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GREEN (AP) — A memorial honoring how the community came together after the mass shooting at Umpqua Community College has been unveiled south of Roseburg.

Trump takes credit for 8,000 jobs

By VIVIAN SALAMA and JOSH BOAK Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — After weeks of giving very little facetime to the media, Donald Trump made a series of public statements Wednesday, applauding the return of 8,000 jobs to the U.S. and hailing his discussions with President Barack Obama.

In one of his cameos on the front steps of his Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Florida, Trump touted plans by a Japanese mogul to bring those jobs to the United States.

In the grand scheme of the economy, the jobs announcement is unlikely to have a major impact. Still, it's another example of how Trump is trying to stoke voters' belief that he is actively fighting for their well-being.

Later Wednesday, Trump appeared yet again on those steps, this time alongside legendary boxing entrepreneur Don King. King carried about a dozen flags, including those of the U.S. and Israel.

With King by his side, Trump said he and Obama had "a very, very good talk," dismissing days of tense remarks by the outgoing and incoming presidents about who would win if they were to hypothetically run against each other.

"We talked about it and smiled about it and nobody is ever going to know because we are never going to be going against each other," Trump said. Earlier, he had accused President Barack Obama of throwing up "inflammatory" roadblocks during the transition of power and said his administration was treating Israel with "total disdain."

Son is the founder and chief executive of SoftBank, one of Japan's largest technology outfits. He owns the U.S. mobile carrier Sprint, which Trump said Wednesday would be moving 5,000 jobs "back" to the United States.

It was unclear whether the president-elect was referencing the Dec. 6 commitment by Son to invest \$50 billion in the United States and create 50,000 jobs.

Trump said the addition of 8,000 jobs was "because of what's happening and the spirit and the hope."

Still, the U.S. job market has been robust for much of 2016. Employers have added more than 2.2 million jobs over the past 12 months — a sign of economic health that pre-dates Trump's presidential victory.



President-elect Donald Trump speaks to reporters at Mar-a-Lago, Wednesday, in Palm Beach, Fla.

Sprint has struggled since its 2013 acquisition by SoftBank. The carrier shed roughly 9,000 workers between 2012 and 2016, reducing its staff to 30,000, according to annual reports.

Sprint's attempt to join with rival T-Mobile failed in 2014 after regulators objected to combining two of the four largest mobile telecom companies in the United States.

Sprint Chief Executive Marcelo Claude said in a statement that the company is "excited" to work with Trump.

"We believe it is critical for business and government to partner together to create more job opportunities in the U.S. and ensure prosperity for all Americans," Claude said.

The Sprint jobs announcement came after tensions rose and fell Wednesday between Trump and Obama. Trump made it clear that it didn't sit well with him when Obama recently boasted that he would have won the election if he'd been running.

"Doing my best to disregard the many inflammatory President O statements and roadblocks," Trump tweeted Wednesday morning. "Thought it was going to be a smooth transition — NOT!"

White House spokesman Eric Schultz said Obama phoned Trump. "Today's call, like the others since the election, was positive and focused on continuing a smooth and effective transition," Schultz said.

Trump also took direct issue with the Obama administration's decision to let a United Nations Security Council resolution critical of Israel pass.

"We cannot continue to let Israel be treated with such total disdain and disrespect," he said in a two-part tweet. "They used to have a great friend in the U.S., but ... not anymore. The beginning of the end was the horrible Iran deal, and now this (U.N.)! Stay strong Israel, January 20th is fast approaching!"

Trump later told reporters that Israel is being treated "very, very unfairly," maintaining that countries that are "horrible places" never get reprimanded. He refused to directly answer a question about whether Israel should stop building settlements, saying he is "very, very strong on Israel."

Trump resumed his busy schedule of meetings following a brief lull for the holidays. He first met with David Rubenstein, head of the Carlyle Group investment firm. He also met former California Lt. Gov. Abel Maldonado and former Texas A&M president Elsa Murano — two candidates for agriculture secretary.

Trump also held meetings with a number of medical executives, likely for discussions about Obama's signature health care plan, which Trump has called a "total disaster."

They include Mayo Clinic chief executive John Noseworthy; the head of Johns Hopkins medical center, Paul Rothman; the head of the Cleveland Clinic, Toby Cosgrove; and Partners Healthcare chief executive David Torchiana. Spicer said Trump would also discuss Obamacare in a meeting with former Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson.

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