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GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: President Trump lashes out at immigrants from Somalia —

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: We're going to go the wrong way if we keep taking in garbage into our country.

STEPHANOPOULOS: — as ICE plans to ramp up operations in Minnesota, home to the nation's largest Somali population. The mayor of Minneapolis responds.

MAYOR JACOB FREY (D): Let's be clear: It means that American citizens will be detained for no other reason than the fact that they look like they are Somali.

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ROBIN ROBERTS: But now we're going to turn to President Trump lashing out against Somali immigrants as ICE prepares to increase activity in Minnesota, which has a large Somali population. Our senior political correspondent Rachel Scott is tracking the latest there at the White House. Good morning, Rachel.

RACHEL SCOTT: Robin, good morning to you. The President is calling immigrants from Somalia garbage, insisting he does not want them in our country and it comes as this morning, we are learning ICE is preparing to ramp up immigration enforcement operations in Minnesota which is home to the nation's largest Somali community. This morning, ICE preparing to ramp up enforcement operations in Minnesota as president Trump lashes out at immigrants from Somalia saying we don't want them in our country and continues to attack Democratic Congresswoman Ilhan Omar.

TRUMP: We're going to go the wrong way if we keep taking in garbage into our country. Ilhan Omar is garbage. Her friends are garbage. These aren't people that work. These aren't people that say, "let's go, come on, let's make this place great." These are people that do nothing but complain. They complain. And for where they came from, they've got nothing. You know, they came from paradise and said this isn't paradise, but when they come from and they complain and do nothing but bitch, we don't want them in our country.

SCOTT: Minnesota's home to the nations largest Somali population. Multiple law enforcement officials tell ABC News that ICE is preparing for a surge operation in the state, focusing on St. Paul and Minneapolis as early as this week. The city's mayor said police will not help ICE when they arrive.

FREY: Targeting Somali people means that due process will be violated, mistakes will be made. And let's be clear, it means that American citizens will be detained for no other reason than the fact that they look like they are Somali.

SCOTT: The Mayor of St. Paul saying this.

MAYOR MELVIN CARTER (D): The words that launched this American experience start with we the people and I believe that the sacred moments in American history are the moments we've had to decide who the we is. Who gets to be included in the we? Do we mean black people? Do we mean women? Do we mean immigrants?

SCOTT: The President criticizing Somalis for weeks now, terminating temporary protected status for Somalis and writing, "send them back to where they came from." And this morning, the Trump administration cracking down immigration nationwide, pausing all applications for people from 19 so-called countries of concern including Somalia, Afghanistan, Venezuela, and Sudan. Immigrants with pending immigration and green card applications are now subject to review. As for the enforcement operations that are going to be taking place, we are learning in Minnesota, DHS putting out a statement what makes someone a target of ICE is not the race nor ethnicity but the fact that there in the country illegally, saying they don't comment on potential operations, George.

STEPHANOPOULOS: Rachel Scott, thanks very much.