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Bragg MPs tapped for Minneapolis deployment

By Konstantin Toropin
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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army has ordered several dozen additional active-duty soldiers to prepare for a possible deployment to Minneapolis if needed, a defense official said Wednesday, amid protests over the Trump administration's immigration enforcement crackdown.

The defense official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive plans, confirmed that members of an Army military police brigade who are stationed at Fort Bragg in North Carolina have been given prepare-to-deploy orders.

If deployed, the troops would likely offer support to civil authorities in Minneapolis, according to the official, who stressed that such standby orders are issued regularly and they do not necessarily mean that the troops would end up going.

About 1,500 active-duty soldiers from the Army's 11th Airborne Division based in Alaska have received similar standby orders. President Donald Trump has threatened to invoke the Insurrection Act, a rarely used 19th century law that would allow him to use active-duty troops as law enforcement.

That threat followed protests that erupted in Minneapolis after a federal immigration officer killed resident Renee Good on Jan. 7.

Trump quickly appeared to walk back the threat, telling reporters a day later that there wasn't a reason to use the act "right now."

"If I needed it, I'd use it," Trump said. "It's very powerful."

When asked about the latest or-

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Felix Mena/U.S. Army

A veteran reads the names of fallen service members inscribed on the newly dedicated Ramadi Memorial at Fort Bliss, Texas, on Jan. 17.

'Turmoil, triumphs, tragedies'

Fort Bliss memorial honors those killed in Ramadi on 20th anniversary

By Rose L. Thayer
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The names of the 94 service members who died in Iraq as part of the Second Battle of Ramadi are now memorialized at Fort Bliss as the 1st Armored Division marked 20 years since one of its brigades participated in the tide-turning combat operation.

More than 1,200 veterans were at Fort Bliss in west Texas during the weekend for the memorial unveiling, said retired Lt. Gen. Sean MacFarland, who commanded the 1st Brigade Combat Team during the deployment. He said the brigade fought alongside Marines, Navy SEALs and airmen in Ramadi, which experts said marked a change in the United States' understanding of the war and successfully used combat outposts to gain control in the city.

"Thanks to each of you who shared that battleground with us, and each of you who remembers the turmoil, the triumphs and the tragedies," retired Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jocko Willink said Saturday during the memorial dedication ceremony.

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First Lt. Miguel Santana sets out on a cordon and search operation in Ramadi, Iraq, in 2006.

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