

Trump threatens to sic vicious dogs on protesters



Washington, May 30 (RHC)-- U.S. President Donald Trump has warned that protesters outside the White House could have been "greeted" with "vicious dogs" and "ominous weapons" if they had breached the fence, and praised the Secret Service for their response to the demonstrations.

"Big crowd, professionally organized, but nobody came close to breaching the fence. If they had they would have been greeted with the most vicious dogs, and most ominous weapons, I have ever seen. That's when people would have been really badly hurt, at least," Trump tweeted Saturday morning.

"Great job last night at the White House by the U.S. [Secret Service]," Trump added. "I was inside, watched every move, and couldn't have felt more safe."

Trump said that whenever a protestor got too "frisky" the Secret Service agents would "come down on them hard" and that the agents were "just waiting for action."

Trump appeared to quote an agent, writing on Twitter "We put the young ones on the front line, sir, they love it..."

Trump also wrote on Twitter that "It's ANTIFA and the Radical Left. Don't lay the blame on others!"

Antifa groups, short for anti-fascists, organized counter-protests to the deadly "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville in 2017. Trump was criticized for saying that there were "very fine people" on both sides, despite the killing of Heather Heyer by a Unite the Right participant.

Meanwhile, U.S. Attorney General William Barr also blamed anti-fascist groups on Saturday for escalating the protests.

"In many places it appears the violence is planned, organized and driven by anarchic and left extremist groups — far left extremist groups — using antifa-like tactics, many of whom traveled from outside the state to promote the violence," Barr said, adding that the Department of Justice was prepared to "take all action necessary to enforce federal law."

While Barr did not offer any evidence to support this statement, a Department of Justice spokesperson says that information and intelligence is being provided to federal authorities by state and local law enforcement who are familiar with various groups and individuals.

Shortly after Barr spoke, Trump tweeted: "Crossing State lines to incite violence is a FEDERAL CRIME! Liberal Governors and Mayors must get MUCH tougher or the Federal Government will step in and do what has to be done, and that includes using the unlimited power of our Military and many arrests. Thank you!"

Trump has been criticized for inciting violence and shirking his responsibility as president to call for peaceful demonstrations in the aftermath of Floyd's death.

Twitter put a tweet from Trump about the protests behind a warning label early Friday, stating that he had violated its rules against glorifying violence because of the historical context of his last line: "When the looting starts, the shooting starts."

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