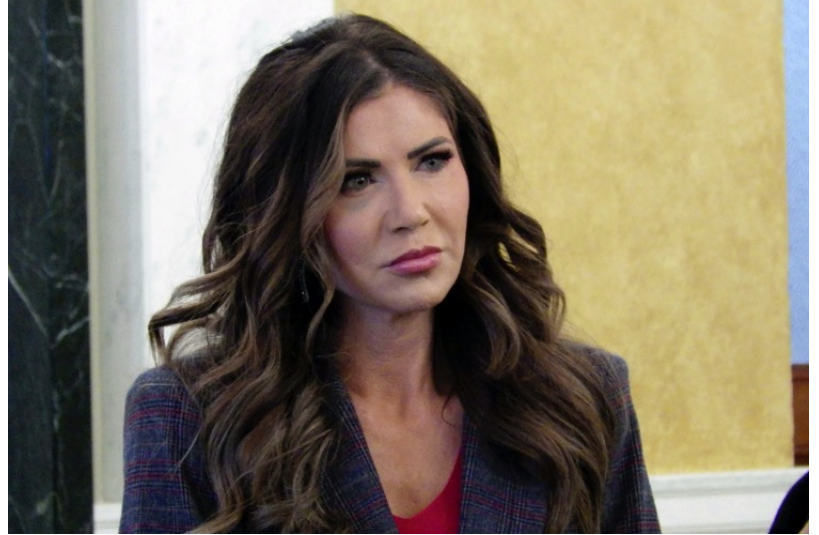




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South Dakota Governor Noem Sending National Guard to Border

South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem announced on X today that she will be sending South Dakota National Guard soldiers to the U.S.-Mexico border. Noem stated in her [announcement posted on X](#), “The border is a warzone, so we’re sending soldiers. The @SD_Guard’s primary mission will be construction of a wall to stem the flow of illegal immigrants, drug cartels, and human trafficking into the United States of America.”



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Kristi Noem

Noem [stated in a press release](#) that South Dakota soldiers would not “facilitate an invasion,” and the primary mission of the deployment is construction of a border wall.

Our troops have been hampered by federal restrictions when they’ve been deployed to the border in the past. I don’t want South Dakota soldiers to facilitate an invasion — I want them to stand up and stop it. So we are talking to Texas about what rules of engagement can look like to make sure that happens.



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