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Oregon governor says National Guard in 'limbo' after court sides with Trump

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"I have repeatedly called on the Trump administration to tell the public exactly what mission he expects National Guard members to do," Gov. Tina Kotek said at a press conference Monday. screenshot



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Gov. Tina Kotek said National Guard troops stationed in Oregon under President Donald Trump's earlier orders remain in "limbo," despite a federal court ruling Monday that sided with Trump.

"We have approximately 200 Oregon National Guard members still at Camp Rilea in limbo, as well as the California National Guard members at Camp Withycombe, no idea of the mission, no idea of the timeline," she said.

The comments came in a 3 p.m. press conference Kotek called in response to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision Monday that rejected a lower court's temporary restraining order against the deployment of Oregon National Guard troops to Portland.

A second temporary restraining order remains in effect, meaning Monday's ruling won't immediately clear the way for troops to arrive in Portland.



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“I have repeatedly called on the Trump administration to tell the public exactly what mission he expects National Guard members to do,” Kotek said. “These citizen soldiers have been pulled away from their families and their jobs for weeks to carry out some kind of mission in Oregon, but the Trump administration has been silent on the answer to my questions right now.”

Kotek [joined other Oregon Democrats](#) in reiterating her stance that National Guard intervention in Oregon is unnecessary.

“I still urge the Trump administration to send all the National Guard members home,” she said.

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