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Trump once again claims Portland 'is burning down.' It's not

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Four people in frog costumes were among the small number of protesters at a relatively calm showing outside the Portland ICE compound the day a federal appeals court sided with President Donald Trump. Sean Meagher / The Oregonian



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President Donald Trump once again said that Portland “is burning down” on Tuesday, this time from the Oval Office.

“I looked at Portland over the weekend,” Trump said, speaking from his desk. “The place is burning down. Just burning down.”

It should be noted that while an [RV fire did destroy a vehicle and damage some buildings](#) in Southeast Portland on Friday, Portland is not in fact burning down.

Over the weekend, [some 40,000 “No Kings” protesters came out to march against the Trump administration](#).



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That event shut down traffic at different parts of the day but was largely peaceful.

Later Saturday, several hundred people gathered in a [nighttime protest](#) at Portland’s U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility which did include some smoke — federal agents used tear gas against the crowd and sparks from canisters set several small fires, but rain and a lack of fuel quickly extinguished them.

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The nightly protests at the ICE facility have mostly remained small, even on Monday night after the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sided with Trump in his legal battle to deploy troops to what he calls a "war-torn" city, making it more likely that National Guard members will arrive at some point.

Watch a video of Trump's comments [here](#).

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