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Crises in Syria, North Korea put Trump's 'America First' foreign policy to the test

The Syrian chemical weapons attack seemed to awaken the president's sense of moral responsibility as leader of the world's sole remaining superpower. A president who has often seemed indifferent to suffering in faraway countries — including the plight of Syrian refugees — reacted with a natural revulsion. Less clear was whether that would produce a significant shift in policy.

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Hinting at action, Trump says chemical attack in Syria 'crossed a lot of lines for me'

The president acknowledged that he now bears responsibility for a war his predecessor could not end, but he offered no specifics on what he could do differently.

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'If the world wanted to stop this, it would have done so by now'

In Khan Sheikhoun, Syria, site of a chemical attack that killed scores of civilians, families spoke of grief and a sense of betrayal, as the United States and European allies at the U.N. Security Council demanded an investigation. "My son died yesterday," one woman said. "I have nothing left to say to the world."

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While Michael Flynn was involved in the meeting with Russian officials, adviser H.R. McMaster (left) left out of his account.

Bannon's removal from NSC reflects growing influence of national security adviser H.R. McMaster

An Army three-star general who took over the post after Michael Flynn was ousted in February, McMaster is increasingly asserting himself over the flow of national security information in the White House. He has become a rising and blunt force who has made clear to several officials and the president that he does not want the NSC to have any political elements.

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