

Biden Addresses the Attempted Assassination of Donald Trump

President Joe Biden has addressed the nation on the attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump.

After providing two shorter updates on yesterday's shooting in Butler, Pennsylvania, Biden took to the Oval Office to provide a more formal address condemning the violent shooting against Trump at his latest campaign rally, which resulted in the death of 50-year-old Corey Comperatore, who died protecting his wife and daughter from the assassin's bullets.

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"I want to speak to you tonight about the need to lower the temperature in our politics," Biden said. "And to remember we may disagree, we are not enemies. We're neighbors, we're friends, co-workers, citizens and most importantly we are fellow Americans.

Biden believes that what happened yesterday is a call for us all to "take a step back" to see where we go from this point forward.

Biden said he spoke with Trump last night and is "grateful" that the former president is doing well.

"Jill and I keep him and his family in our prayers," the president said. "We also extend our deepest condolences to the family of the victim who was killed. Corey was a husband, a father, a volunteer firefighter, a hero."

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Biden acknowledged that the motives of the gunman, Thomas Matthew Crooks, are still unknown. The investigation into those motives is ongoing.

Referencing shootings against members of Congress and throwing in a mention of the events of Jan. 6, 2023, he is also calling for Americans to stay far away from violence.

“Violence has never been the answer,” the president said. “There is no place in America for this kind of violence, for any violence, ever. Period.”

Biden then encouraged Americans to solve their differences at the “battle box,” which was meant as “ballot box.” He then appeared to catch himself almost saying, “Make America great again,” Trump’s famous campaign slogan.

“I’m asking every American to recommit, to make America so, make America ... what’s made America so special? Here in America everyone must be treated with dignity and respect, and hate must have no safe harbor,” Biden said.

This address and the assassination attempt come just before the start of the Republican National Convention, which is set to begin tomorrow. Trump is reported to have arrived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in time for the event, according to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

As more details arise about this tragic historic event, keep the Trump family and all those who have been impacted by this assassination attempt in your prayers.

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