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'Total' ruin is feared in Jamaica

Hurricane Melissa brings dangerous winds, rain

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Catastrophic Hurricane Melissa made landfall along the southwestern coast of Jamaica on Oct. 28 with dangerous wind speeds of 185 mph and life-threatening storm surge, preparing to leave a wake of destruction across the island before turning its ferocity on southeastern Cuba.

The storm, now the strongest tropical cyclone of 2025 globally, killed at least seven people before it even hit. Its landfall is one of the most powerful in Atlantic Basin recorded history, the National Hurricane Center said.

It's the third Category 5 hurricane of the Atlantic season – the highest category possible on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale.

At 10 a.m. Eastern, the National Hurricane Center issued a dire warning: "LAST CHANCE TO PROTECT

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Port Royal in Kingston, Jamaica, was already flooding Oct. 27 as Hurricane Melissa approached. RICARDO MAKYN/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Town's Catholic statues mark another fight of religious liberty

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A showdown over Catholic statues on a public building in a Massachusetts city represents yet another fight in a national conversation about the separation of church and state.

Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch commissioned statues of St. Michael and St. Florian, the patron saints of police and firefighters, to adorn its new police headquarters. But more than a dozen residents are suing Koch, alleging that the city is violating religious neutrality as outlined in the state constitution.

A judge granted a preliminary injunction in mid-October, barring the statues from being installed as litigation continues.

Koch told The Patriot Ledger, part of the USA TODAY Network, that the city

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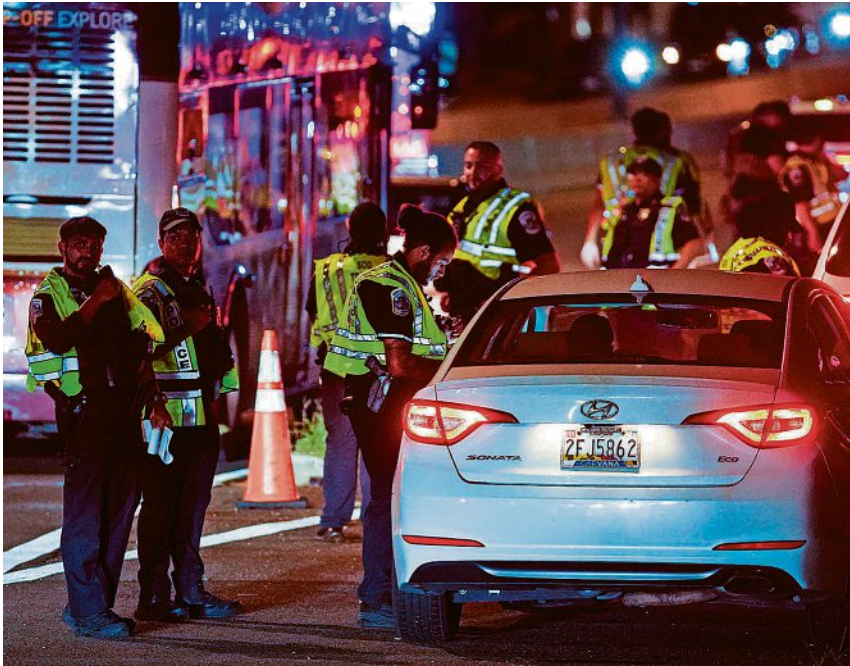
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Trump crackdown drawing backlash



Federal agents clash with protesters at the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement building on Oct. 12, in Portland, Oregon. MATHIEU LEWIS-ROLLAND/GETTY IMAGES

President says he's ridding crime, others see power grab



"A lot more people are either staying closer to home or not coming out at all."

Lupe Lopez
East San Jose, California

President Donald Trump deployed National Guard troops to Washington, DC, in August.

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In Chicago, federal agents rappelled from Black Hawk helicopters onto an apartment building. In Portland, Oregon, masked officers clashed with protesters wearing inflatable animal costumes. In the nation's capital, police set up checkpoints and troops patrolled the streets.

Since early June, President Donald Trump has surged federal resources into a growing number of Democratic-led cities as part of a widening crackdown on illegal immigration and violent crime.

The deployments have sparked intense backlash, a dizzying number of legal battles and upended daily life in communities flooded with federal agents and National Guard troops.

The Trump administration says the added resources are needed to service the president's mass deportation campaign and clamp down on

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A partner's death spurs change for bridge

2 spans show difference suicide barriers can make

Laura Trujillo

USA TODAY

He had left their Washington, DC, apartment to take out the trash, she thought.

Then he sent her a text message that scared her.

Chelsea Van Thof called the police, a friend, and then set out to find him on that warm Wednesday night in April

2022.

She stood on the nearby Duke Ellington Memorial Bridge, peering through an 8-foot-high light green wrought iron fence.

She felt her breathing slow. She saw police lights in the distance of a nearby bridge – that's when she knew.

Peter Tripp died by suicide after jumping from the William Howard Taft Bridge. He was 29.

Almost immediately Van Thof became obsessed by the fact that the two

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Chelsea Van Thof has advocated for a barrier on Washington's Taft Bridge after boyfriend Peter Tripp's suicide in 2022. PROVIDED BY CHELSEA VAN THOF