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Trump administration forces out multiple senior FBI officials and January 6 prosecutors

Trump said he was not aware of the removals. Officials also said that thousands of FBI agents who investigated the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol are under review.

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Trump administration officials have forced out all six of the FBI's most senior executives and multiple heads of FBI field offices across the country, current and former FBI officials told NBC News.

They included the high-profile leader of the Washington, D.C., field office, which was involved in the prosecutions of President Donald Trump, and federal prosecutors who investigated Jan. 6 rioters. A congressional aide said the number of prosecutors impacted is roughly two dozen.

A letter sent to the fired prosecutors said their removal was based on their role in the Jan. 6 prosecutions. It cited an executive order Trump recently signed that called the Jan. 6 prosecutions I a grave national injustice that has been perpetrated upon the American people over the last four years.

In a separate memo to the FBI workforce sent out Friday night, the bureau's acting director, Brian J. Driscoll, Jr., informed employees that acting Deputy Attorney General, Emil Bove, had asked for a list of all FBI employees who worked on January 6 cases for "a review process to determine whether any additional personnel actions are necessary."

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