



Trump's Home at Mar-a-Lago Raided by FBI

FBI agents reportedly executed a search warrant at former president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Florida, on Monday evening. Trump himself announced the raid on his Truth Social media platform on Monday evening.

Trump was not in Florida when the raid occurred.

"These are dark times for our Nation, as my beautiful home, Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Florida, is currently under siege, raided, and occupied by a large group of FBI agents," Trump said in a <u>statement</u>. "Nothing like this has ever happened to a President of the United States before."



AP Images Secret Service agents outside Mar-a-Lago

Trump gave no clue as to what the FBI may have been looking for at his Mar-a-Lago home, but he blamed Democrats, who he believes are desperate to keep him from running for president again in 2024.

"It is prosecutorial misconduct, the weaponization of the Justice System, and an attack by Radical Left Democrats who desperately don't want me to run for President in 2024...."

The former president even claimed that FBI agents broke into his safe, searching for whatever they were searching for.

Trump believes that America in the time of Biden has descended into a type of third-world nation where secret police are used in order to silence political opposition.

"Such an assault could only take place in broken, Third-World Countries. Sadly, America has now become one of those Countries, corrupt at a level not seen before."

Political commentator Dan Bongino agreed: "Some Third World sh*t going on right now. I never thought I'd see it in my lifetime, but it's here," Bongino tweeted. "The FBI has now burned any small sliver of credibility it may have had TO THE GROUND. Time for a complete housecleaning or they'll [sic] be nothing left of this place."

Trump ally Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) tweeted, "DEFUND THE FBI!"

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— Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene [[(@RepMTG) August 9, 2022

Reuters posted a live view of the raid as it was occurring:

LIVE: View of Mar-a-Lago after Trump said FBI agents raided his Florida home https://t.co/eTZrv07HVz



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Trump called it "persecution":

The political persecution of President Donald J. Trump has been going on for years, with the now fully debunked Russia, Russia, Russia Scam, Impeachment Hoax #1, Impeachment Hoax #2, and so much more, it just never ends. It is political targeting at the highest level!

Trump compared the FBI's obsession with him to the organization's indifference regarding Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server for government business while she was secretary of state, along with her 33,000 deleted emails that were under a congressional subpoena. Clinton claimed that those emails were of a personal nature.

"Hillary Clinton was allowed to delete and acid wash 33,000 E-mails AFTER they were subpoenaed by Congress. Absolutely nothing has happened to hold her accountable," Trump said.

CNN is reporting that the FBI is investigating the handling of presidential documents, which may include classified documents that might have been brought to Trump's Florida home.

There is a possibility that the National Archives may be involved, as they have been loudly looking into reports that the Secret Service may have deleted a host of texts relating to the events surrounding the January 6, 2021 unrest at the U.S. Capitol.

In a <u>letter</u> dated July 19, Laurence Brewer, chief records officer for the U.S. government, asked Damian Kokinda, Homeland Security's records officer, to have the Secret Service look into the allegedly missing texts.

"Through several news sources, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has become aware of the potential unauthorized deletion of United States Secret Service (Secret Service) text messages," the letter states:

NARA requests that the Secret Service look into this matter. If it is determined that any text messages have been improperly deleted (regardless of their relevance to the OIG/Congressional inquiry of the events on January 6, 2021) then the Secret Service must send NARA a report within 30 calendar days of the date of this letter with a report documenting the deletion. This report must include a complete description of the records affected, a statement of the exact circumstances surrounding the deletion of messages, a statement of the safeguards established to prevent further loss of documentation, and details of all agency actions taken to salvage, retrieve, or reconstruct the records.

So, this raid may have the fingerprints of the so-called January 6th Committee all over it.

As of this writing, the White House was denying any prior knowledge of the raid on Trump's residence.

Whatever the reason, the FBI better have a good excuse for raiding an ex-president's private home. Otherwise, the public may start to believe that the law-enforcement agency is engaging in partisan political behavior.





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