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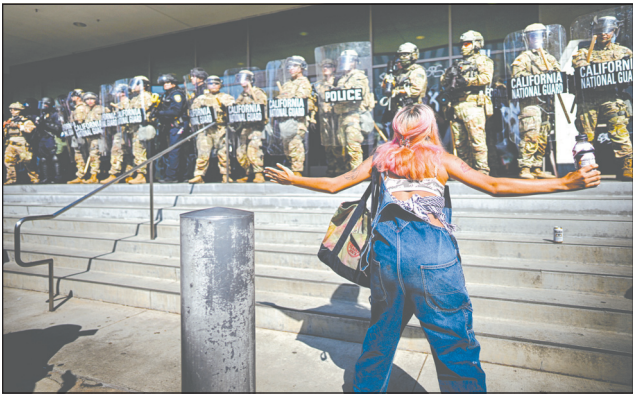
California governor asks court to block Trump administration from using troops in immigration raids

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LOS ANGELES — California Gov. Gavin Newsom asked a federal court Tuesday to block the Trump administration from using the National Guard and Marines to assist with immigration raids in Los Angeles, saying the practice would only heighten tensions.

Newsom filed the emergency request after President Donald Trump ordered the deployment to LA of roughly 4,000 National Guard members and 700 Marines following protests driven by anger over the president's stepped-up enforcement of immigration laws.

The governor's request said it was in response to a change in orders for the Guard members, who were originally deployed to protect federal buildings. The court documents said sending



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A protester taunts a line of California National Guard protecting a federal building in downtown Los Angeles on Monday, June 9, 2025.

troops on immigration raids would only escalate tensions and promote civil unrest.

The Marines and another 2,000 National Guard troops were ordered to LA on Monday, adding to a military presence that local officials and Newsom do not want and that the police chief says makes it harder to

handle the protests safely.

Marine Corps Gen. Eric Smith said Tuesday that the Marines deployed to the area had not yet been called to respond to the protests and were there only to protect federal officials and property.

The Marines were trained for crowd control but have no arrest authority, Smith told a budget hearing on Capitol Hill.

Paul Eck, deputy general counsel in the California Military Department, said the agency was informed that the Pentagon plans to direct the California National Guard to start providing support for immigration operations. That support would include holding secure perimeters around areas where raids are taking place and securing streets for immigration agents, he said in the governor's emergency request.

According to U.S. officials, the California Guard members who were deployed were authorized to provide protection and secure streets and perimeters around areas where enforcement actions are taking place. The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss military operations, said the Guard members are not participating in any of the enforcement actions, but are providing security and have already been doing some of those missions in the Los Angeles area.

State to award grants worth \$5M for opioid research

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The Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission will award \$5 million in grant money for research projects and “innovative approaches to developing and implementing effective novel therapeutic interventions” for opioid use disorder and treating substance use disorder.

Applications for the \$5 million will open July 1 and will close Dec. 20, Attorney General Russell Coleman's office announced Monday. Winners will be decided next March or April.

Eligible applicants are nonprofit and for-profit entities that have good standing with the Secretary of State and government entities.

D. Christopher Evans leads the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission.

“So much good work is being done to transform lives in our Commonwealth thanks to more than \$85 million in opioid abatement funds already distributed,” Chris Evans, the executive director of the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission, said in a



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Attorney General Russell Coleman speaks on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, during the Graves County Republican Breakfast.

statement. “This \$5 million is meant to push us further in our ability to innovate and come up with new solutions to battle this epidemic.”

Overdose deaths have been on the decline for the last three years. Still, 1,410 Kentuckians died from an overdose in 2024.

“For too long, Kentucky was at the epicenter of the drug crisis. Now, by funding cutting-edge innovation, we also have the chance to be at the heart of the recovery,” Coleman said. “We’re looking to leaders in prevention, treatment and recovery to bring their best research ideas that can drive the solution, and, in turn, help save lives.”

The commission's job is to distribute the state's more than \$800 million in opioid settlement funds.

So far, it has allocated more than \$85 million to 130 organizations, according to its website.

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- Mentor for Leadership Lake Cumberland for the past 10 years
- Past President of the Lake Cumberland UK Alumni Club
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