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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Federal Agents Search Rep. Omar's Home]

CRAIG MELVIN: Lots more to get to on a Tuesday morning, including some new details on a search by federal agents of the Washington, D.C., home of Congressman Ilhan Omar. The Justice Department saying it is part of an ongoing criminal investigation, but Omar and her supporters are accusing the Trump administration of a blatant abuse of power ahead of the midterm elections. NBC's Kelly O'Donnell joins us with more on this story. Kelly O., good morning.

KELLY O'DONNELL: Good morning, Craig. This is about timing and the intersection of this political season and the Trump administration's use of its power. A search warrant carried out against a progressive Democratic congresswoman, who has been both a critic of the President and also a frequent target of President Trump's fury. This morning, new fallout over Minnesota congresswoman Ilhan Omar. President Trump lashing out at the progressive Democrat in Ohio, hours after Homeland Security agents executed a search warrant at Omar's Washington, D.C., home. The Justice Department calling it part of an ongoing federal criminal investigation.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: And that Ilhan, someone was asking me, I don't know what they're doing with her, but I can tell you this, she's a disaster.

O'DONNELL: Omar's supporters gathering in Minnesota to defend the four-term congresswoman and to accuse the administration of abusing its power.

OMAR SUPPORTER: And what they have done today to Ilhan Omar is violent, authoritarian attack on a leader.

O'DONNELL: A source familiar with the investigation said this probe has been underway for a period of years, examining potential immigration fraud. The search warrant remains under seal and no charges have been filed.

TRUMP: I think she's a terrible person, but that's really up to the DOJ.

O'DONNELL: Omar was born in Somalia and became a U.S. citizen at 17. In March, Vice President Vance accused the congresswoman of fraud.

VICE PRESIDENT JD VANCE [on *The Benny Show*, 03/28/26]: We actually think that Ilhan Omar definitely committed immigration fraud against the United States of America.

O'DONNELL: Her office said the congresswoman has done nothing wrong. Omar posting: "make no mistake: This is an attempt to target political enemies," adding, "I will not be silenced." For years, tensions have flared publicly between the President and the congresswoman.

TRUMP [on 05/01/26]: Ilhan Omar — [CROWD BOOS] — you ever hear of her?

CONGRESSWOMAN ILHAN OMAR (D-MN) [on 12/03/25]: What is weird to me just how creepy he's been obsessed with me and the Somali community.

O'DONNELL: The Department of Justice has had a policy, not a formal rule, to avoid what it calls overt acts or investigative steps against a candidate within 60 days of an election, and doing so has required layers of approval. Congresswoman Omar is on the ballot for re-election in 21 days. The DOJ has not publicly said that she is the subject of this investigation. Craig?

MELVIN: Kelly O'Donnell for us. Kelly O., thank you.