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Protesters take a knee to demonstrate in front of Dallas City Hall in downtown Dallas, May 30. Protests across the country have escalated over the death of George Floyd who died after being restrained by Minneapolis police officers on Memorial Day. "We have the greatest country in the world," Trump declared in an address to the nation. "We're going to keep it safe."

Trump calls National Guard amid protests Dallas begins making arrests as Texas riots continue

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Amid racial unrest across the nation, President Donald Trump on Monday declared himself "the president of law and order" and threatened to deploy the U.S. military to American cities to quell a rise of violent protests.

As Trump spoke, an incredible TV split screen developed around the White House. While he addressed the nation in the White House's idyllic Rose Garden, a series of military vehicles rolled out front on Pennsylvania Avenue and military police and law enforcement clashed with protesters at Lafayette Park.

Those peaceful demonstrators were cleared so Trump could walk across the park to St. John's Episcopal Church, known as "The Church of the

Presidents," which suffered fire damage in a protest this week. Holding a Bible, he then stood with several of his Cabinet members as the cameras clicked.

"We have the greatest country in the world," Trump declared. "We're going to keep it safe."

Trump said he would mobilize "thousands and thousands" of soldiers to keep the peace if governors did not use the National Guard to shut down the protests. Loud tear gas explosions could be heard as authorities moved what appeared to be peaceful protests in the park. The escalation came just after Attorney General William Barr came to the park to survey the demonstrators.

According to senior defense officials, between 600 and 800 National Guard members from five states were

being sent to Washington to provide assistance. Those troops were either already on the ground or expected to arrive by midnight.

Under the Civil War-era Posse Comitatus Act, federal troops are prohibited from performing domestic law enforcement actions such as making arrests, seizing property or searching people. In extreme cases, however, the president can invoke the Insurrection Act, also from the Civil War, which allows the use of active-duty or National Guard troops for law enforcement.

The officials said that some of the National Guard in D.C. will be armed and others will not. They said the D.C. guard members do not have nonlethal weapons. The military police that are visible in the city are members of the Guard.

Earlier in the day, Trump brought

the national crisis home to Texas — specifically Dallas — in a video teleconference with the nation's governors, law enforcement officers and national security officials.

Trump told the governors they need to "dominate" or else wind up looking like "jerks."

Dallas police had been dealing with continued violent protests over the weekend after the city announced a curfew.

As Trump was making demands Monday that governors get tougher in cracking down on violence among some demonstrations, he cited Dallas protesters who badly beat a man this weekend.

But Dallas police said the president's comments left out what police suggest sparked the incident to which he seemed to be referring — the man

swinging a machete at protesters. And the man was last reported to be in stable condition, contrary to Trump's suggesting he may have died.

"I saw what happened in Dallas, where they kicked a guy to death. I don't know if he died or not, but if he didn't it's a miracle. What they did to him, they were kicking him like I've never seen anything like it in my life," Trump said. "People don't talk about that. They don't talk about that. They're talking about a lot of other things, but they don't talk about that. But I saw what happened in Dallas. Those kids, they're all on camera. They're wise guys. It's coming from the radical left. You know it. Everybody knows it."

The comments appear to refer to graphic videos of a man being beaten

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Floyd's family releases autopsy, pleads for peace

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MINNEAPOLIS — An autopsy commissioned for George Floyd's family found that he died of asphyxiation due to neck and back compression when a Minneapolis police officer held his knee on Floyd's neck for several minutes and ignored his cries of distress, the family's attorneys said Monday.

The autopsy by a doctor who also examined Eric Garner's body found the compression cut off blood to Floyd's brain, and weight on his back made it hard to breathe, attorney Ben Crump said. He called for the third-degree murder charge against Officer Derek Chauvin to be upgraded to first-degree murder and for three other officers to be charged.

The family's autopsy differs from the official autopsy as described in a criminal complaint against the officer. That autopsy included the effects of being restrained, along with underlying health issues and potential intoxicants in Floyd's system, but also said it found nothing "to support a diagnosis of traumatic asphyxia or strangulation."

Floyd, a black man who was in handcuffs at the time, died after Chauvin, who is white, ignored bystander shouts to get off him and Floyd's cries that he couldn't breathe. His death, captured on citizen video, has sparked days of protests in Minneapolis and other U.S. cities and in foreign countries.

The official autopsy last week provided no other details about intoxicants, and toxicology results can take weeks. In the 911 call that drew police, the caller described the man suspected of paying with counterfeit money as "awfully drunk and he's not in control of himself."

Crump said last week that he was commis-

sioning the family's own autopsy. Floyd's family, like the families of other black men killed by police, wanted an independent look because they didn't trust local authorities to produce an unbiased autopsy.

The family's autopsy was conducted by Michael Baden and Allecia Wilson. Baden is the former chief medical examiner of New York City, who was hired to conduct an autopsy of Eric Garner, a black man who died in 2014 after New York police placed him in a chokehold and he pleaded that he could not breathe.

Baden also conducted an independent autopsy of Michael Brown, 18, who was shot by police in Ferguson, Missouri. He said Brown's autopsy, requested by the teen's family, didn't reveal signs of a struggle, casting doubt on a claim by police that a struggle between Brown and the officer led to the shooting.

Chauvin, who was also charged with manslaughter, is being held in a state prison. The other three officers on scene, like Chauvin, were fired the day after the incident but have not been charged.

President Donald Trump berated most of the nation's governors as "weak" for not cracking down harder on the lawlessness that has convulsed cities from coast to coast.

Meanwhile in Minneapolis, Floyd's brother, Terrence, made an emotional plea for peace at the site where Floyd was pinned to the pavement by an officer who put his knee on the handcuffed black man's neck for several minutes. The gathering was part rally and part impromptu eulogy as Terrence Floyd urged people to stop the violence and use their power at the ballot box.

"Let's switch it up, y'all. Let's switch it up. Do this peacefully, please," Terrence Floyd said.

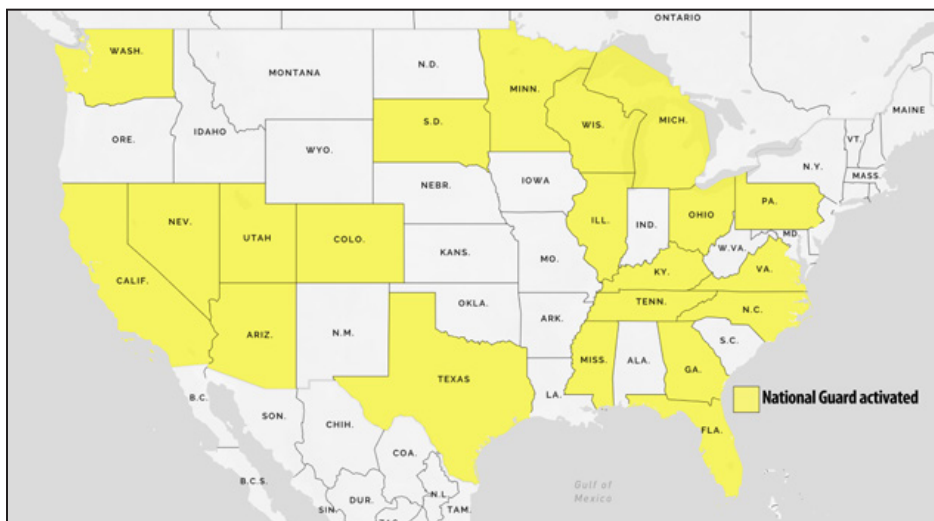
The crowd chanted, "What's his name? George

NATIONAL SECURITY



Patrick Semansky

President Donald Trump holds a Bible as he visits outside St. John's Church across Lafayette Park from the White House, June 1, in Washington, D.C. Part of the church was set on fire during protests on Sunday night.



Jordan Erb

The National Guard was deployed to at least 23 states as of Monday morning, including Alaska and Washington, D.C. (not pictured). President Donald Trump has threatened to send in the military to quell protests.

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Mexico president calls for ‘new normal’

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CANCUN, Mexico — Amid a pandemic and the remnants of a tropical storm, Mexico President Andrés Manuel López Obrador kicked off Mexico’s return to a “new normal” Monday.

He took his first road trip in two months as the nation began to gradually ease some virus-induced restrictions.

López Obrador said he’s taking all necessary precautions — he drove the 1,000 miles from Mexico City over the weekend rather than flying — on a trip to promote construction of one of his signature infrastructure projects, the Mayan Train, designed to whisk tourists from resort destinations like Cancun into the interior of the Yucatan Peninsula. It has been criticized as an environmental threat and faces opposition from indigenous communities, but he says it will create 80,000 jobs.

While the federal government’s nationwide social distancing rule formally ended Monday, it is urging people in so-called “red” zones to maintain most of those measures — and so many people are falling ill and dying each day that those zones cover nearly the whole country.

Mexico is nearing 100,000 confirmed infections and nearly 10,000 deaths, both considered to be undercounts.

Mexican officials said last week more than 5,000 companies had implemented protocols that would allow them to reopen this week. The federal government had cleared businesses in the mining, construction and auto-

manufacturing sectors to resume operations.

While in Cancun, the president was also discussing what local officials hope is the quick return of tourists. Mexico’s most popular beach destination officially plans to reopen next week — albeit with social distancing restrictions such as a ban on buffets. Gov. Carlos Manuel Joaquín Gonzalez of the state of Quintana Roo, said reservations already are being received by Cancun hotels, but if there’s a new surge in infections, they’ll suspend the reopening.

But nothing appear normal yet around Cancun. The beaches have been mostly empty, and bars and restaurants remained closed. Cancun residents are wearing masks and traffic has light. The dramatic drop of international air travel and April 1 closure of Cancun’s beaches left thousands unemployed.

Some Cancun residents remain worried about the health dangers an early reopening could bring, while others are more concerned with facing unemployment.

In Mexico City, traffic has increased significantly in the past week. More people are out in the streets, though in some neighborhoods foot traffic has remained steady. Mexico City Mayor Claudia Sheinbaum urged residents via Twitter on Monday to stay at home if it wasn’t absolutely necessary to go out.

Even when the federal government gave more than 300 remote “towns of hope” — places that didn’t have active infections — permission to reopen May 18, most declined.

On Monday, López Obrador high-



Fernando Llano

A restaurant worker cleans the sidewalk before opening for take-out orders only in Mexico City, June 1. While the federal government’s nationwide social distancing rule formally ended Monday, it is urging people in so-called “red” zones to maintain most of those measures — and so many people are falling ill and dying each day that those zones cover nearly the whole country.

lighted a couple of hot spots, including the Pacific Coast beach destination Acapulco and his home state of Tabasco.

“We’re going to carefully return to productive activities,” he said.

Mexico’s Social Security Institute said in April the country lost 550,000 jobs during the epidemic and López Obrador recently said another 400,000 were lost in May. Mexico’s central bank projected last week that the economy would shrink as much as 8.8% this year.

The president has faced criticism for his handling of the pandemic. He continued to travel the country a month after Mexico’s first confirmed case and has continually mixed mes-

sages of a need to take precautions with the country’s need to reactivate its economy.

On his way to Cancun, López Obrador stopped at his ranch in Chiapas state and recorded a video he shared on social networks. He tried to highlight positive economic signs, noting the peso has regained a bit of value against the dollar and the price of oil has risen slightly.

“I wanted to give you good news,” López Obrador said. “There is economic recovery. The model we are using is showing us results.”

Trump urges crackdown

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Monday derided many governors as “weak” and demanded tougher crackdowns on burning and stealing in the aftermath of violent protests in dozens of American cities.

Trump spoke to governors on a video teleconference that also included law enforcement and national security officials, telling the state leaders they “have to get much tougher.”

“Most of you are weak,” Trump said. “You have to arrest people.”

The days of protests were triggered by the death of George Floyd, a black man who died when a white Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for several minutes. The demonstrations turned violent in several cities, some with fires, looting and clashes with local police.

The president urged the governors to deploy the National Guard, which he credited for helping calm the situation Sunday night in Minneapolis. He demanded similarly tough measures be taken in cities that also experienced violence, including New York, Phila-

delphia and Los Angeles.

“You’ve got to arrest people. You have to track people. You have to put them in jail for 10 years, and you’ll never see this stuff again,” Trump said. “We’re doing it in Washington, D.C. We’re going to do something that people haven’t seen before.”

The president told the governors they were making themselves “look like fools” for not calling up more of the National Guard as a show of force on city streets.

Attorney General Bill Barr, who was also on the call, told governors that a joint terrorist task force would be used to track agitators and urged local officials to “dominate” the streets and control -- not react to -- crowds. He urged the governors to “go after troublemakers.”

Trump’s angry exhortations at the nation’s governors came after a Sunday night of escalating violence. Images of fires, looting and sometimes-violent confrontations with police filled the nation’s airwaves and overshadowed the largely peaceful protests. The protests had grown so heated Friday night that the Secret Service rushed the president to an underground bunker previously used during terrorist attacks.

Trump calls National Guard

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in Dallas on Saturday. The video circulated widely on social media. One video posted to Twitter by a reporter for Blaze TV was viewed more than 33 million times.

Dallas police said the man was alive Sunday and in stable condition at a hospital. They said they don’t provide updates on victims unless they die.

Witnesses told investigators the attack began when the man “came to the protest wielding a large knife/machete at several protesters,” according to police Sgt. Warren Mitchell. He had the machete to “allegedly protect his neighborhood from protesters,” Mitchell said.

The video starts with protesters throwing things at a man carrying a long object. He then raises it, runs at a protester carrying a skateboard and someone is heard screaming.

No one has been charged in the incident. Neither the man who was carrying the machete nor the protester who was cut on the hand has filed a complaint, Mitchell said Monday.

Squad cars and police on foot quickly moved in to pick up anyone still on the downtown streets once the curfew started Sunday. Dallas police tweeted photos while making at least 70 arrests and noted “there is very little activity occurring in the downtown Dallas area.”

Police Chief U. Renee Hall said the curfew could be in effect “for the next several days” and that several suburban police departments had volunteered officers to help.

Several Texas cities braced for the possibility of unrest and established curfews to prevent a repeat of the violence over the death of George Floyd and police’s treatment of black people.

Austin had no curfew, but the state Capitol grounds were closed Sunday

after the grounds were vandalized Saturday. One group canceled a rally because it felt it couldn’t ensure the safety of African American protesters. But other protesters still gathered outside the Capitol and marched on City Hall and police headquarters. Some protesters also walked onto Interstate 35 and blocked traffic Sunday afternoon. Hundreds of demonstrators stayed on the streets between the Capitol building and police department after dark. Smoke billowed over the roadway as police cleared out the protesters and then formed a line to stop them from re-entering.

Austin Police Chief Brian Manley in a Monday press conference acknowledged that two people had been injured when hit by beanbag rounds fired by police.

One was a 16-year-old boy seriously injured when a beanbag round fired by police struck him. Brad Ayala had finished his shift at an Austin sandwich shop when he decided to join the protesters along I-35.

An unidentified 20-year-old man was hospitalized with serious injuries Saturday after a beanbag round struck him in the head.

Gov. Greg Abbott declared a statewide disaster on Sunday, allowing him to designate federal agents to do the work of local police. These moves come as some Texas organizers are calling off demonstrations and others said they planned to proceed.

“Every Texan and every American has the right to protest, and I encourage all Texans to exercise their First Amendment rights,” Abbott, a Republican, said in a statement. “However, violence against others and the destruction of property is unacceptable and counterproductive. As protests have turned violent in various areas across the state, it is crucial that we maintain order, uphold public safety, and protect against property damage or loss.”

Biden to address racism

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WILMINGTON, Del. — Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden vowed to address institutional racism in his first 100 days in office as he sought to elevate his voice Monday in the exploding national debate over racism and police brutality.

The former vice president offered emotional support and promised bold action during an in-person discussion with black leaders in Delaware and a subsequent virtual meeting with big-city mayors who are grappling with racial tensions and frustrated by a lack of federal support.

“Hate just hides. It doesn’t go away, and when you have somebody in power who breathes oxygen into the hate under the rocks, it comes out from under the rocks,” Biden told over a dozen African American leaders gathered at a church in downtown Wilmington.

Without offering specifics, he promised to “deal with institutional racism” and set up a police oversight body in his first 100 days in office, if elected. Biden also said he’d be releas-

ing an economic plan focused on education, housing and “access to capital” and investments, especially for minority Americans, later this month.

“I really do believe that the blinders have been taken off. I think this tidal wave is moving,” Biden told the mayors of Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles and St. Paul, Minnesota. “I realize we’ve got to do something big, we can do it, and everyone will benefit from it.”

Biden has struggled in recent weeks to be heard from his makeshift home TV studio over the noise of dueling national crises. But after another night of violent protests, he ventured out into public for the second time in two days and just the third time since the pandemic arrived in mid-March.

His hopeful and collaborative approach marked a contrast to that of President Donald Trump. The Republican president slammed governors as “weak” during a video teleconference on Monday and demanded tougher crackdowns on protesters.

Biden’s softer style may foreshadow how he presents himself in the five months before the presidential election, emphasizing calm and competence as a contrast to a more mercurial president.

CAPTURE THE FLAG



NASA

In this image taken from NASA video on Monday, June 1, NASA astronauts Robert L. Behnken, left, and Chris Cassidy right, listen as commander Douglas Hurley speaks about retrieving the American flag left behind at the International Space Station nearly a decade ago.

Floyd family pleads for peace

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Floyd!” and “One down, three to go!” in reference to the four officers involved in Floyd’s arrest.

“We are a country that is scared,” said Sam Page, county executive in St. Louis County, Missouri, where the city of Ferguson has been synonymous with the Black Lives Matter movement since 2014. “We are a country that is angry. And we are a country that is holding out for the promise of justice for all.”

The country has been beset by angry demonstrations for the past week in some of the most widespread racial unrest in the U.S. since the 1960s. Spurred in part by Floyd’s death, protesters have taken to the streets to decry the killings of black people by

police.

While most of the demonstrations have been peaceful, others have descended into violence, leaving neighborhoods in shambles, stores ransacked and cars burned, despite curfews around the country and the deployment of thousands of National Guard members in at least 15 states.

Trump told the nation’s governors in a video conference that they “look like fools” for not deploying even more National Guard members. “Most of you are weak,” he said.

He added: “You’ve got to arrest people, you have to track people, you have to put them in jail for 10 years and you’ll never see this stuff again.”

While police in some places tried to calm tensions by kneeling or marching in solidarity, officers elsewhere were accused of treating protesters with the same kind of heavy-handed tactics that contributed to the unrest in the first place.

BRIEFS

Congo faces 2nd Ebola outbreak

DAKAR, Senegal — Health officials have confirmed a second Ebola outbreak in Congo, the World Health Organization said Monday. The development adds yet another health crisis for a country already battling COVID-19 and the world’s largest measles outbreak.

Congo has yet to declare an official end to Ebola in its troubled east, where at least 2,243 people have died since an epidemic began there in August 2018.

Congolese health authorities have identified six cases including four fatalities in the north near Mbandaka, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said.

COVID-19 already has touched seven of Congo’s 25 provinces, with more than 3,000 confirmed cases and 72 deaths. However, like many African countries, Congo has conducted extremely limited testing, and observers fear the true toll may be far higher.

Measles has killed more Congolese than COVID-19 and Ebola combined. WHO said there have been 369,520 measles cases and 6,779 deaths since 2019.

Shooting leaves 2 dead at N.D. air base

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — A shooting early Monday has left two airmen dead at the Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota, the military said.

The base’s emergency services members responded to the shooting, which occurred at 4:30 a.m., a statement from the military said. Officials said there is no risk to other personnel, and the shooting remains under investigation.

The airmen are members of the 319th Reconnaissance Wing. Officials plan to withhold their names and units until 24 hours after family members are notified. Medical teams are providing disaster mental health services to help people who are affected, the base said.

Staff Sgt. Elijah Tiggs said the military alone is investigating. He would not say if anyone was in custody or was being sought in connection with the shooting.

Facebook employees snub Trump and Zuckerberg

OAKLAND, Calif. — Facebook employees are using Twitter to air their frustration over CEO Mark Zuckerberg’s decision to leave up President Donald Trump’s posts, which suggested protesters in Minneapolis could be shot.

While Twitter demoted and placed a warning on a tweet about the protests that read, in part, “when the looting starts the shooting starts,” Facebook has let it stand, with Zuckerberg laying out his reasoning in a post Friday.

“I know many people are upset that we’ve left the President’s posts up, but our position is that we should enable as much expression as possible unless it will cause imminent risk of specific harms or dangers spelled out in clear policies,” Zuckerberg wrote.

On Monday, Facebook employees staged a virtual “walkout” to protest the company’s hands-off approach to the Trump posts, according to a report in the New York Times, which cited anonymous senior employees at Facebook. The Times report says “dozens” of Facebook workers “took the day off by logging into Facebook’s systems and requesting time off to support protesters across the country.”

Boxing Hall of Fame champ dies at 82

DALLAS — Curtis Cokes, the Hall of Fame boxer who became Dallas’ first world champion in 1966, died on May 29. He was 82.

Erwin “Sparky” Sparks, Cokes’ partner at the Home of Champions Boxing Gym, told The Dallas Morning News that Cokes died Friday after a week of hospice care.

Cokes took the World Boxing Association welterweight title in 1966 with a unanimous decision over Manny Gonzalez in New Orleans. He added the World Boxing Council crown three months later with a unanimous decision over Jean Josselin at Dallas’ Memorial Auditorium.

Cokes was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 2003.

Belarus opposition leader jailed for protesting

MINSK, Belarus — A leading Belarus opposition politician was jailed June 1 amid a crackdown on protesters who rallied against authoritarian President Alexander Lukashenko’s re-election bid, rights activists said.

Lukashenko, who has relentlessly suppressed opposition and independent news media during more than a quarter-century in power, is seeking a new term in an election scheduled for Aug. 9.

Nikolai Statkevich, one of Belarus’ most prominent opposition figures, was handed a 15-day jail sentence Monday after taking part in Sunday’s protest in the capital, Minsk, according to the Viasna rights group. Statkevich served six years in prison for involvement in protests after the 2010 election.