam Bondi, who said he was illegally in the U.S. and that courts have ruled that Abrego Garcia was a member of the MS-13 gang.

"That's up to El Salvador if they want to return him. That's not up to us," Bondi said.

She called the issue "international matters" and "foreign affairs" and said the U.S. would facilitate Abrego Garcia's return if El Salvador wanted to send him back by providing an airplane.

Bukele was asked if he plans to return Abrego Garcia and he asked how he could return him and said it was "preposterous." He called Abrego Garcia

Trump: Man accused of setting fire to Pennsylvania governor's mansion is 'probably just a whack job'

The president was asked about Cody Balmer, who police say broke into the mansion, set a fire that caused significant damage and forced Gov. Josh Shapiro, his family and guests to evacuate the building during the Jewish holiday of Passover. He said, "The attacker was not a fan of Trump."

Trump's comments came in the Oval Office as he met with El Salvador President Nayib Bukele.

Trump added, "The attacker basically wasn't a fan of anybody" and also noted, "A thing like that cannot be allowed to happen."

Trump declines to criticize Russia for the recent strike on the Ukrainian city of Sumy

Trump criticized former President Joe Biden and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy but not Russian leader Vladimir Putin.

"If Biden were competent and if Zelenskyy were competent . . . that war should've never been allowed to happen," Trump said in the Oval Office.

Referring to Putin, Trump said "I'm not saying anybody's an angel."

Trump has previously described the strike on Sumy as a "mistake." On Monday, he said the mistake was allowing the war to start in the first place.

"Biden could've stopped it and Zelenskyy could've stopped it and Putin should've never started it," he said. "Everybody's to blame."

Trump and Bukele discuss transgender athletes, which Bukele calls 'violence'

Trump and Bukele quickly got into a discussion about transgender athletes in the White House, with the U.S. president asking his counterpart from El Salvador, "Do you allow men to play in women's sports?"

"That's violence," Bukele responded.

Trump said there are people in the U.S. who "fight to the death" to allow transgender athletes to play and Bukele said, "We're big on protecting women."

Trump is meeting with Salvadoran President Nayib Bukele in the Oval Office, telling the visiting head of state “you are helping us out” by holding migrants deported from the United States in a notorious prison in El Salvador.

Trump said his administration’s hardline policies have restored order along the U.S.-Mexico border. He said of the changes, “We’re proud of them. Now we just need to get the criminals and murders and rapists” out of “our country.”

Bukele arrives at the White House

Trump greeted Bukele at the White House on Monday and ignored shouted questions from reporters about Abrego Garcia.

The president shook Bukele’s hand and directed the leader of El Salvador towards waiting reporters to pose for pictures and Trump pumped his fist.

They then went inside together.

Trump’s schedule for Monday

This morning, the president is meeting with the president of El Salvador, [Nayib Bukele](#). After the meeting, they will have lunch together. This afternoon, at 3 p.m., Trump will meet with The Ohio State University football team, the 2025 College National Football champions.

Some top tech leaders have embraced Trump. That’s created a political divide in Silicon Valley

Like many in the tech industry, Jeremy Lyons used to think of himself as a relatively apolitical guy.

The only time he had participated in a demonstration before now was in the opening days of Trump’s first presidential term, when he joined fellow Google workers walking out of the company’s Silicon Valley campus to protest immigration restrictions. Google’s co-founder and its chief executive officer joined them.

Last weekend was Lyons’ second, also against Trump, but it had a different feel.

Silicon Valley's environmental futurism to a pro-Trump icon. And no tech executives were anywhere to be seen, only months after several [joined Trump](#) at his inauguration.

To Lyons, the change says as much about what's happened to Silicon Valley over the past quarter-century as it does about the atmosphere of fear surrounding many Trump critics nowadays.

"One of the things I've seen over that time is a shift from a nerdy utopia to a money first, move fast and break things," Lyons said.

► Read more about [Silicon Valley's political divide](#)

US funding cuts have halted or threatened aid programs in Syria

That includes health and nutrition services for displaced people and child protection for children in notorious camps housing the families of alleged Islamic State members.

While funding cut from the World Food Program in Syria was restored, other cuts remain, including nearly \$12 million from Save the Children and nearly \$2 million from World Vision.

World Vision Syria Response Director Emmanuel Isch said the organization has largely halted a health and nutrition program serving 30,000 to 40,000 internally displaced people, many of whom "have limited access to basic services."

Save the Children Country Director Bujar Hoxha said it has reprogrammed funding to continue case management for unaccompanied minors in the al-Hol and al-Roj camps and programs for malnourished children in different parts of Syria.

"But that is for very limited timeline," he said, noting that within a few weeks "we have to either find a way to continue funding, or we have to close it down."

Trump says 'I just got here' despite pledge to end Ukraine war before taking office

President Trump issued a statement on social media over the ongoing war in Ukraine, saying he had "NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS WAR."

here, and for four years during my term, had no problem in preventing it from happening," Trump said.

Trump [last month said he'd been "a little bit sarcastic"](#) when he had past pledged he'd resolve the war.

Top White House aide says Abrego Garcia's fate is up to El Salvador

Ahead of Trump's meeting with El Salvador President Nayib Bukele, a top White House aide signaled the U.S. president wouldn't be asking his counterpart to return Abrego Garcia to the U.S.

"It's up to El Salvador and to the government and the people of El Salvador what the fate of their own citizens is," Stephen Miller, a deputy chief of staff, told reporters at the White House on Monday morning. "We can't extradite citizens of foreign countries to our country over the objection of those countries."

Senator seeks meeting with El Salvador President Nayib Bukele over Abrego Garcia's return

Sen. Chris Van Hollen says he plans to travel to El Salvador this week if Abrego Garcia, a constituent, isn't returned by that time.

"Kilmar Armando Abrego Garcia never should have been abducted and illegally deported, and the courts have made clear: the Administration must bring him home, now," the Maryland Democrat said in a statement.

He said that since the Trump administration "appears to be ignoring these court mandates," more action is needed.

Wall Street joins a global rally after Trump exempts some electronics from tariffs

Stocks are rallying worldwide after President Trump relaxed some of his tariffs, for now at least.

The S&P 500 was 1.7% higher in early trading Monday. It's coming off a chaotic week where it careened through historic swings as markets struggled to catch up with Trump's moves on tariffs.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 434 points, or 1.1%, and the Nasdaq composite was up 2.5%. Apple, Nvidia and other big technology

A key ally in Trump's migrant crackdown is coming for a visit

[President Trump](#) is hosting [Nayib Bukele, the president of El Salvador](#), at the White House on Monday as the small Central American nation becomes a critical lynchpin of the U.S. administration's mass deportation operation.

Since March, El Salvador has accepted from the U.S. [more than 200 Venezuelan immigrants](#) — whom Trump administration officials have accused of gang activity and violent crimes — and placed them inside the country's notorious [maximum-security gang prison](#) just outside of the capital, San Salvador. It's also holding a Maryland man who the administration admits was [wrongly deported](#) but has not been returned to the U.S., despite court orders to do so.

That has made Bukele, who remains extremely popular in El Salvador due in part to the [crackdown on the country's powerful street gangs](#), a vital ally for the Trump administration, which has offered little evidence for its claims that the Venezuelan immigrants were in fact gang members, nor has it released names of those deported.

► Read more about [El Salvador President Nayib Bukele](#)

White House responds to China on rare earths

Kevin Hassett, a top economic adviser to President Trump, said China's decision to stop exports of some rare earth minerals was "concerning."

Rare earths are critical ingredients for technology and electronic manufacturing.

"The rare earth limits are being studied very carefully, and they're concerning, and we're thinking about all the options right now," Hassett told reporters outside the White House.

He spoke to Fox Business earlier in the morning, where he said the administration was "100% not" expecting a recession as Trump disrupts global trade with his tariff plans.

Trump says CBS and '60 Minutes' should 'pay a big price' for going after him

“Almost every week, 60 Minutes ... mentions the name ‘TRUMP’ in a derogatory and defamatory way, but this Weekend’s ‘BROADCAST’ tops them all,” the president said on his Truth Social platform. He called on Federal Communications Commission Chairman Brendan Carr to impose maximum fines and punishment “for their unlawful and illegal behavior.”

The network had no immediate comment.

Trump has an [ongoing \\$20 billion lawsuit](#) against “60 Minutes” for how it edited an interview with Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris last fall. The president claims it was edited in a way to make Harris look good, something the newscast denies. But there are ongoing reports that Trump’s lawyers and CBS’ parent company are involved in settlement talks.

► Read more [about Trump's comments on “60 Minutes”](#)

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Harvard defies Trump's demands and risks \$9B in federal funding

BOSTON (AP) — Harvard University announced Monday that it won't comply with a list of demands from the Trump administration as part of its campaign against antisemitism, which could put almost \$9 billion in funding at risk.

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A Swiss woman has been kidnapped in Niger's Agadez, authorities say

BAMAKO, Mali (AP) — A Swiss citizen has been kidnapped by unidentified gunmen in Niger's city of Agadez, according to local authorities and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs.

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Woman alleges sex abuse by Jesse Lingard's grandad

A woman claims she was sexually assaulted by Jesse Lingard's grandfather from the age of five.

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El Salvador's Bukele says he will not return man the US mistakenly deported

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -El Salvador President Nayib Bukele said on Monday he had no plans to return a man mistakenly deported from the U.S., suggesting doing so would be like smuggling a terrorist into the country, as he met President Donald Trump at the White House. During the Oval Office meeting, multipl...

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President Trump says CBS and '60 Minutes' should 'pay a big price' for going after him

President Donald Trump bitterly attacked "60 Minutes" shortly after the CBS newsmagazine broadcast stories on Ukraine and Greenland on Sunday, saying the network was out of control and should "pay a big price" for going after him.

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Trump considers pausing his auto tariffs as the world economy endures whiplash

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Monday suggested that he might temporarily exempt the auto industry from tariffs he previously imposed on the sector, to give carmakers time to adjust their supply chains.

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U.S.-Born Attorney Says She Was Told To 'Immediately' Self-Deport In DHS Email

"It is time for you to leave the United States," read the email reportedly sent to Nicole Micheroni, who is questioning how many others it was inappropriately sent to.

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Trump Admin Offers Stunning Excuse for Not Returning Wrongly Deported Dad

The Trump administration made a novel legal argument Sunday to justify its decision not to return a Maryland man authorities mistakenly deported to a prison in El Salvador. In a seven-page submission to U.S. District Judge Paula Xinis, Justice Department attorneys laid out their understanding of a Thursday...

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Members of Congress should not be able to trade stocks, period," the NewsNation host says. "This smells bad" The post Chris Cuomo Calls Out 'Extremely Suspicious' Trades Moments Before Trump's Tariffs Pause | Video appeared first on TheWrap.

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Trump goes with his gut and the world goes along for the ride

WASHINGTON (AP) — After President Donald Trump reversed course on his tariffs and announced he would pursue trade negotiations, he had a simple explanation for how he would make decisions in the coming weeks.

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Downing Street Rejects Trump's Claim Deadly Russian Missile Strikes Were 'A Mistake'

The president has not provided any evidence to back up his assertion.

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New image shows Whitmer hiding face at surprise Trump photo-op

A new photo of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's (D-Mich.) surprise visit to the Oval Office emerged in a Saturday New York Times report showcasing the lawmaker covering her face while President Trump spoke to the press. The Michigan Democrat said she was unexpectedly whisked into the room for the president's ord...

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Opinion: Why Sudden Trump Regret Syndrome Shows C-Suiters Up for Schmucks

On Wall Street and in C-suites across the country, titans of American industry and capital are aghast. How could President Donald Trump plunge us into ruinous trade wars amid yo-yoing tariffs and send markets into chaos ahead of a widely speculated recession? They gave him their support and their...

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Commerce Secretary Lutnick says tariff exemptions for electronics are only temporary

Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick said Sunday that the administration's decision Friday night to exempt a range of electronic devices from tariffs implemented earlier this month was only a temporary reprieve, with the secretary announcing that those items would be subject to "semiconductor tariffs" th...

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Blow For Putin As War In Ukraine Causes Huge Damage To Russian Economy

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'You don't know my dad': Daughter of late Conservative MP running for the Liberals

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