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Detention center is at site of WWII internment camp



The Fort Bliss facility, also known as Camp East Montana, rises like a white tent city on a flat desert plain.

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Fort Bliss facility alarms historians

Eduardo Cuevas and Lauren Villagran
USA TODAY

FORT BLISS, TX – Americans of Japanese heritage say they hear echoes of their families’ forced internment in the Trump administration’s newest immigrant detention site.

Homeland Security officials say President Donald Trump’s sweeping mass deportation campaign requires a build-up of detention centers to bridge the gap between arrests and removals. They’ve turned to the U.S. military and private contractors to get the job done, including erecting the nation’s largest

immigrant detention site on Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas.

But stewards of Japanese American history, including the children and grandchildren of those who were held in detention, are criticizing the use of Fort Bliss and the plans to expand immigrant detention on American military bases.

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Jeffries: No basis to deploy troops to Chicago

Crime down in big cities, contradicting Trump claims

Idrees Ali
REUTERS

President Donald Trump does not have the authority to deploy troops to Chicago, Democratic House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-New York, said Aug. 24 as the Pentagon carried out initial planning for a possible deployment.

Trump, a Republican, has said he would probably expand his crime crackdown to Chicago, intervening in another city governed by Democrats. And on Aug. 24 he suggested the possibility of deploying troops to Democratic-run Baltimore in Maryland.

U.S. officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said there had been initial planning at the Pentagon about what a deployment of National Guard troops to Chicago would look like.

One official said the plans were part of the military’s efforts to anticipate any requests by Trump and noted senior Pentagon officials have not yet been briefed on them. It is not uncommon for the Pentagon to plan for potential

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Israel shells roads and houses in suburbs of Gaza City

Nidal al-Mughrabi, Lili Bayer and Maayan Lubell
REUTERS

JERUSALEM – Israeli planes and tanks pounded the eastern and northern outskirts of Gaza City overnight from Aug. 23 into Aug. 24, destroying

buildings and homes, residents said, as Israeli leaders vowed to press on with a planned offensive on the city.

Witnesses reported the sound of explosions nonstop overnight in the areas of Zeitoun and Shejaia, while tanks shelled houses and roads in the nearby Sabra neighborhood and several build-

ings were blown up in the northern town of Jabalia.

Fire lit the skies from the direction of the explosions, causing panic, prompting some families to stream out of the city. Others said they would prefer to die and not leave.

The Israeli military said Aug. 24 that

its forces have returned to combat in the Jabalia area in recent days to dismantle militant tunnels and strengthen control of the area.

It added that the operation there “enables the expansion of combat into

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