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Trump holding off on tariffs after Colombia agrees to accept deported migrants on military planes, White House says

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But late Sunday night, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said in a statement, "The Government of Colombia has agreed to all of President Trump's terms, including the unrestricted acceptance of all illegal aliens from Colombia returned from the United States, including on U.S. military aircraft, without limitation or delay. Based on this agreement, the fully drafted IEEPA tariffs and sanctions will be held in reserve, and not signed, unless Colombia fails to honor this agreement."

"The visa sanctions issued by the State Department, and enhanced inspections from Customs and Border Protection, will remain in effect until the first planeload of Colombian deportees is successfully returned," Leavitt's statement said.

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A senior administration official earlier Sunday said Mr. Trump's actions amounted to "a clear message" to countries that they "have an obligation to accept repatriation flights."

Prior to Sunday night's announced agreement, Colombian President Gustavo Petro said on social media "Your blockade doesn't scare me," and said Colombia would respond to the raised tariffs with a 50% tariff of its own on U.S. goods. In reference to the travel ban, Petro said, "I don't really like traveling to the U.S., it's a bit boring."

Petro also said the agreement would strengthen ties between the U.S. and the A...

In a statement, Petro said he would like to take better steps in a more orderly manner."

"Colombia has received the necessary authorization from the U.S.," Rubio said. "The U.S. is committed to the agreement."

Later Sunday, the U.S. announced visa issuances for Colombian citizens.

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to accept the return of its own citizens. America will not back down when it comes to defending its national security interests."

A U.S. official told CBS News that U.S. Customs and Border Protection was already implementing a travel ban on Colombian government officials and diplomats traveling with what are known as A and G visas as of Sunday night. The agency had also started enhanced customs inspections on cargo from Colombia, the official added. CBP later confirmed those actions in a public statement.

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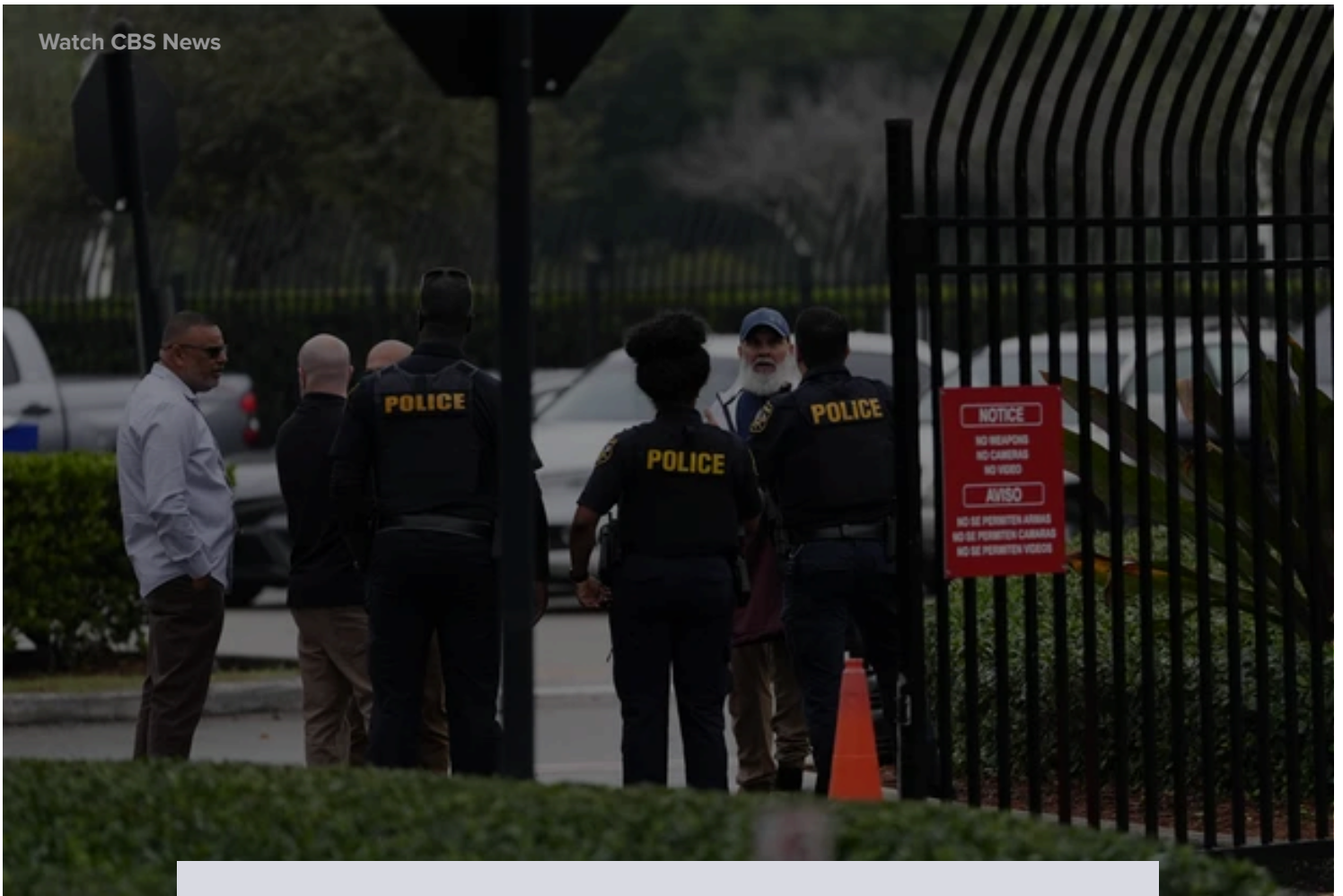
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Colombia's decision to block the U.S. deportation flights over the weekend was an early diplomatic setback for the Trump administration as it lays the foundation for its promised mass deportation campaign and crackdown on illegal immigration.

As part of that crackdown, President Trump has moved to vastly increase the role the U.S. military plays in immigration enforcement, declaring a national emergency to deploy an additional 1,500 Army soldiers and Marines to the southern border. The troops have been assigned to erect border barriers and help Customs and Border Protection in an operational capacity. Long-standing legal limits bar the use of soldiers for the civil enforcement of laws, including U.S. immigration law.

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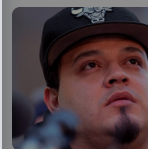
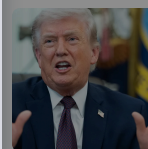
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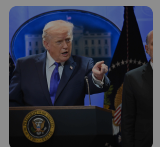
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