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Don slams charges as insult to country Clashes as Israel police storm Jerusalem mosque

WASHINGTON

DONALD Trump offered a full-throated defence of his conduct Tuesday in his first public remarks since being charged over hush money payments to a porn star, blasting the criminal prosecution as "an insult to our country."

Hours earlier the 76-year-old former US president pleaded not guilty to 34 felony counts in a dramatic hearing in New York that transfixed the nation — and began the countdown to the first ever criminal trial of an American president.

"I never thought anything like this could happen in America — never thought it could happen," Trump told an audience of several hundred donors, political allies and other supporters after returning to Mar-a-Lago, his beachfront mansion in southern Florida.

"The only crime that I've committed is to fearlessly defend our nation from those who seek to destroy it... It's an insult to our country."

Trump — the frontrunner in the race for the 2024 Republican nomination — said from a stage

Falsifying biz records in the 1st degree



Donald Trump was confronted with a 34-count felony indictment charging him in a scheme to bury allegations of extramarital affairs that arose during his first White House campaign. All counts relate to crime of falsifying business records in the first degree

34 counts

- 11 are related to invoices submitted by Trump's former lawyer Michael Cohen to Trump Organization
11 are related to cheques issued for "phony purposes". Nine of them were signed by Trump
12 are related to false entries in the general ledger of Donald J Trump Revocable Trust

Under New York State law, it is a felony to falsify business records with intent to defraud and intent to conceal another crime. That is exactly what this case is about. 34 false statements made to cover up other crimes — Alvin Bragg, Manhattan District Attorney

FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR?

Under New York law, falsification of business records can be a misdemeanor. However, the charges can be upgraded to felonies if they were done with the intent to defraud or with the intent to commit or conceal another crime

festooned with American flags in an opulent gold-and-cream ballroom that "radical left" prosecutors were out to get him "at any cost."

The bizarrely celebratory mood in the room seemed at odds with the gravity of the day's events in Manhattan, with Trump reprising the applause lines that his supporters hear regularly at his rallies — and being rewarded with the same boisterous cheers and clapping. Manhattan District Attorney

Next hearing in December

The next in-person hearing in a criminal case against former president Donald Trump in New York City has been set for December 4, roughly two months before the official start of the 2024 Republican presidential primary calendar

Alvin Bragg is prosecuting Trump for cooking his company's books to hide payments he arranged for adult film actress

Stormy Daniels days before the 2016 election, to cover up an alleged sexual encounter.

Trump and his lawyers have accused Bragg of over-reaching in his characterization of the alleged misconduct.

"While we are living through the darkest hours of American history, I can say that at least for this moment right now, I am in great spirits," Trump said. He the first sitting or former American president to be criminally indicted. Agencies

Fears of escalation as rocket attacks and air strikes follow raid on mosque at sensitive hilltop compound holy to both Jews and Muslims

JERUSALEM

ISRAELI police clashed with Palestinians inside Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa mosque on Wednesday, sparking a military exchange of rockets and air strikes in flaring violence as the Jewish Passover coincides with the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Armed police in riot gear stormed the mosque's prayer hall before dawn, aiming to dislodge "law-breaking youths and masked agitators" they said had barricaded themselves inside following evening prayers. The officers were met with a barrage of rocks and fireworks, police video showed.

More than 350 arrests were made in the raid, which drew threats from Palestinian groups and wide condemnation from Muslim countries and beyond the region.



UN Middle East peace envoy Tor Wennesland urged "leaders on all sides" to "act responsibly and refrain from steps that could escalate tensions".

Washington expressed "alarm" at "the shocking scenes in Al-Aqsa Mosque and rockets launched from Gaza toward Israel".

In a statement, the US office of Palestinian affairs called for "restraint and de-escalation to allow peaceful worship and to protect the sanctity of the holy sites". Germany urged both sides "to do everything possible

to calm the situation".

Palestinian witness Abdel Karim Kraiem, 74, charged that Israeli police armed with batons, tear gas grenades and smoke bombs, burst into the mosque "by force" and "beat the women and men" worshipping there. One video widely circulated on social media showed police clubbing people on the floor inside the mosque.

The Palestinian Red Crescent said it had treated 37 people for injuries, including some after their release from custody.

Israel's far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir voiced his "complete backing" for police and praised their "swift and determined" actions.

Palestinian militant group Hamas, which rules the Gaza Strip, called on West Bank Palestinians "to go en masse to the Al-Aqsa mosque to defend it".

Macron seeks to boost France's ties with China as he kicks off Beijing trip

BEIJING

FRENCH President Emmanuel Macron said Wednesday that Europe must not "separate" from China economically, as he kicked off a three-day visit to Beijing to reinforce ties with a key trading partner.

"We must not disassociate ourselves, separate ourselves from China," Macron said speaking at a gathering of the French community in Beijing ahead of a meeting with Xi Jinping on Thursday

He said China had a "major role" to play in finding a path to peace in Ukraine. Macron said France would seek to work with China "in this shared responsibility for peace and stability" in Ukraine. "China, with its close relationship with Russia, which has been reaffirmed in recent days, can play a major role," he said, noting Beijing's stated opposition to the use of nuclear weapons in Ukraine as well as its proposal for peace between Kyiv and Moscow.

The French president's first trip to China in four years is set to be dominated by the conflict in Ukraine, with



Emmanuel Macron visits the expo of the Red Bricks museum in Beijing with French culture minister Rima Abdul Malak and Chinese artists on Wednesday | AFP

an official from his office telling reporters he would seek to stand firm in talks with Xi.

Macron discussed his trip to China and support for Ukraine during a phone call with US President Joe Biden on the eve of his visit, the White

House said. The conversation showed the "common will of France and the United States to engage the Chinese to accelerate with us the end of the war in Ukraine and build a lasting peace", Macron's office said. AFP

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