

What You Need To Know | President Trump is Protecting Our Communities from Violent MS-13 Criminals

President Trump has taken action to combat the MS-13 gang, which has committed horrendous acts of violence in communities across America.

The Trump Administration is announcing new actions to crack down on brutal MS-13 gang members.

- The Administration is filing to seek the death penalty for a MS-13 leader who was charged with seven murders, including the horrific machete and baseball bat killings of two high school students.
- The Administration recently indicted a former leader of MS-13 who committed multiple terrorism offenses and directed acts of violence, murder, and drug trafficking.
 - This marks the first time that an MS-13 member has been charged with terrorism offenses in the United States.
- Eight MS-13 members were indicted last week for their involvement with six murders, two attempted murders, kidnapping, and narcotics and firearms offenses.
- On July 9th, thirteen MS-13 members were charged in a 21-count indictment, including narcotics distribution and weapons charges.

Since taking office, President Trump has made it a top priority to protect American communities from dangerous criminal groups like MS-13.

- In 2017, President Trump directed his Administration to develop and execute a comprehensive approach to dismantle transnational criminal organizations, such as the MS-13.
- AG Barr created Joint Task Force Vulcan to coordinate and lead DOJ and US law enforcement agencies' efforts against MS-13, with the ultimate goal of dismantling their organization.
 - The task force has since coordinated significant MS-13 indictments across the country and designated priority MS-13 programs, cliques, and leaders.
 - The task force has also increased coordination and collaboration with foreign law enforcement partners, including El Salvador, Mexico, Honduras, and Guatemala.
- In fiscal year 2019, ICE's HSI agents made almost 4,000 [arrests](#) of transnational gang members, including hundreds of MS-13 members.
- US Border Patrol [arrested](#) 464 MS-13 members in fiscal year 2019 – an 83% increase from 2016.