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TRUMP TO DROP PUSH  
FOR GUARD IN 3 CITIES



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President Donald Trump speaks during a news conference Monday with Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Fla.

Legal roadblocks pause plans for deployment  
to Chicago, Los Angeles, Portland — for now

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said he'll drop — for now — his push to deploy National Guard troops in Chicago, Los Angeles and Portland, Oregon, after legal roadblocks hung up the effort.

Trump said in a social media post Wednesday that he'll remove the Guard troops for now. "We will come back, perhaps in a much different and stronger form, when crime begins to soar again— Only a question of time!" he wrote in the post.

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Troops already left Los Angeles after the president deployed them earlier in the year as part of a broader crackdown on crime and immigration. They were

sent to Chicago and Portland but were never on the streets as legal challenges played out.

The president made a crackdown on crime in cities a centerpiece of his second term — and toyed with the idea of invoking the Insurrection Act to stop his opponents from using the courts to block his plans.

He said he sees his tough-on-crime approach as a winning political issue ahead of next year's midterm elections.

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Flu deaths rising  
in South Carolina

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Seven people have died this year in South Carolina from the flu. Lab-confirmed tests have soared as have hospitalizations.

It's not too late to get the flu vaccine. Nearly half of South Carolina counties, including Richland and Lexington reported the number of cases above the state baseline; a handful were below.

There have been 742 cases so far in the 2025-26 year, compared to 379 in all of 2024-25, according to the Flu Watch report at the South Carolina Department of Public Health.

The department said one person in the Midlands, Upstate and Lowcountry have died of the complications from the flu this year and four in the Pee Dee. One of them died the week before Christmas.

"Regrettably, a person from the Low-country region has died from the flu, becoming our first confirmed influenza-associated death of the season that officially started Sept. 28," said Dr. Linda Bell, State Epidemiologist and director of DPH's Health Programs Branch.



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A pharmacist gives a patient a flu shot on Sept. 9 in Miami.