

## Protesters gather across Scotland to oppose Trump visit



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Aberdeen, July 26 – Hundreds of protesters gathered in Aberdeen and Edinburgh on Saturday to oppose United States President Donald Trump’s five-day visit to Scotland.

Masses of protesters stood outside prominent landmarks, including in Aberdeen city center the William Wallace statue. Protesters marched with signs that read “FELON 47 NOT WELCOME HERE” and displaying photographs with Trump alongside Jeffrey Epstein. The demonstrations

were organized by groups such as the UK Stop Trump Coalition and Scotland Against Trump, who came from all corners of the country.

Patrick Harvie, Scotland's Green Party co-leader, was also among human and climate activists who addressed the crowds. The topic of the humanitarian crisis that has stricken Gaza was also touched upon by speakers.

Scotland Against Trump's Kirsty Haigh described the protests as being in the hope of rejecting hate and division. President Trump was accused by her of using Scotland to salvage his image, adding that Scotland was tired of being used for political theatre.

Security was tightened at Trump Turnberry in South Ayrshire and Trump International Golf Links in Aberdeenshire and police units seconded from other regions of the UK were deployed onto the scene to assist. Assistant Chief Constable Emma Bond stated the security operation was one of the most demanding in recent times, with the attempt on President Trump's life last year as a pivotal planning consideration.

President Trump will be in his golf resorts and hold informal meetings with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, and Scottish First Minister John Swinney.

The visit comes at a politically vulnerable time for President Trump, who is still in legal jeopardy

and under broad criticism in America. His visit will conclude on July 29.