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Senator hits back at Trump, Pentagon probe



The Pentagon said it was investigating U.S. Sen. Mark Kelly for “serious allegations of misconduct” after Kelly and other Democratic lawmakers released a video telling service members they have the right not to obey orders they believe to be illegal. BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Kelly investigated after video on soldiers’ right to disobey

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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – U.S. Sen. Mark Kelly said President Donald Trump is sending a “message” that Americans can’t criticize their government – after the Pentagon opened an investigation into the Arizona Democrat that could include recalling him to active duty for

court-martial proceedings. “They’re trying to send a message to retired service members, to government employees, to members of the military, to elected officials and to all Americans who are thinking about speaking up, you better keep your mouth shut or else,” Kelly, a retired U.S. Navy captain, said at a Dec. 1 news conference on Capitol Hill.

The Pentagon recently announced it was investigating Kelly for “serious allegations of misconduct.” The move came after Kelly joined a group of Democratic lawmakers who released a video telling service members they have the right not to obey orders they believe to be illegal.

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Data supports hepatitis B vaccine policy

Julie Steenhuisen
REUTERS

CHICAGO – An independent review released Dec. 2 by vaccine experts of more than 400 studies and reports found that long-standing policy of giving the hepatitis B vaccine to newborns has cut infections in children by more than 95%.

The policy, adopted in 1991, will be discussed and voted on in the coming days by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention vaccine advisers hand-picked by anti-vaccine activist and Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. “After extensive review, we did not discover safety or effectiveness data that support delaying the choice par-

ents have to vaccinate their newborns against hepatitis B,” said Dr. Michael Osterholm, an infectious-disease expert at the University of Minnesota who helped found the Vaccine Integrity Project that released the review. The Vaccine Integrity Project is an initiative dedicated to safeguarding

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Green cards from 19 nations to be reviewed

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USA TODAY

Federal immigration officials are re-examining green cards issued to people from 19 countries considered “high risk” at President Donald Trump’s direction. The decision, announced Nov. 27 by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, followed the deadly shooting of two National Guard members. Authorities say the suspect is an Afghan national.

“At the direction of @POTUS, I have directed a full scale, rigorous reexamination of every green card for every alien from every country of concern,” USCIS Director Joseph Edlow said on X. The agency’s policy alert said the decision was effective immediately. The change affects anyone from the 19 countries who is applying for permanent residency and anyone from those countries with existing green cards.

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