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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Troops on Alert]

JERICKA DUNCAN: The Pentagon places hundreds of troops on alert for possible deployment to Minnesota. The massive ICE cracked down turning the Twin Cities into a tinderbox. Neighbors mobilizing to help protect each other.

JENNIFER ARNOLD: I don't see ICE going after criminals. I see ICE going after parents of children in my community.

IAN LEE: I am Ian Lee in Minneapolis where tensions are intensifying as the Trump administration considers a surge of active-duty soldiers here.

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DUNCAN: [A]nd here at home, The Pentagon now poised to send troops into Minnesota to crackdown on protests over the administration's massive ICE immigration raids.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: National Guard Troops Activated to Monitor Minnesota Protests]

DUNCAN: On immigration enforcement, that poll shows 52 percent feel ICE is making communities less safe, 31 percent say they feel more safe with ICE, and 17 percent report no change. CBS's Ian Lee is in Minnesota and leads us of tonight. Ian?

LEE: Jericka, this ICE detention center behind me has been a flashpoint for weeks pitting federal agents against protesters. And as tensions remain, we could soon see troops on the streets of Minnesota.

ANTI-ICE PROTESTERS: ICE out now!

LEE: Today, freezing temperatures and snow did not stop fiery protests against the immigration crackdown in Minnesota. Federal agents here now numbering roughly 3,000.

MAN: Stop pushing!

LEE: This weekend, protesters confronted and drove out a smaller group supporting the surge of ICE agents. Minnesota's governor has mobilized the state's National Guard. If deployed, troops say they will wear yellow vests to distinguish themselves, but they could be federalized. Today, the U.S. military posted this video of the Minnesota National Guard preparing for deployment and a U.S. Defense official confirmed to CBS News, soldiers with the 11th Airborne Unit based in Fairbanks, Alaska are on standby. The troops, highly trained for battle in cold weather extremes. Fighting back, residents, some mobilizing to help and protect their neighbors who fear arrest.

ARNOLD: I see ICE going after parents of children in my community.

LEE: We rode along with Jennifer Arnold, she organizes and helps gather food from a secret distribution point, a neighbor's garage, then delivers it and other crucial supplies to immigrant families in hiding.

ARNOLD: This week, we sent food out over 40 families this week. I am just worried about the people we are missing.

IAN LEE: This woman and her family rely on Arnold. [TO UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN] What would happen if you did not have the support? She says "it would be very bad, because we wouldn't have anything to eat." They have stayed inside their home for weeks. [TO UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN] You have imprisoned yourself in your own home for your own safety. "Yes," she says. "We have to talk in whispers so they don't hear us outside." And that is just one of hundreds of families, we are told, living in fear that one day, ICE could knock on their door, Jericka.

JERICKA DUNCAN: All right, Ian Lee in a very windy Minnesota, thank you.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: CBS News Poll; More Americans Say ICE Being Too Tough]

WILLIE JAMES INMAN: Americans are also growing increasingly critical of the actions of federal agents and protesters in cities like Minneapolis. Sixty-one percent of respondents believe ICE is being too tough when they detain people, up from 56 percent in November. The poll also found 82 percent of Republicans believe protesters against ICE have gone too far, while 48 percent of Democrats say they have not gone far enough. Today on *Face the Nation*, DHS Secretary Kristi Noem blamed Minnesota leaders, including Mayor Jacob Frey for the violence.

HOMELAND SECURITY SECRETARY KRISTI NOEM [on CBS's *Face the Nation*,

01/18/26]: If you could set up a peaceful protest zone so that these individuals can exercise their First Amendment rights and do so peacefully, we would love that because then we can work together to make sure we are getting criminals to justice and letting people still express their First Amendment rights.

INMAN: Moments later, Frey rejected that idea, saying free speech should not be limited, adding ICE agents are not making the city safer.

MAYOR JACOB FREY (D) [on CBS's *Face the Nation*, 01/18/26]: We are doing everything possible to keep the peace, notwithstanding this occupying force that has quite literally invaded our city.