

ABC's World News Tonight with Linsey Davis

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LINSEY DAVIS: The President's crackdowns in Chicago and Boston.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Thousands Protest Deportation Policy]

DAVIS: The Trump administration launches a new immigration process in Boston promising to go after the worst of the worst. In Chicago, thousands protest mass deportations. The governor of Illinois accuses President Trump of threatening to go to war with Chicago and we asked the President why he's not targeting Republican-led cities.

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DAVIS: The immigration crackdown raids are now under way in Boston and protests erupt in Chicago as the city braces for a surge in enforcement operations. We asked the President why he's not targeting Republican-led cities that have higher crime rates.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Immigration Crackdown Underway in Boston]

DAVIS: Next tonight an immigration crackdown is now under way in Boston. The so-called Patriot 2.0 is targeting the "worst of the worst" in the state and across the region. Here's ABC's senior White House correspondent Selina Wang.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; Immigration Crackdown Underway in Boston; Trump: "Not Going to War, Going to Clean Up Our Cities"]

SELINA WANG: Tonight, President Trump escalating his threats to surge federal law enforcement in American cities, immigration raids now underway in Boston. The Department of Homeland Security telling ABC News that "ICE launched Patriot 2.0 to target the worst of the worst

criminal illegal aliens living in the state of Massachusetts.” The President drawing outrage from leaders in Chicago after threatening the city with the prospect of war, a reference to his executive order rebranding the Department of Defense the Department of War.

CHICAGO PROTESTERS: Hey, hey, ho, ho, Donald Trump has got to go!

WANG: Chicago now bracing for the arrival of federal troops any day now.

TOM HOMAN [on CNN’s *State of the Union*]: Absolutely, you can expect action in most sanctuary cities across the country.

WANG: And, today, Trump defending his message –

TRUMP: We’re not going to war. We’re cleaning up our cities.

WANG: – as scores marched through D.C. streets over the weekend protesting the deployment of 2,000 National Guard troops in the nation’s capital. I pressed the President on why he’s targeting Democratic strongholds like Boston and Chicago. [TO TRUMP] Mr. President, why target Chicago and Boston when there are cities in red states with higher crime rates?

TRUMP: Why – let me ask you? Yeah, yeah, yeah. Really? Higher than Chicago?

WANG [TO TRUMP]: There are, like Memphis and St. Louis.

TRUMP: Excuse me. You know how many people were killed in Chicago last weekend? Eight. [SCREEN WIPE] You think there’s worse than that? I don’t think so.

WANG: But FBI statistics show otherwise. The red state cities of Memphis and St. Louis have significantly higher murder rates than both Boston and Chicago. And, Linsey, this comes as South Korea reached a deal with the U.S. to release more than 300 workers who were detained during an immigration raid at a Hyundai plant in Georgia last week. That operation rattled a close U.S. ally, but plans are now underway to fly them home on a chartered flight, Linsey.

DAVIS: Selina Wang from the White House for us. Selina, thank you. Let’s bring in ABC’s Matt Rivers on the ground in Chicago tonight. Matt, give us a sense what is the mood like in the city?

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; Thousands Protest Deportation Policy; Chicago Braces for Federal Troops as Officials Fight Back]

MATT RIVERS: Yeah, Linsey, no question things are tense across the city of Chicago as the President spent the weekend zeroing in on the city’s issues with crime and also with illegal immigration. The President saying today that crime is out of control in the city, and it will take federal help to clean it up even though FBI statistics show that crime is down in Chicago, over the weekend posting a manipulated image playing off a famous line from *Apocalypse Now*, saying “I love the smell of deportations in the morning.” Speaking at the White House today, he

once again said murders and crime in general is out of control in the city and here in Chicago protests over the weekend against any sort of federal incursion in the city. So far, it is calm across the city. We're not seeing a ramp-up of federal authorities of any kind, but in heavily Latino neighborhoods like here in Little Village, the trepidation is palpable. A lot of people just choosing to stay home this weekend, Linsey, rather than go out and risk arrest, Linsey.

DAVIS: We hope things stay calm. Matt, thank you.