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ICE activity takes flight in Pa.

Use of Penn State's airport ramping up as agency moves detainees between facilities

By Melissa Pérez-Carrillo
Spotlight PA State College

BENNER TOWNSHIP, Pa. — Penn State's airport has seen a dramatic surge in flights chartered by Immigration and Customs Enforcement to move people between detention centers in the United States.

While ICE has said such trans-

fers are necessary for operational reasons such as bed space, immigration experts claim the practice is intended to cut detainees off from loved ones, wear them down, and make it harder to pursue legal challenges.

The State College Regional Airport is a roughly 40-minute drive from the Moshannon Valley Processing Center, the largest immi-

gration detention facility in the Northeast. Since the beginning of the Trump administration, the facility's average daily population has increased. Detainees and their advocates allege poor-quality food, inadequate healthcare, and inhumane conditions.

As part of its work to fulfill President Donald Trump's campaign promise to "carry out the largest domestic deportation operation in American history," ICE has dramatically expanded its Air network by growing its fleet of planes, strengthening partner-

ships with charter airlines, and widening its network of airports.

In 2025, the State College Regional Airport serviced just two ICE flights. Through July of this year, that number rose dramatically to 107, according to data from advocacy group Human Rights First.

Penn State owns both the State College Regional Airport and the Penn State Aviation Center. The former serves commercial flights, and the terminal is owned and operated by the Centre County

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CANADA STRIKES BACK WITH TARIFFS

Retaliatory to measures imposed on U.S. goods

By Rob Gillies
Associated Press

TORONTO — Canada struck back at U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday with tariffs on about \$20 billion worth of U.S. goods, in response to the latest round of tariffs on Canada.

The outcome could resonate far beyond Canada, showing other governments whether a smaller U.S. ally can withstand Trump's economic pressure.

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney says U.S. demands could hollow out key Canadian industries and limit the country's independence, while Trump's threats to Canadian sovereignty have rallied the public behind him.

"Carney and Canada have become symbolic of resistance to him," Canadian historian Robert Bothwell said. "And what he'll want to do is make an example of Carney and Canada and theoretically terrify everybody else while in fact showing them that they need to remove themselves even further from the United States."

The tariffs hit hundreds of American products, including steel, aluminum, cheese, appliances, clothing, cosmetics and farm equipment, at rates of 15%, 25% or 50%.

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Trump threatens Canadian jetmaker Bombardier, which has an extensive U.S. footprint.
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MIAMI PLANE CRASH INVESTIGATED



Rebecca Blackwell/Associated Press

Workers inspect an Amazon cargo plane on Tuesday, two days after it overshot a runway while landing at Miami International Airport. All five killed in the crash were inside a van used to shuttle crews that clean planes, authorities said. **Story, Page A-6**

'Fast track' data center towns sign NDAs

By Ford Turner
The Center Square

In nearly half of municipalities hosting the state's most prominent data center projects, local public officials or staff signed nondisclosure agreements with companies, a dynamic that is fueling concerns that the public's access to information is being compromised.

Public records requests submitted by The Center Square to municipalities hosting nine data center proposals that were in Gov. Josh Shapiro's "fast track" state permitting program in early June revealed that four had signed NDAs. Officials in a fifth fast-track municipality — Kline Township in Schuylkill County — stopped responding to requests by the news outlet for information.

"These things cut the public out of the conversation, and I think that is a serious problem," David Cuillier, director of the Brechner Freedom of Information Project at the University of Flor-

ida, said of those findings. "These NDAs are totally against what we believe in a democracy."

Over a period of months, Right-to-Know requests were submitted to 30 Pennsylvania municipalities with data center proposals, seeking NDAs or similar documents. Outside of those on the "fast-track" list, the recipients were chosen largely at random.

In Salem Township in Luzerne County, Supervisor Ernest Ashbridge III in 2024 signed an NDA involving Amazon, and in 2025 signed one involving Quality Technology Services, or QTS. In Falls Township, Bucks County, the supervisors' chairman in 2024 signed an NDA which did not name the project sponsor — but whose other signing party was an attorney who has represented Amazon.

In Shippingport, Beaver County, borough Secretary Kayla Wilkinson in October signed an Oracle America Inc. NDA,

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U.K. bans imports from Israeli settlements

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press

LONDON — The United Kingdom on Tuesday banned trade with Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, where it says "settler terrorists" are carrying out "ethnic cleansing" of Palestinians, in a significant toughening of Britain's stance toward a longtime ally.

France and Canada announced they would take similar action in an attempt to prevent expanding settlements and growing violence from making it impossible to establish a future Palestinian state.

Israel responded angrily and said it would close the British consulate in Jerusalem.

Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband said the U.K. will ban imports of all goods from the settlements and bar companies from providing services for the settlements, including financing, construction, infrastructure, real estate and advertising.

"I do not believe the British people want us supporting the occupation by accepting products from settlements in our shops and supermarkets," Miliband said.

In a joint statement, British Prime Minister Andy Burnham, French President Emmanuel Macron and Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney said settlement expansion and settler violence in the West Bank "pose a direct and urgent threat" to the two-state solution. They said they decided to act "before it is too late."

The economic impact is likely to be limited, since the settlements produce only a small amount of largely agricultural exports. But the move is a symbolic expression of displeasure with Israel by some of its closest allies, and it offers a new sign of

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U.S. destroys tankers in response to Iran

The Associated Press

The U.S. destroyed five Iranian tankers in response to more attempted missile attacks on a Navy warship, according to a U.S. official, who spoke Tuesday on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive military operations.

It marks the latest tit-for-tat strikes as Washington and Tehran lurch back toward fighting during more than six months of war.

Iran's Revolutionary Guard Navy has warned crews of oil tankers near ports in Kuwait and Bahrain to immediately leave their vessels, saying the ships could be targeted in retaliation for U.S. attacks on Iranian tankers.

The warning, carried by Iranian state television, said the U.S. military

had targeted several Iranian oil tankers. It accused Kuwait and Bahrain of hosting U.S. forces and assisting in the attacks.

Iran launched missiles toward U.S. targets in Jordan, Iranian state-run media said, following the latest American strikes.

U.S. Central Command, when asked about the strikes on the Jordanian airbase, said it had no information to offer.

A wave of Houthi attacks ignited fires at several oil facilities and utilities in Saudi Arabia's southern region, injuring at least 73 people, officials said.

The attacks early Tuesday marked a major escalation in the renewed



Osamah Abdulrahman/Associated Press

People read a newspaper to follow the war news at a shop in Sanaa, Yemen, on Tuesday.

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