

NBC's *Today*

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CRAIG MELVIN: A frightening moment in Minneapolis overnight.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; Town Hall Attack]

SAVANNAH GUTHRIE: A sitting member of Congress attacked at a town hall. It is January 28. This is *Today*. Breaking overnight — [SHOUTING] — a man assaults Congresswoman Ilhan Omar in the middle of a speech, spraying her with a mysterious substance, as he is then wrestled to the ground and arrested. What we've learned about him this morning, as tensions in Minneapolis remain high. We're live there with the very latest.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Happening *Today*; Rep. Omar Attacked]

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Happening *Today*; City on Edge]

GUTHRIE: We've got breaking news this morning out of Minneapolis. Congressman Ilhan Omar was attacked at a town hall last night with a man who sprayed her with some kind of unknown liquid. The assault, of course, adding more anxiety and tension to this already tense city. There are growing calls for investigations into the shooting deaths of both Renee Good and Alex Pretti. We've got two reports. We'll start with NBC national correspondent, Morgan Chesky. Morgan, good morning.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Minnesota Congresswoman Attacked at Town Hall]

MORGAN CHESKY: Yeah, Savannah, good morning. And even with the news that some federal agents will be departing Minneapolis, residents here tell me they are still left absolutely fearful as to the uncertainty of what exactly will come next. And those feelings only fueled by what happened inside a Minneapolis town hall last night in a chaotic attack caught on camera. [SHOUTING] Overnight in Minneapolis, a man arrested after confronting democratic Congresswoman Ilhan Omar at a town hall, spraying an unknown liquid from a syringe.

CONGRESSWOMAN ILHAN OMAR (D-MN): DHS Secretary Kristi Noem must resign or face impeachment. [APPLAUSE] [SHOUTING]

CHESKY: President Trump, who has often publicly attacked Omar, telling ABC News overnight that he hadn't seen video of the incident, adding, she probably had herself sprayed, knowing her.

Omar posting, “I am okay. I don’t let bullies win.” And tensions are running high throughout Minneapolis over the Trump administration’s immigration policies, with new details emerging about the death of 37-year-old U.S. citizen, Alex Pretti.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight]

GUTHRIE: Coming up, breaking overnight, Congresswoman Ilhan Omar sprayed with a mysterious substance in the middle of a town hall speech. Her attacker wrestled to the ground and arrested. We’re live with the very latest.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: News at 8; Minnesota Congresswoman Attacked at Town Hall]

GUTHRIE: We’ve got breaking news overnight. Congresswoman Ilhan Omar attacked at a town hall in Minneapolis by a man who sprayed her with an unknown liquid. That assault, of course, just adding more anxiety to an already tense city. NBC’s Morgan Chesky is in Minnesota with the very latest now. Morgan, good morning.

CHESKY: Yeah, Savannah, good morning. And even with the news that some federal agents will be departing Minneapolis, residents here tell me that they are still anxious and fearful, uncertain of what exactly will come next. And those feelings absolutely fueled by what happened in a Minneapolis town hall meeting late last night, when a man rushed the podium where Congresswoman Ilhan Omar was standing, spraying her from a syringe with an unknown liquid before security guards tackled him. That man now facing assault charges. Omar not injured, sharing later that she stands up to bullies.