

Trump likely obstructed Congress

Says US judge over the ex-president's efforts to overturn 2020 polls

AFP, Washington

A federal judge has ruled that former US president Donald Trump "more likely than not" engaged in criminal conduct with his efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election.

Judge David Carter leveled the explosive accusation in a ruling dealing with subpoenas issued by the congressional committee investigating the January 6, 2021 attack on the Capitol by Trump supporters.

"Based on the evidence, the court finds it more likely than not that President Trump corruptly attempted to obstruct the Joint Session of Congress," Carter said in a blistering 44-page ruling.

In his ruling, Carter noted that Trump had repeatedly urged Pence to throw out Electoral College votes from contested states and had done so in a fiery speech to his supporters shortly before the storming of Congress. Pence resisted the pressure, and Biden was certified the winner.

The judge's ruling may increase pressure on Attorney General Merrick Garland to bring charges against the 75-year-old Trump over the Capitol riot, which left at least five people dead and 140 police officers injured.



REGIME CHANGE

Strategy US no longer wants

AFP, Washington

The United States says it is not seeking a "regime change" in Russia, hasty clarification that shows the strategy once popular among neoconservatives has become a hot button issue after negative experiences in Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya.

President Joe Biden caused a stir Saturday when, during an impassioned speech in Warsaw, said his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin "cannot remain in power."

The White House rushed to downplay the phrase, which was not part of Biden's prewritten remarks, insisting the US leader was not suggesting a regime change in Moscow.

But Biden refused to walk back the comment Monday, although he said he was only expressing his "moral outrage," not outlining a policy to overthrow Putin.

Even hinting at such a tactic appears taboo in Washington.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has made refusing regime change a central tenet of his diplomatic approach, promising as early as March 2021 not to "promote democracy through costly military interventions or by attempting to overthrow authoritarian regimes by force."

"We have tried these tactics in the past. However well-intentioned, they haven't worked," he said.

The history of US foreign policy is littered with such attempts both clandestine and overt – and more or less successful – to resolve a crisis by replacing the leaders of an adversary country.



US President Joe Biden attends a meeting on Russia's war in Ukraine with Ukrainian ministers in Warsaw, Poland, on Saturday.

PHOTO: AFP

It first took place in Latin America, when the CIA played a role, particularly during the Cold War, in military coups aimed at overthrowing left-wing presidents.

But the regime change strategy did not disappear with the rise of the Iron Curtain: now the only global superpower, and confident of being untouchable, the United States began asserting its power even more overtly at the turn of the 21st century. American intervention to promote the democratic model gained traction.

The September 11 attacks accelerated the shift. The "war on terror" quickly led to the fall of the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Soon after, Washington put its words about Saddam Hussein into action during the 2003 Iraq War, by overthrowing him after wrongly accusing him of hiding weapons of mass destruction.

In Libya, the 2011 intervention by Washington and its European allies was officially to protect rebels who took up arms against Muammar Gaddafi during the Arab Spring uprising. But the mission was actually extended until the death of the Libyan dictator.

In Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya, the primary objective of bringing the regime down appeared to have been quickly achieved.

On the other hand, the goal of "nation building", or the necessary construction of a stable – and Western-allied – state to succeed the fallen power, ended in failure at best.

The jihadist Islamic State group took advantage of Iraqi instability in the mid-2010s. Twenty years of costly military presence in Afghanistan ended in fiasco.

Libya is still unable to extricate itself from a decade of chaos.

Russian mercenaries deployed to Ukraine

AFP, London

Russia's Wagner Group has deployed its mercenaries to eastern Ukraine, the UK's ministry of defence said Monday, adding that over 1,000 would likely take part in fighting following Russian setbacks. Reputed to be close to President Vladimir Putin, the Wagner Group and its mercenaries are suspected of abuses in Mali, Libya and Syria. Britain last week slapped more sanctions on Russian individuals and entities, including the Wagner Group, over the February 24 invasion of Ukraine.

UK cops to issue 20 'Partygate' fines

AFP, London

British police investigating breaches of coronavirus lockdown laws by Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his staff in Downing Street

yesterday announced it would be issuing 20 initial fines. London's Metropolitan Police said it would not be disclosing the number or identities of those being fined, but Johnson is reportedly not among those hit in the first wave of sanctions. The news nevertheless risks reviving the so-called "Partygate" scandal that left him fighting for political survival after a number of lawmakers from his ruling Conservatives called for his resignation. The London force is investigating claims that Johnson and his Downing Street officials organised and attended at least a dozen alcohol-fuelled events in 2020 and 2021 that violated Britain's then-strict virus curbs. Johnson has already apologised for the parties.

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