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NEWLY LISTED EVENTS

Nothing to report.

ICE ERO OPERATIONS

Daily Teams Channel for ICE Operations: [REDACTED]

Effective September 1, 2025, all New York Operations Orders will be completed in the FD-888. Microsoft will no longer support InfoPath as the software has reached its end of life. FBINET SharePoint Ops Orders will no longer be supported, all Op Plans will be submitted in the FD-888 for approval.

Agents should utilize FACT for FD-888 processing: [REDACTED]

All approved FD-888's must be submitted to the NYOC: [REDACTED]

COLOR OF THE DAY

Yellow

AIR QUALITY INDEX As of 6am (AQI)

Value of Index = 42

OZONE = 21

Daily AQI Color = Green

Reference: AirNow.gov

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Slight Chance Showers and Patchy Fog then Sunny, a high of 79°F

SIGNIFICANT NEWS EVENTS

Director Patel Testifies Before the House Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill

[Fox News](#) (09/17, Oliver) and [CNN](#) (09/17, Blake) reported that Director Patel faced heated questioning in the House after a tense Senate hearing, with Republicans praising him for reforms they said ended "spying on parents at school board meetings" and pre-dawn raids on conservatives, while Democrats sharply criticized his handling of the Charlie Kirk assassination investigation, the firing of senior FBI officials, and the Jeffrey Epstein files. Director Patel defended releasing video of the Kirk suspect, saying, "It's important for this FBI to be transparent without jeopardizing our investigation," though Democrats faulted him for initially tweeting the suspect was in custody before it was confirmed. On Epstein, Director Patel repeatedly resisted questions about Donald Trump's proximity to the files but did confirm one point when asked about alleged photos, stating, "No," there were none showing Trump with underage girls and adding, "Because that information would have been brought to light by multiple administrations and FBI investigators over the course of the last 20 years." Pressed on whether Epstein trafficked victims to others, Director Patel clarified, "Let me make something crystal clear: I never said Jeffrey Epstein didn't traffic other people, other women, and there are not other victims. This is the investigation we were given from 2006, '07, and '08, and the search warrants from 2006, '07, and '08. That's what we're working with." He also said, "We are also not in the habit of releasing incredible information. That's not what we do, but multiple authorities have looked at the entirety of what we have." At one point, responding to Democratic Rep. Eric Swalwell's criticism, Director Patel shot back, "I'm going to borrow your terminology and call bullsh*t on your entire career in Congress because you've been a disgrace to the American people." The articles noted that when Rep. Jared Moskowitz pressed him on Trump's denial of the Epstein birthday letter, Director Patel agreed to an inquiry, saying, "Sure, I'll do it." The [Washington Times](#) (09/17, Dinan) added that Director Patel told Congress that the terrorism threat has shifted from the southern to the northern border, citing its "expansive" geography and saying, "The enemy has adapted... We need more focus on the northern border to stop known or suspected terrorists from coming in from places like China, Russia, the Middle East, Africa, Afghanistan." According to the article, Director Patel testified that the southern border has been largely sealed, with "almost zero" terrorism suspects encountered there recently, even as arrests of people on the FBI's Terrorist Screening Dataset have surged at official crossings after cartels were added to the terror watch list. The article noted that Director Patel also highlighted Russia, China, and Iran as top counterintelligence priorities, promising a review of data on Afghan evacuees flagged by U.S. intelligence and confirming a significant increase in FBI counterintelligence investigations involving those nations. Additional reporting on the story was provided by [ABC News](#) (09/17, Hensley, Barr), [Associated Press](#) (09/17, Tucker, Richer), [Axios](#) (09/17, Rubin) (2), [Bloomberg](#) (09/17, Miller, Strohm), [The Daily Beast](#) (09/17, Fiallo),

[Forbes](#) (09/17, Durkee), [Fox News](#) (09/17, Deppisch), [HuffPost](#) (09/17, Skinner), [The Independent](#) (09/17, Woodward), [The Hill](#) (09/17, Fields), [MSNBC](#) (09/17, Salam), [Newsweek](#) (09/17, Gooding, Whisnant), [New York Post](#) (09/17, Nelson), [NPR](#) (09/17, Martinez), [Politico](#) (09/17, Fuchs, Cheney) (2), [Reuters](#) (09/17, Goudsward), [Time](#) (09/17, Burga), [UPI](#) (09/17, Heuer), [USA Today](#) (09/17, Mansfield), [Washington Examiner](#) (09/17, Roth, Deese), [The Washington Post](#) (09/17, Roebuck), and [The Washington Times](#) (09/17, Dinan).

G Bondi Facing Backlash After Saying She'll Target 'Hate Speech'

[CNN](#) (09/17, Collinson) reported that Attorney General Pam Bondi spent Tuesday backtracking after threatening to crack down on "hate speech" following Charlie Kirk's assassination and warning of investigations into businesses that refused to print memorial posters. The network noted this was the second time AG Bondi had overpromised to please Trump's base — first on a supposed Jeffrey Epstein document dump and now on hate speech — only to retreat when backlash mounted. CNN assessed that serving as Trump's attorney general is an "impossible job," as she must keep pace with the president's political whims without repeating the mistakes of Jeff Sessions and Bill Barr, who ultimately lost Trump's favor. [ABC News](#) (09/17, Staff Writer) highlighted that AG Bondi faced criticism from major MAGA influencers and the Wall Street Journal editorial board, which wrote that Charlie Kirk himself "would want a word" about her remarks and asked, "Is a basic understanding of the First Amendment too much to expect from the nation's Attorney General?" The board also dismissed her follow-up comments as incoherent, saying she "mixed in everything from 'violent rhetoric' to doxxing" while trying to explain herself. [The Daily Beast](#) (09/17, Staff Writer), citing CNN statistician Harry Enten, reported that Bondi's approval rating dropped to -19 after the controversy, making her "the least liked member of Donald Trump's cabinet, and it ain't even close," followed by Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth at -13 and ICE Director Kristi Noem at -11. Additional reporting on the story was provided by [CNN](#) (09/17, Fritze, Cole), [Fox News](#) (09/17, Tamasco), [The Guardian](#) (09/17, Berger), [The Hill](#) (09/17, Fortinsky), [MSNBC](#) (09/17, Benen), [NBC News](#) (09/17, Dixon), [Newsweek](#) (09/17, Mordowanec), [New York Times](#) (09/17, Liptak), [Telegraph](#) (09/17, Stringer), [Washington Examiner](#) (09/17, Leonard), and [Washingtonian](#) (09/17, Beaujon).

Continued Reporting: Unresolved Questions Hang Over Case Against Charlie Kirk's Accused Killer

[Reuters](#) (09/17, Ax, McKay, Harte) and the [Associated Press](#) (09/17, Staff Writer) reported that Tyler Robinson, the 22-year-old charged with killing conservative activist Charlie Kirk, faces questions about his motives, planning, and whether anyone else knew about his intentions before the shooting. Prosecutors said Robinson told his family he had planned the attack for over a week, but they have not released further details about his motivations or possible accomplices. According to the articles, Robinson's arrest came after his family, fearing a violent confrontation with law enforcement, helped negotiate a "delicate" surrender through a retired deputy who knew the family personally. Investigators found Robinson's DNA on the rifle's trigger, confirmed the weapon belonged to his grandfather, and said his mother reported his political views had shifted left in the last year, supporting LGBTQ+ rights in contrast to his father's pro-Trump stance. The articles noted that authorities are still reviewing campus security, investigating whether Robinson acted alone, and trying to understand what drove him to target Kirk, whose politics and rhetoric had drawn both loyal supporters and fierce critics. [Newsweek](#) (09/17, Mesa) reported that the killing of Kirk has drawn attention to the FBI's use of the term "nihilistic violent extremism" (NVE) to describe certain domestic threats, though investigators have not classified suspect Tyler Robinson under this label. Director Patel told the Senate Judiciary Committee that domestic terrorism cases have surged to more than 1,700 this year, with "a large chunk" involving individuals motivated by a "deep hatred of society," and confirmed the bureau is reviewing Robinson's online activity, including a Discord chat with over 20 members. According to the article, prosecutors revealed text messages in which Robinson admitted to killing Kirk, described hiding his rifle, and left a handwritten note saying he planned the attack for over a week, while leaked Discord messages obtained by journalist Ken Klippenstein suggested Robinson was politically disengaged and more focused on gaming culture than ideology. Experts cautioned against applying the NVE label too broadly, noting that NVE typically refers to actors driven by generalized animosity toward society rather than a clear political agenda, with Director Patel emphasizing that the FBI will "run out every lead" in its investigation of Robinson's online contacts. The article noted that while Robinson's digital footprint included memes and video game references rather than overt extremism, the FBI continues to investigate whether any coordinated influence or encouragement played a role in the attack. Additional reporting on the story was provided by [ABC News](#) (09/17, Forrester), the [Associated Press](#) (09/17, Bedayn, Schoenbaum, Seewer), [CBS News](#) (09/17, Kaufman), [NBC News](#) (09/17, Orozco), and [USA Today](#) (09/17, Nguyen, Cann, et al.).

Trump Says He'll Designate Antifa as a Terrorist Group but Offers Few Details

The [Associated Press](#) (09/17, Kim) reported that President Trump announced plans to designate antifa as a "major terrorist organization," though the White House has not provided details on how the administration would label a decentralized movement as a terror group. Trump, speaking from the United Kingdom and later in the Oval Office, called antifa a "SICK, DANGEROUS, RADICAL LEFT DISASTER" and said he would move forward with the designation if supported by AG Bondi and others in his Cabinet. According to the article, antifa is a domestic entity and therefore not eligible for the State Department's foreign terror organization list, and there is currently no domestic equivalent because of First Amendment protections and the absence of a singular federal domestic terrorism statute. The article noted that Trump's previous FBI director, Christopher Wray, testified in 2020 that antifa is "an ideology, not an organization," lacking the structure typically required for a terrorism designation. It also highlighted that Republican lawmakers like Sen. Bill Cassidy and Sen. Ted Cruz have previously supported efforts to classify antifa as a domestic terror group, citing its role in promoting violence and anarchy. [Hindustan Times](#) (09/17, Biswas) also reported on the story.

Microsoft Disrupts Global Phishing Campaign That Led to Widespread Credential Theft

[Cyber Security Dive](#) (09/17, Jones) reported that Microsoft dismantled the infrastructure of "Raccoon0365," a phishing-as-a-service operation responsible for widespread credential theft and attacks on U.S. healthcare organizations. Working with Cloudflare and armed with a court order from the Southern District of New York, Microsoft seized 338 web domains linked to Raccoon0365, whose phishing kits had stolen roughly 5,000 Microsoft 365 credentials in 94 countries since July 2024. According to the article, the phishing service sold subscriptions via Telegram, had at least 850 members, collected over \$100,000 in cryptocurrency, and was linked to breaches at more than 20 American hospitals, where stolen credentials were often used to deploy ransomware. Microsoft identified Nigerian programmer Joseph Ogundipe as the alleged ringleader and referred the case to international law enforcement, though the FBI did not immediately comment on the operation. The article noted that Health-ISAC supported Microsoft's lawsuit to curb the threat to healthcare systems.

TRAFFIC ALERT

Nothing to report.

26 Federal Plaza 23rd Floor Gym Closure Schedule:

Facilities will close the 23rd floor Gym every Tuesday evening from 3 pm-12 am for cleaning. Lockers are *daily use only* and locker contents will be cleaned out the *first* Tuesday of every month. All personal items will be discarded. Please direct any questions to Facilities at extension [REDACTED].

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