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Rosa Mayen, the mother of slain Chicago police Officer Enrique Martínez, clutches the Chicago flag as she leaves his funeral on Monday at St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel in Chicago. **EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Trump endorses 'emergency' declaration

President-elect sides with military role in mass deportations

By Charlie Savage and Michael Gold
The New York Times

President-elect Donald Trump confirmed Monday that he intended to declare a national emergency and use the U.S. military in some form to assist in his plans for mass deportations of immigrants who do not have legal residency status.

On his social media platform, Truth Social, Trump responded overnight to a post made this month by Tom Fitton, who runs the conservative group Judicial Watch, and who wrote that Trump's administration would "declare a national emergency and will use military assets" to address illegal immigration "through a mass deportation program."

Around 4 a.m., Trump reposted Fitton's post with the comment, "TRUE!!!"

Congress has granted presidents broad power to declare national emergencies at their discretion, unlocking standby powers that include redirecting funds lawmakers had appropriated for other purposes. During his first term, for example, Trump invoked this power to spend more on a border wall than Congress had been willing to authorize.

In interviews with The New York Times during the Republican primary campaign, described in an article published in November 2023, Trump's top immigration policy adviser, Stephen Miller, said that military funds would be used to build "vast holding facilities that would function as staging centers" for immigrants as their cases progressed and they waited to be flown to other countries.

The Homeland Security Department would run the facilities, he said.

One major impediment to the vast deportation operation that the Trump team has promised

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'HE WAS MY BABY BROTHER'

Hundreds gather for funeral of slain Chicago police Officer Enrique Martínez

By Sam Charles | Chicago Tribune

Hundreds of law enforcement officers stood at attention on the north lawn of St. Rita of Cascia church Monday morning, rain sprinkling down on them as pallbearers carried the casket of slain Chicago police Officer Enrique Martínez inside the church.

The services came two weeks to the day after Martínez, 26, was fatally shot after he and other officers approached a car in the 8000 block of South Ingleside Avenue in the Chatham neighborhood.

"Enrique will always be my little brother, but I will always look up to him. His blood runs through my veins, and now he lives through me and I live for him."

— Adrian Martínez Garcia

It was the second time this year that scores of Chicago Police Department officers, department leaders, suburban officers and law enforcement officials from across the country flocked to St. Rita to remember the life of a young officer.

Among those in attendance were former Mayor Richard M. Daley and Deputy Mayor for Public Safety Garien Gatewood, along with Aldermen Marty Quinn, Anthony Napolitano, Matt O'Shea, Anthony Beale, Peter Chico, Jason Ervin and former mayoral candidate Paul

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Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx sits in her office in Chicago's Loop on Monday. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Foxx looks forward to a break from spotlight as polarizing 8 years end

By A.D. Quig and Madeline Buckley
Chicago Tribune

For eight turbulent years, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx has been a central figure in arguably Chicago's most central issue: entrenched gun violence and how to keep people safe within an imperfect criminal justice system.

Elected in 2016 with a mandate

for reform in the wake of the killing of Laquan McDonald by a Chicago police officer, Foxx has been in the middle of nearly every conversation about safety and justice in Cook County, often with a polarizing fervor. Now she's on her way out, making way for a successor, Eileen O'Neill Burke, who comes to the office with a different mandate.

Foxx's supporters laud her as a trailblazer, noting her early

support of the historic bail reform measure that took effect last year, her expungement of past marijuana convictions and a sharp focus on wrongful convictions that led to hundreds of exonerations over her tenure.

But she has often been a lightning rod for criticism of her style of progressive prosecution, from

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Endeavor Health to pay \$453M settlement

Patients' claim alleges that former doctor sexually abused them

By Emily Hoerner and Lisa Schencker
Chicago Tribune

Endeavor Health is spending up to \$453 million to settle patients' claims alleging one of its former doctors sexually abused them, the Chicago-area hospital system disclosed in its latest financial statement Monday.

The financial statement did not name the doctor. But Endeavor and Swedish Hospital are currently facing 61 lawsuits brought by former patients of gynecologist-obstetrician Dr. Fabio Ortega, accusing him of sexually abusing them while he worked at NorthShore University HealthSystem, which is now Endeavor. Settlements in principle have already been reached in those lawsuits. Ortega also formerly worked at Swedish, which is now part of Endeavor.



Dr. Fabio Ortega pleaded guilty in 2021 to abusing patients. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

The former patients have accused Ortega of sexual assault or abuse during routine gynecological appointments, contending he groped them, conducted unnecessary or inappropriate vaginal exams or asked inappropriate questions. Ortega was charged criminally in Cook County and pleaded guilty to felony criminal sexual abuse of two patients in 2021.

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U. of Illinois nurses end 4-day strike

Nurses at University of Illinois Hospital & Clinics have ended a four-day strike after reaching a tentative contract agreement with UI Health late Saturday night. **Business**

The story of Cabrini-Green

Rick Kogan reviews "The Last Days of Cabrini-Green," a podcast with eight powerfully told episodes that delve into the history of the Chicago public housing complex. **Arts & Living**

