

# Trump threatens emergency declaration ahead of border visit

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Union members and other federal employees rally for an end to the partial government shutdown today at AFL-CIO headquarters in Washington, D.C.

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump threatened today to declare a national emergency to circumvent Congress if he can't reach a deal with Democrats to fund his promised border wall. He headed to the U.S.-Mexico border to draw further attention to his case after negotiations with lawmakers blew up.

The partial government shutdown dragged into a 20th day with hundreds of thousands of federal workers off the job or working without pay as the wall fight persisted.

Asked about a national emergency declaration, Trump said as he left the White House for Texas, "I'm not prepared to do that yet, but if I have to I will." He contends such a declaration would allow him to direct the military to begin wall construction.

"So we're either going to have a win, make a compromise — because I think a compromise is a win for everybody — or I will declare a national emergency," he said.

It's not clear what a compromise might entail. Trump says he won't reopen the government without money for the wall. Democrats say they favor measures to bolster border security but oppose the long, impregnable wall that Trump envisions. He is asking \$5.7 billion for wall construction.

Trump's comments came a day after he walked out of a negotiating meeting with congressional leaders — "I said bye-bye," he tweeted

soon after — as efforts to end the partial government shutdown fell into deeper disarray. Affected federal workers face lost paychecks on Friday, and more people are touched every day by the rollback of government services.

Putting the standoff in personal terms, the president tweeted before leaving for Texas: "The Opposition Party & the Dems know we must have Strong Border Security, but don't want to give 'Trump' another one of many wins!"

In McAllen, Texas, Trump will visit a border patrol station for a round-table discussion on immigration and will get a briefing. But he has expressed his own doubts that his appearance and remarks will change any minds as he seeks money for the wall that has been his signature promise since his presidential campaign.

McAllen is located in the Rio Grande Valley, the busiest part of the border for illegal border crossings.

The White House meeting in the Situation Room ended after just 14 minutes. Democrats said they asked Trump to reopen the government but he told them if he did they wouldn't give him money for the wall. Republicans said Trump posed a direct question to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi: If he opened the government, would she fund the wall? She said no.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said Trump slammed his hand on the table. But Trump, who handed out candy at the start of the meeting, disputed that characterization. He said he "didn't smash the table" but "should have."

One result was certain: The shutdown plunged into new territory with no endgame in sight. The Dem-

ocrats see the idea of the long wall as ineffective and even immoral. Trump sees it as an absolute necessity to stop what he calls a crisis of illegal immigration, drug-smuggling and human trafficking at the border.

Trump also went to Capitol Hill Wednesday, seeking to soothe jittery Republican lawmakers. He left a Republican lunch boasting of "a very, very unified party," but GOP senators have been publicly uneasy as the standoff ripples across the lives of Americans and interrupts the economy.

During the lunch, Trump discussed the possibility of a sweeping immigration compromise with Democrats to protect some immigrants from deportation but provided no clear strategy or timeline for resolving the standoff, according to senators in the private session.

GOP unity was tested when the House passed a

bipartisan spending bill, 240-188, to reopen one shuttered department, Treasury, to ensure that tax refunds and other financial services continue. Eight Republicans joined Democrats in voting, defying the plea to stick with the White House.

There was growing concern about the toll the shutdown is taking on everyday Americans, including disruptions in payments to farmers and trouble for home buyers who are seeking government-backed mortgage loans — "serious stuff," according to Sen. John Thune of South Dakota, the No. 2 Senate Republican.

Some Republicans were concerned about Trump's talk of declaring a national emergency at the border, seeing that as unprecedented interference with the right of Congress to allocate funding except in the most dire circumstances.

"I prefer that we get this resolved the old-fashioned way," Thune said.

Democrats said before the White House meeting that they would ask Trump to accept an earlier bipartisan bill that had money for border security but not the wall. Pelosi warned that the effects of hundreds of thousands of lost paychecks would begin to have an impact across the economy.

"The president could end the Trump shutdown and re-open the government today, and he should," Pelosi said.

Tuesday night, speaking to the nation from the Oval Office for the first time, Trump argued that the wall was needed to resolve a security and humanitarian "crisis." He blamed illegal immigration for what he said was a scourge of drugs and violence in the U.S. and asked: "How much more American blood must we shed before Congress does its job?"

Democrats in response accused Trump appealing to "fear, not facts" and manufacturing a border crisis for political gain.

In an off-the-record lunch with television anchors ahead of his speech, Trump suggested his aides had pushed him to give the address and travel to the border and that he personally did not believe either would make a difference, according to two people familiar with the meeting. But one person said it was unclear whether Trump was serious or joking. The people familiar with the meeting insisted on anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the meeting publicly.

## WORLD IN BRIEF

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### Pompeo repudiates Obama Mideast policy, takes aim at Iran in speech

CAIRO — U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo delivered a scathing rebuke of the Obama administration's Mideast policies today, accusing the former president of "misguided" and "wishful" thinking that diminished America's role in the region, harmed its longtime friends and emboldened its main foe: Iran.

In a speech to the American University in Cairo, Pompeo unloaded on President Donald Trump's predecessor, saying he was naive and timid when confronted with challenges posed by the revolts that convulsed the Middle East, including Egypt, beginning in 2011.

Pompeo laid the blame notably on a vision outlined by President Barack Obama in a speech he gave in Cairo in 2009 in which he spoke of "a new beginning" for U.S. relations with countries in the Arab and Muslim world.

The speech came on the third leg of a nine-nation Mideast tour aimed at reassuring America's Arab partners that the Trump administration is not walking away from the region amid confusion and concern over plans to withdraw U.S. forces from Syria.

Former Obama administration officials rejected Pompeo's assertions as petty, political and weak. They said the speech pandered to authoritarian leaders and ignored rights violations that Obama had called out.

### Bomb-laden rebel drone kills 6 at Yemen military parade

SANAA, Yemen — A bomb-laden drone launched by Yemen's Shiite rebels exploded over a military parade today for the Saudi-led coalition, killing at least six people in a brazen attack threatening an uneasy U.N.-brokered peace in the Arab world's poorest nation.

The attack at the Al-Anad Air Base showed the unwillingness of Yemen's Houthi rebels to halt fighting in the civil war, even if it doesn't violate a peace deal reached last month in Sweden between them and Yemen's internationally recognized government.

The Houthi attack near the southern port city of Aden with a new drone variant also raised more questions about Iran's alleged role in arming the rebels with drone and ballistic missile technology, something long denied by Tehran despite researchers and U.N. experts linking the weapons to the Islamic Republic.

The assault shocked the pro-government troops, who carried away the dead and wounded, their fatigues stained with blood. All the victims were government forces, officials said.

The Houthis immediately claimed the attack in the southern province of Lahj at a base where U.S. special forces once led their own drone war against Yemen's al-Qaida branch.

### Liberal lawmakers challenge Trump with drug cost competition legislation

WASHINGTON — Challenging the Trump administration on a top consumer issue, leading congressional liberals are proposing legislation that would radically

reduce U.S. prescription drug bills by linking prices to lower costs in other countries.

The legislation set to be introduced today has little chance of becoming law under a divided government. But it could put Republicans on the defensive by echoing themes and ideas that President Donald Trump has embraced at one time or another. The common denominator is that people in the United States shouldn't have to pay more for critical medications than do people in other economically advanced countries.

The Trump administration has put forward its own plan for reducing drug prices, but industry analysts have seen little impact so far.

The new legislation was coming from Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md. Cummings leads the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which is expected to take a major role on drug pricing issues.

The lawmakers want to open up generic competition to patent-protected U.S. brand-name drugs that are deemed "excessively priced," allow Medicare to directly negotiate with drugmakers, and let consumers import lower-priced medications from Canada.



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SCHEDULE

Evening listings  
THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING												JANUARY 10	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	Truth and Lies "Monica" (N)				News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KOMO	KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	Truth and Lies "Monica" (N)				KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	The Titan Games	Game Trials 2" (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)	GoodPlace (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Plastic" (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	Mom (N)	Fam (P) (N)	S.W.A.T. "Los Huesos" (N)		News (N)	(35) Colbert
7	KIRO	KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	Mom (N)	Fam (P) (N)	S.W.A.T. "Los Huesos" (N)		KIRO News (N)	(35) Colbert
8	KGW	KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	The Titan Games	Game Trials 2" (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)	GoodPlace (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Plastic" (N)		News (N)	(35) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Supernatural "The Spear"		Roswell: Mysteries Decoded (N)	News (N)	Friends		Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB	Family Travel	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	Midsomer M. (45) Midsomer Murders "Master Class"	(35) Masterpiece Mystery!	"Wallander: The White Lioness"			
12	KPTV	6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Gotham "Trespassers" (N)		The Orville "Home" (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)			News (N)	Page Six TV
13	KPDx	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Prime News (N)		Prime News (N)	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy		American Dad!	The Game
14	KCPQ	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "Trespassers" (N)		The Orville "Home" (N)	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)			News (N)	The Simpsons
20	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
22	KZJO	Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
29	ESPN	NCAA Basketball (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)	SportsCenter (N)			SportsCenter (N)	
30	ESPN2	NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball Pacific at Gonzaga (L)			College Basketball	UFC UFC 218			
31	NICK	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare	Double Dare	To Be Announced				Friends	(35) Friends
32	DISN	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Coop & Cami	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Bunk'd	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home 1/2	Raven's Home 2/2
34	FAM	Wreck-It Ralph (2012, Animated)	Jane Lynch, John C. Reilly, Jack McBrayer.	Ice Age: Continental Drift (12) Voices of Denis Leary, Ray Romano.	Good Trouble "DTLA"	The 700 Club							
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36	LIFE	Grey's Anatomy	Deny, Deny, Deny	Rap Game "The Press Got U Stressed"	Rap Game "There Can Only Be One"	Rap Game "The Battle Begins" (SP) (N)	(10) The Rap Game	(25) Da Brat (N)	The Rap Game				
38	ROOT	Journal	Xterra (N)	Sled Head 24/7	Golf Life (N)	NCAA Basketball	Pepperdine at Santa Clara (L)		Supergirl Pro			Hot Rod	
39	FS1	NCAA Basketball Mich./Ill. (L)		NCAA Basketball Washington at Utah (L)				Fox College Hoops	Speak for Yourself		TMZ Sports (N)	NCAA Basketball Michigan at Illinois	
43	SPIKE	Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Mr. Deeds (2002, Comedy) Winona Ryder, Peter Gallagher, Adam Sandler.				Here Comes the Boom Kevin James.	
44	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	To Be Announced			To Be Announced				
45	HIST	Amer. Pickers "Picked a Peck of Pepper"	Amer. Pickers "Tunnels and Treasures"	Amer. Pickers "American Dream"	Amer. Pickers "Outer Limits Picking" (N)	(05) American Pickers "Snow Job"	(05) American Pickers "Let It Go"						
46	A&E	The First 48 "The Girl Next Door"	The First 48 "Stolen Innocence"	The First 48 "Spree Killer" (N)	HomicideAtlanta "Fallen Angel" (P) (N)	60 Days In "Straight Cholo" (N)	(05) HomicideAtlanta "Fallen Angel"						
47	TLC	Say Yes-Dress "Hell Yes to the Dress"	Family "The Kings: It's Life or Death"	Dr. Pimple "Nose No Bounds" (N)	Dr. Pimple "Tumor Takeover" (N)	My 600-lb Life: Supersized "Brianna's Story" (N)							
48	DISC	Spearsfish Canyon	Building Off the Grid: Cliff House	Building Off the Grid: Desert Domes	Building Off the Grid	Building Off the Grid							
49	NGEO	WildArctic "Islands of Ice and Fire" (P) (N)	WildArctic "The Frozen Forest" (N)	Alaska State Troopers "Shots Fired"	State Troop. "Meth, Knives and Spears"	Life Below Zero "Home Invasion" (N)	Life Below Zero "Cold Confessions"						
50	TNT	Bones "The Girl in the Fridge"				Bones "The Man in the Fallout Shelter"							
51	AMC	Road House (1989, Action) Sam Elliott, Ben Gazzara, Patrick Swayze.		A Bronx Tale (1993, Drama) Chazz Palminteri, Lillo Brancato, Robert De Niro.		The Town (2010, Action) Rebecca Hall, Ben Affleck.							
52	USA	NCIS "Doppelganger"		NCIS "The Meat Puzzle"		NCIS "Pop Life"							
53	FOOD	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Chopped "Whiskey and Wings"	Chopped "Bar Fight"	Beat Bobby Flay (N)	Beat Bobby Flay (N)	Beat Bobby Flay (N)	Beat Bobby Flay (N)	Beat Bobby Flay (N)	Beat Bobby Flay (N)	Beat Bobby Flay (N)	Beat Bobby Flay (N)
54	HGTV	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop (N)	Flip/Flop Nashville	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)
56	FX	Sausage Party (2016, Animated) Kristen Wiig, Jonah Hill, Seth Rogen.		Ted 2 (2015, Comedy) Mark Wahlberg, Jessica Barth, Seth MacFarlane.									
57	CNN	Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle	
61	CNBC	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Paid Program	Paid Program
63	BRAV	Mill. Listing	Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles	The Struggle Is Real"		Top Chef (N)		Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles (N)		Top Chef			Watch What (N)
64	TCM	Helen of Troy (55) Stanley Baker.		Damon and Pythias (62, Adv) Don Burnett, Hana Occhini, Guy Williams.		The Colossus of Rhodes (1961, Action) Lea Massari, Georges Marchal, Rory Calhoun.							Minotaur (05)
65	SYFY	Blade (98, Action) Wesley Snipes.		Blade II (2002, Action) Kris Kristofferson, Norman Reedus, Wesley Snipes.				Blade: Trinity (2004, Thriller) Jessica Biel, Ryan Reynolds, Wesley Snipes.					
162	RFD	SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America 'Live'		Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Grown	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library	