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## Suspect apprehended in Charlie Kirk’s death



Utah Gov. Spencer Cox, with FBI Director Kash Patel, speaks at a news conference Sept. 12, announcing details on the suspect in the shooting of conservative activist Charlie Kirk two days prior. CHENEY ORR/REUTERS

## Family friend says man confessed ‘or implied’ to killing

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“Ladies and gentlemen, we got him,” Utah Gov. Spencer Cox said at a press conference the morning of Sept. 12.

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By “him,” he meant the person suspected of killing conservative activist Charlie Kirk at a college speaking event Sept. 10.

The suspect was identified as Tyler Robinson, Cox said. A family member contacted a family friend, who told authorities Robinson “confessed to them or implied that he committed the incident.”

The suspect was taken into custody

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People attend a vigil Sept. 11 for conservative activist Charlie Kirk, an ally of President Donald Trump, who was fatally shot Sept. 10 during an event at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah. JIM URQUHART/REUTERS

## Guard seeks to help with cleanup in DC

Presence is  
controversial with  
residents of capital

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WASHINGTON – Matthew Cohen couldn’t believe the District of Columbia National Guard was offering up its soldiers to help with neighborhood cleanup.

“To have the National Guard come to our neighborhood to help pick up litter is absurd,” said Cohen, an advisory neighborhood commissioner, one of Washington’s hyper-local elected officials for part of the AU Park and Tenleytown neighborhoods in the city’s northwest.

But he could use the help.

So long as thousands of soldiers had standing orders from President Donald Trump to remain on duty in the nation’s capital, Cohen wondered, what was the harm if his community took them up on the offer?

Troops that deployed to the city in August were supposedly there to combat what Trump called a crime emergency. Groups of camouflage-clad soldiers have since become a familiar presence, pacing the underground platforms of Metro stations in the city’s downtown, along the marble halls of Union Station and at the National Mall, home to the city’s popular monuments.

Soldiers have also been spotted in parks carrying out tasks typically assigned to gardeners and landscapers – shoveling mulch, blowing leaves and scooping up trash.

Now, the DC National Guard is asking city leaders if they might help with local beautification projects. This offer comes amid protests against Trump’s takeover of the city under the banner of “Free DC” and the National Guard’s own assessments that its deployment prompted “alarm and indignation” among residents.

The National Guard may have worn out its welcome, but soldiers were still assigned to the region.

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## Israeli strikes continue to intensify in Gaza City

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CAIRO – Israeli strikes killed at least 40 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip on Sept. 12, local health authorities said, most of them in Gaza City where many residents are staying put despite Israeli evacuation orders because they have nowhere safe to go.

Israel has stated its intention to take full control of the ruined city, where about a million people are sheltering, as part of its plan to wipe out the militant group Hamas, and has been intensifying its at-

tacks, residents said.

“The explosions never stopped since yesterday,” said father-of-two Adel, 60, who lives in Gaza City close to Beach refugee camp. He did not wish to give his full name for safety reasons.

“Many families left their homes and that is what the occupation wants,” he told Reuters via a chat app. “By these bombardments they are telling people ‘You either leave your area or die there.’”

Witnesses said at least 15 houses inside Beach camp had been hit by air

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People search through the rubble of a house that was hit by an Israeli air strike in Gaza City, Gaza Strip, on Sept. 12. EBRAHIM HAJJAJ/REUTERS

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