



Children gather next to damaged buildings in Jabalia, in the northern Gaza Strip, yesterday. Since October 10, a fragile US-sponsored truce in Gaza has largely halted the fighting between Israeli forces and Hamas, but both sides have alleged frequent violations.

PHOTO: AFP

TRUMP'S IMMIGRATION CRACKDOWN Anger grows as ICE hardens tactics

REUTERS, Washington

US President Donald Trump's sweeping increasingly is sparking violent confrontations with both migrants and US citizens, a development grimly underscored by an ICE officer's fatal shooting of a Minneapolis woman this week.

Under Trump's orders to ramp up deportations, masked immigration officers have surged into Democratic-led cities, sprayed tear gas in residential streets, tackled people in parking lots and pointed guns at bystanders trying to film them.

A federal officer in Minneapolis dragged a woman through a snowy street in an incident last month that the city's police chief called an "egregious disregard for human dignity."

These contentious encounters, which have come amid a push to quickly recruit and train thousands of new officers, have stemmed from a dramatic shift in the approach to immigration enforcement, according to current and former immigration officials.

The White House demanded a steep increase in immigration arrests in late May, leading officers to change tactics, embracing showy sweeps over more targeted arrests of people with serious criminal records. Since then, officers have been met with more public backlash and resistance, at times creating tense standoffs.

"It's this high-visibility, high-footprint, high-contact form of operation that invites danger," said former ICE official Scott

Shuchart, who served in Joe Biden's administration.

Trump, Vice President JD Vance and Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem have all defended the ICE officer who killed Renee Good, the 37-year-old mother of three, and portrayed her as an agitator trying to disrupt enforcement operations.

Within hours of the incident, Noem alleged that Good tried to ram the officer with her vehicle in

The ICE officer involved in the fatal shooting, Jonathan Ross, fired the first of three shots as Good's vehicle moved past him, a Reuters analysis of the available videos showed.

The administration is preparing to spend tens of billions of taxpayer dollars to hire more immigration officers and intensify its operations, raising concerns such violence could grow in the coming year. Several current and

whether that many were actually fully hired and working.

Federal immigration officers have shot people in 16 incidents since Trump intensified his crackdown in June, according to The Trace, a non-profit news outlet that tracks gun violence.

In some of the cases, immigration officials said agents were under threat due to vehicles being used as weapons, though video evidence and judges later raised questions about those claims.

The Supreme Court in September said the Trump administration could stop people in US cities for reasonable suspicion of violating immigration laws based on factors such as having brown skin or speaking Spanish, a position defended by Justice Brett Kavanaugh in a concurrence at the time.

Opponents of Trump's aggressive enforcement say such "Kavanaugh stops" by ICE and Border Patrol have inflamed tensions.

Darius Reeves, a former ICE field office director who retired in 2025, said the Trump administration's confrontational approach is putting officers at risk and increasing the likelihood of violent interactions.

Reeves, who spent more than two decades at the agency, said ICE historically tried to minimize its public presence and operate in a more targeted manner.

"We should not be flooding these neighborhoods and antagonizing people," Reeves said. "This is not going to go well."



an act of "domestic terrorism."

In response to a Reuters request for comment, White House spokeswoman Abigail Jackson accused Democrats and news outlets of demonising ICE officers and encouraging backlash.

"The Democrats' lies have directly fuelled their supporters to harass and impede law enforcement, which is the cause of any tensions and puts officers at risk," Jackson said.

former ICE officers, speaking on the condition of anonymity to speak openly about sensitive matters, expressed concerns that ICE could bring on less-qualified candidates with its accelerated hiring push.

The US Department of Homeland Security said earlier this month that it had hired 12,000 new ICE officers on top of an existing force of 10,000, although some questioned

UKRAINE STRIKES Nearly 6m without power, heat, or water in Russia

REUTERS, Moscow

The governor of Russia's Belgorod region, which borders Ukraine, said on Saturday that 600,000 residents were without electricity, heating and water after a Ukrainian missile strike.

In a statement posted on Telegram, Vyacheslav Gladkov said that work was underway to restore supplies, but that the situation was "extremely challenging".

Footage filmed by Reuters in Belgorod

city showed street lights extinguished.

Belgorod region, which adjoins Ukraine's Kharkiv region and had a pre-war population of 1.5 million, has come under regular attack from Kyiv's forces since Russia ordered tens of thousands of troops into Ukraine in February 2022.

Russia has frequently bombarded Ukraine's power infrastructure, causing rolling daily blackouts, and has also targeted heating systems this winter.



1 dead, 7 missing after migrant boat sinks off Turkey

AFP, Istanbul

One person died and seven others were missing Saturday after a migrant boat sank in the Aegean Sea off the coast of Turkey, the Turkish coast guard said.

Thirty-seven passengers on a rubber dinghy which took on water before dawn off the western city of Dikili, north of Izmir, were rescued alive, the coast guard stated.

Dikili, a small seaside resort, faces the Greek island of Lesbos, some 20 kilometres (12 miles) away.

"Search operations ... are continuing to find the seven missing irregular migrants," the coast guard said.

Shipwrecks are common for perilous crossings to the Greek islands, which are a gateway to the European Union.

Nearly 1,900 migrants either disappeared or were found drowned in the Mediterranean in 2025, according to the International Organization for Migration.

Netanyahu hopes to 'taper' Israel off US military aid in next decade

REUTERS, Jerusalem

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in an interview published on Friday that he hopes to "taper off" Israeli dependence on US military aid in the next decade.

Netanyahu has said Israel should not be reliant on foreign military aid but has stopped short of declaring a firm timeline for when Israel would be fully independent from Washington.

"I want to taper off the military within the next 10 years," Netanyahu told the Economist. Asked if that meant a tapering "down to zero," he said: "Yes."

Netanyahu said he told President Donald Trump during a recent visit that Israel "very deeply" appreciates "the military aid that America has given us over the years, but here too we've come of age and we've developed incredible capacities."

In December, Netanyahu said Israel would spend 350 billion shekels (\$10 billion) on developing an independent arms industry to reduce dependency on other countries.

In 2016, the US and Israeli governments signed a memorandum of understanding for the 10 years through September 2028 that provides \$38 billion in military aid, \$33 billion in grants to buy military equipment and \$5 billion for missile defence systems.



South Africa defends naval drills with Iran, Russia

AFP, Simon's Town

expanded to include Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and, more recently, Indonesia.

China and Iran deployed destroyer warships, while Russia and the United Arab Emirates sent corvette vessels. Host South Africa dispatched a frigate.

Indonesia, Ethiopia and Brazil joined as observers.

"In an increasingly complex maritime environment, cooperation such as this is not an option, it is essential," said Thamaha.

The exercises were to "ensure the safety of shipping lanes and maritime economic activities," he said.

Previously known as Exercise Mosi, the drills were initially scheduled for last November but postponed due to a clash with the G20 summit in Johannesburg, boycotted by the United States.

Washington has accused South Africa and the BRICS bloc of "anti-American" policies and warned members they could face an additional 10 percent tariff on top of existing duties already applied worldwide.

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