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Blanche: Trump 'likely' targeted in shooting



President Donald Trump is escorted out after shots were heard during the White House Correspondents' Association dinner on April 25. BO ERICKSON/REUTERS

Suspect to be arraigned on at least 2 charges

USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche on April 26 said the gunman who opened fire at the White House Correspondents' Association dinner appears to have targeted President Donald Trump and officials in his administration.

"It does appear that he, he did, in fact, ... set out to target folks that work in the administration, likely including the president," Blanche said in an interview on NBC News' "Meet the Press."

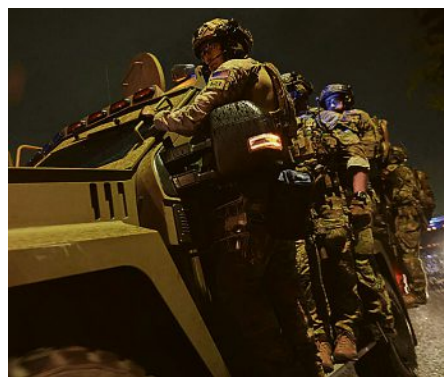
Blanche said authorities believe the

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attacker took a train from Los Angeles to Chicago to Washington before he checked into the Washington Hilton where the annual dinner was being held.

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FBI agents depart on a tactical vehicle April 26 after entering a house in Torrance, California, associated with Cole Tomas Allen.

PATRICK T. FALLON/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

WAR IN IRAN



An Israeli military vehicle drives in Lebanon on April 26. Its military issued new evacuation orders in the southern part of the country.

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Hopes fade as Trump abandons peace talks

Tehran demands blockade lifted before negotiations

Saad Sayeed, Ariba Shahid and Steve Holland
REUTERS

ISLAMABAD – Hopes of a diplomatic breakthrough in the U.S.-Israeli war with Iran faded on April 26 as efforts to revive talks stalled and both Iran and Washington showed little sign of softening their positions.

While Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi continued to shuttle between mediating countries over the weekend, President Donald Trump scrapped a visit to Islamabad by his envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner.

U.S. forces removed security equipment from the Pakistani capital, Pakistani government sources said, signaling that any U.S. delegation was unlikely to return for talks soon.

Although a ceasefire has paused full-scale fighting in the conflict, which began with U.S.-Israeli strikes on Iran on Feb. 28, no agreement has been reached on terms to end a war

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Democrats trying to stop Trump in Cuba

Lawmakers seek to stop invasion, repeal embargo

Francesca Chambers

USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – With the clock ticking down on the Trump administration's ultimatum to Cuba's government, congressional Democrats are scrambling

to stop President Donald Trump from starting another military conflict.

Democratic Reps. Jonathan Jackson of Illinois and Pramila Jayapal of Washington told their colleagues on April 21 during a closed-door meeting of the Congressional Progressive Caucus that they need to apply more pressure, the lawmakers told USA TODAY in interviews.

The group agreed to back a resolution

that would prohibit Trump from unilaterally launching an invasion and a bill that would prohibit him from using federal funds for an operation.

They also threw their support behind legislation that would repeal the U.S. trade embargo on Cuba. The measures must receive final sign-off from the caucus, Jayapal said, but that's usually a

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Democratic Reps. Pramila Jayapal of Washington and Jonathan Jackson of Illinois visit Havana on April 4.

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