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American Events: Trump Admin Pushes Forward with Venezuelan Gang Deportations

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- The Trump administration deported 238 alleged members of the Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua to El Salvador, despite a federal judge's March 15 order to halt such actions.
- Civil liberties organizations, including the ACLU, challenged the deportations, arguing that the Alien Enemies Act of 1798, invoked by President Trump, is intended for wartime use and has been rarely applied in U.S. history.
- District Judge James Boasberg issued a temporary restraining order to halt the deportations, emphasizing the need for proper legal procedures.
- The administration proceeded with the deportations, asserting that the court's order did not apply to flights already in progress. Legal experts warn that defying court orders undermines the judiciary's authority and could lead to a constitutional crisis.
- Figures like Elon Musk and GOP Rep. Brandon Gill have called for the impeachment of Judge Boasberg following his ruling against the administration's deportation efforts.
- The situation raises concerns about the enforcement power of the judiciary if the executive branch chooses to disregard court orders.

(More) American Events: Elon Musk forces federal workers to justify their jobs or be fired

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- In a post on X last week, Elon Musk said that failure of the workers to "summarize their accomplishments" would mean the same thing as resignation
- His downsizing effort has laid off over 20,000 workers
- This action has served to show off the extent of the power that Musk wields in his new position in Trump's America
- This announcement was further confused when other officials in the Trump administration said Musk's order could be ignored
- Following Musk's announcement, twenty-one workers for his Department of Government Efficiency resigned in a refusal to cooperate with Musk's efforts

Miscellaneous Events:

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- Michelle Trachtenberg, Gossip Girl and Buffy the Vampire Slayer actress, died aged 39 on the morning of February 26th. Trachtenberg was found unresponsive inside a Manhattan apartment by police officers, who had received a 911 call, and was pronounced dead by emergency medical officers.
- Former Minnesota Twins minor league pitcher, Derek Bender, denied claims of him telling opposing hitters when pitches were coming. Bender faces a potential permanent ban from the league and has been under MLB investigation since September 2024, when he was released from the Twins after a report came out of him giving away pitches.
- Timothee Chalamet's acceptance speech for Male Actor in a Leading Role at the Screen Actors Guild awards sparked controversy as his admission that he is "really in pursuit of greatness" was perceived as overconfident and arrogant by some.

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