

## Trump administration faces backlash over deportation, Court dispute



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The Trump administration is facing mounting criticism after the Supreme Court blocked the deportation of a group of Venezuelan migrants accused of gang affiliations. Justice Samuel Alito,

joined by Justice Clarence Thomas, issued a late-night dissent, describing the court's intervention under an 18th-century wartime law as "hastily and prematurely granted" and "neither necessary nor appropriate."

The controversy deepened following the wrongful deportation of Kilmar Armando Abrego Garcia to El Salvador. Senator John Kennedy (R-La.) acknowledged the deportation as an administrative error but claimed President Trump lacks the authority to bring Garcia back. In contrast, Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) called for contempt charges against Trump officials for defying court orders and urged the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate the case.

Representative Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) pointed to increasing bipartisan frustration, emphasizing that current political energy is rooted in principles, not party divisions. He highlighted the enthusiastic turnout at recent rallies led by Senator Bernie Sanders and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez as a sign of broad public engagement.

Meanwhile, Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), who visited El Salvador last week, condemned the administration's actions. He accused Trump of trying to shift blame by branding Garcia a gang member, despite a Supreme Court order for his return.

Amid the escalating legal and political tension, a leaked draft executive order reveals the Trump administration's plan to overhaul the State Department. Proposed changes include eliminating

offices focused on Africa, climate change, refugee issues, and human rights.

Adding to the turmoil, three senior Pentagon officials recently ousted over alleged leaks have denied any wrongdoing, further deepening the week's controversies in Washington.