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Trump to Invoke Alien Enemies Act to Rid Nation of Tren de Aragua Gang

President Trump will soon invoke the Alien Enemies Act to rid the nation of the savage Tren de Aragua gang (TdA), which established a beachhead in several major cities thanks to the open-borders Biden administration.

Authorities believe members committed at least one high-profile murder, and they are suspected in another.

The designation of the gang as a “terrorist organization” keeps Trump’s promise during his campaign for the White House, and follows through on an executive order signed on Day 1 of his second administration.



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NEW: The Trump administration is expected to invoke the Alien Enemies Act of 1798, a sweeping wartime authority, in the coming days, sources familiar w/ the move tell [@priscialva](#) [@jmhansler](#) & me

The move is designed to speed up the president’s mass deportation pledge

— Alayna Treene (@alaynatreene) [March 13, 2025](#)

Run-up to A&E

In May, during an interview with *Time*, [Trump said](#) he planned a mass deportation of 20 million illegals modeled on President Dwight D. Eisenhower’s “[Operation Wetback](#),” which was commanded by [General Joseph “Jumpin Joe” Swing](#) of the fabled 11th Airborne. Swing was head of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Included in that announcement was a corollary plan to invoke the Alien Enemies Act, passed in 1798 as one of the [Alien and Sedition Acts](#), to hasten the removal of illegal-alien criminals, notably the Tren de Aragua gang.

Trump also vowed to use the military and local cops in the deportations.

[The act permits](#) the president to deport anyone he declares an enemy of the nation:

Whenever there is a declared war between the United States and any foreign nation or government, or any invasion or predatory incursion is perpetrated, attempted, or threatened against the territory of the United States by any foreign nation or government, and the President makes public proclamation of the event, all natives, citizens, denizens, or subjects of the hostile nation or government, being of the age of fourteen years and upward, who



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shall be within the United States and not actually naturalized, shall be liable to be apprehended, restrained, secured, and removed as alien enemies.

When the *Time* scribe challenged the president and said the "[Posse Comitatus Act](#)" forbids the president from using the military against civilians, Trump patiently explained that illegals aren't "civilians."

"These are people that aren't legally in our country," he said:

This is an invasion of our country. An invasion like probably no country has ever seen before. They're coming in by the millions. I believe we have 15 million now. And I think you'll have 20 million by the time this ends. And that's bigger than almost every state....

I can see myself using the National Guard and, if necessary, I'd have to go a step further. We have to do whatever we have to do to stop the problem we have. Again, we have a major force that's forming in our country, when you see that over the last three weeks, 29,000 people came in from China, and they're all fighting age, and they're mostly males. Yeah, you have to do what you have to do to stop crime and to stop what's taking place at the border.

Donald Trump told TIME he would be willing to build migrant detention camps and deploy the U.S. military, both at the border and inland, to carry out a deportation operation designed to remove more than 11 million people from the country <https://t.co/B3OEEeUNEE>

— TIME (@TIME) [April 30, 2024](#)

On January 20, [Trump signed](#) the executive order that designated drug cartels and crime gangs as terrorist organizations.

Trump included Venezuela's Tren de Aragua and El Salvador's MS-13 in the order. And in February, the [State Department published](#) the list of newly designated terror outfits. Meanwhile, the Department of Justice told employees how it would charge them.

Attorney General Pam Bondi will charge cartel and gang leaders and managers with capital crimes, both as terrorists and racketeers and as foreign narcotics kingpins who run continuing criminal enterprises and violate machine-gun laws.

□ The U.S. has officially declared the following as Foreign Terrorist Organizations: Tren de Aragua, MS-13, the Sinaloa Cartel, the Jalisco New Generation Cartel, the United Cartels, the Gulf Cartel, the Northeast Cartel, and the Michoacán Family.

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— Rapid Response 47 (@RapidResponse47) [February 19, 2025](#)

Edict Forthcoming

Thus, hate-Trump [CNN reported](#):

The Trump administration is expected to invoke a sweeping wartime authority to speed up the president's mass deportation pledge in the coming days, according to four sources



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familiar with the discussions.

The little-known 18th-century law, the Alien Enemies Act of 1798, gives the president tremendous authority to target and remove undocumented immigrants, though legal experts have argued it would face an uphill battle in court.

Of course it will. And quite possibly, a far-left, pro-crime federal judge will strike down the measure, which Trump might invoke tomorrow.

In February, CNN reported that federal agencies were preparing to implement the order.

[Sources told](#) the pro-illegal-alien network the act was being

widely discussed at several agencies as administration officials look at how they could implement the law.

“Labeling Tren de Aragua as a foreign terrorist organization was the first step,” a top White House official told CNN.

Whatever the far-left lawfare experts and their lapdog judges think, few Americans will object to Trump’s actions. They’ll be glad if Trump uses the act to rid the nation of the savage murderers that President Joe Biden permitted to enter the country *after they were caught entering illegally at the Southwest border*.

Two examples: The murderer of 22-year-old nursing student Laken Riley and the suspects in the murder of 12-year-old Jocelyn Nungaray are alleged gang members.

Caught jumping the border then unlawfully released in 2022 was [26-year-old Venezuelan Jose Ibarra](#). He murdered Riley on a jogging trail in Athens, Georgia. He bludgeoned her to death after attempting to rape her.

Two Venezuelan goons, Franklin Jose Pena Ramos, 26, and Johan Jose Rangel Martinez, 21, [are charged](#) with Nungaray’s rape and murder in Houston, Texas, where they lured her under a bridge and assaulted her for two hours.

The Biden administration permitted TdA to set up bases nationwide, again. The gang took over a hotel in El Paso, Texas, and apartment complexes [in San Antonio](#) and [Aurora, Colorado](#). They are also operating in Chicago and [New York City](#).



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