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# Trump is reportedly 'angry' that deportation numbers aren't as high as he promised: 'It's driving him nuts'

Administration has blamed leakers for failed operations and claims numbers will ramp up as agents target wider categories of offenders

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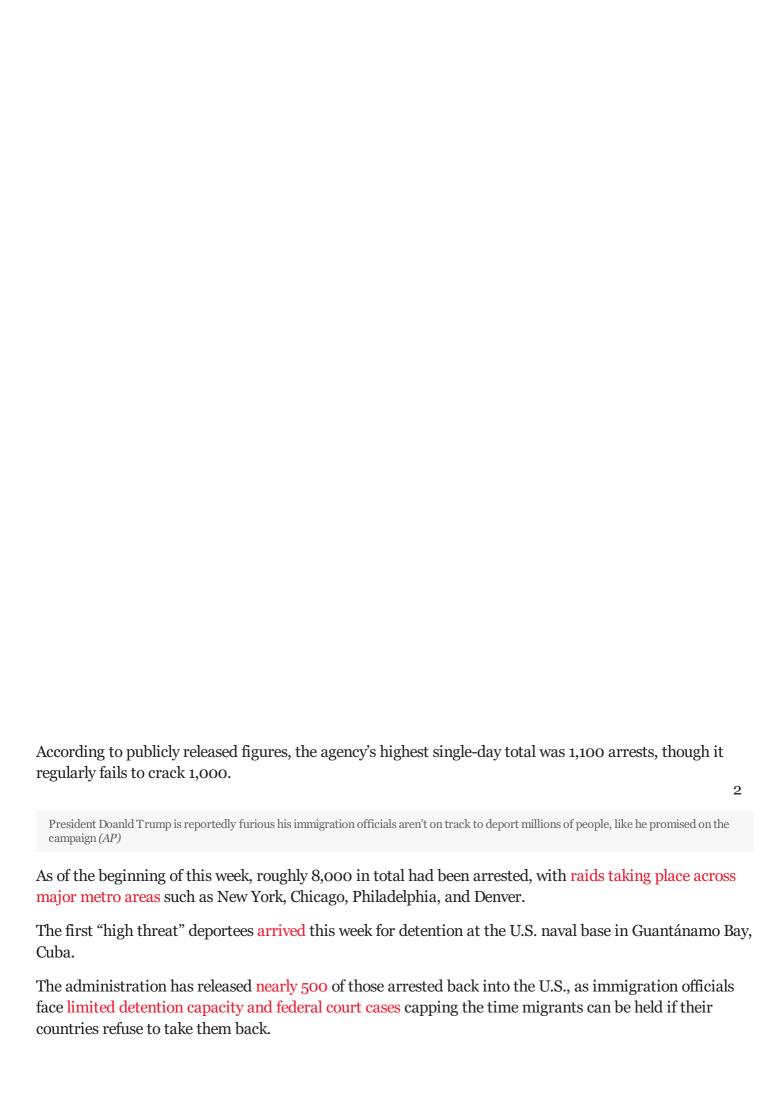
President Donald Trump is reportedly fuming that immigration officials haven't been able to meet his campaign promise of carrying out the largest deportation operation in U.S. history within days of taking office.

"It's driving him nuts they're not deporting more people," a source familiar with internal immigration discussions told NBC News.

The White House disputed the report.

"Hundreds of violent, predatory, and gang-affiliated criminal illegal aliens have already been rounded up and deported by ICE since President Trump took office — and the Trump administration is aligned on securing our borders and ensuring that mass deportations are conducted quickly and effectively to put Americans and America First," it said in a statement.

Immigration officials have reportedly been told to achieve between 1,200 and 1,500 arrests a day, with 75 in each of the 25 Immigration and Customs Enforcement field offices. However, even that level of daily enforcement wouldn't be enough to meet Trump's promises to deport "millions and millions" of people upon taking office.



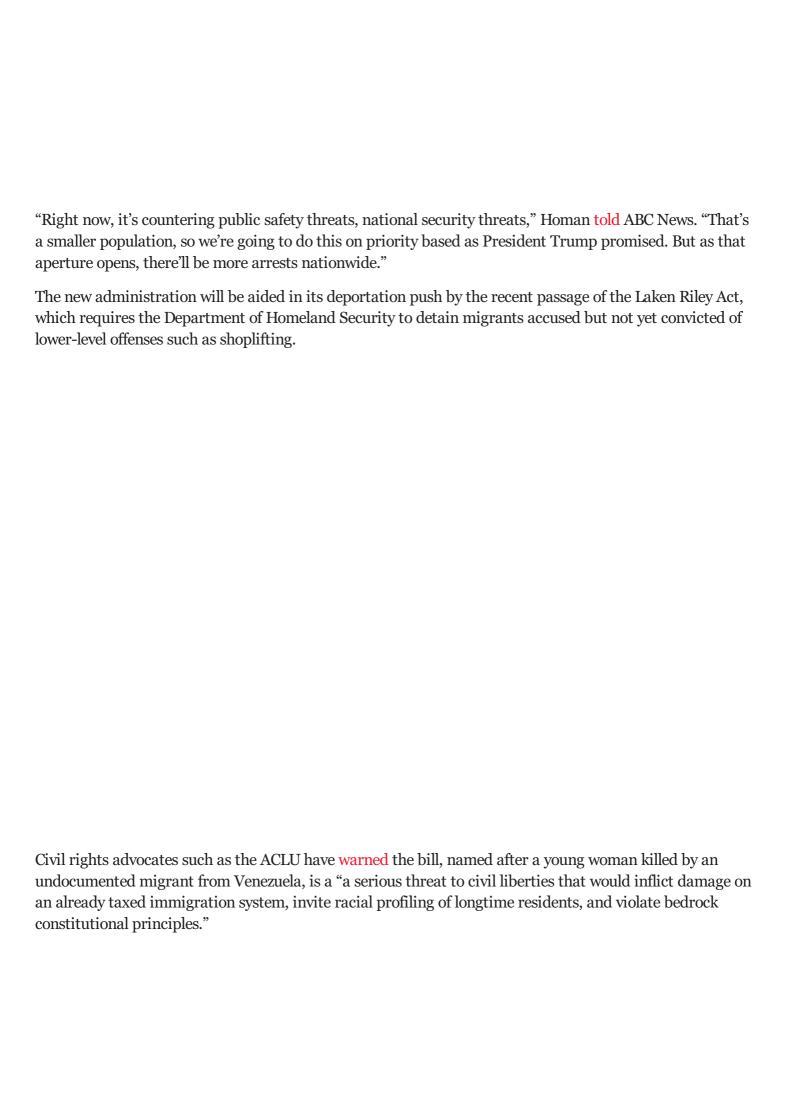
The administration has claimed multiple explanations for the slower-than-promised pace of immigration	n
arrests.	

Trump border czar Tom Homan suggested earlier this week that leakers, protesters and sympathetic members of the press were spoiling the element of surprise for certain operations, after a mass Colorado raid intended to target over 100 members of the Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua attracted public attention and reportedly netted just 30 arrests, with a single confirmed gang member.

Federal agents detain a man after conducting a raid at the Cedar Run apartment complex in Denver on February 5. While ICE has made thousands of arrests, Trump is still reportedly frustrated there aren't more (REUTERS)

Horman said that the pace of arrests will ramp up once immigration officials work through the smaller number of high-threat individuals and expand to people accused of lower-level offenses.

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The Trump administration has also thrown out previous directives that barred immigration agents from making arrests at sensitive locations such as schools and churches.

Despite both Trump terms' focus on immigration, data shows the Biden administration deported more people annually at its peak than any other in the last decade, including Trump.

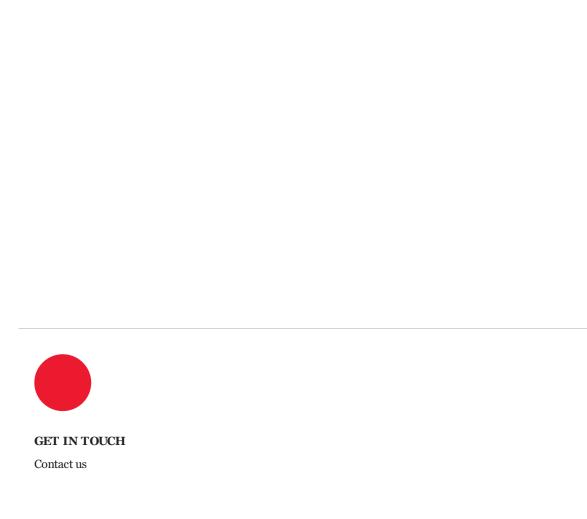
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