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Xi Jinping killed at G20 summit in Doral; China demands U.S. explanation

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DORAL, Fla. - Chinese President Xi Jinping was killed Monday inside the secured perimeter of the G20 leaders' summit at Trump National Doral Miami, U.S. and Chinese officials confirmed, plunging the gathering into a diplomatic crisis and prompting demands from Beijing for an explanation.

Authorities moved other world leaders away from the area and suspended the day's remaining events. The FBI is investigating alongside federal and local authorities.

Officials have not identified a suspect or disclosed how Xi was killed. No motive has been announced, and investigators have offered no timetable for releasing further details.

The killing brought an abrupt end to preparations for a closely watched meeting between Xi and President Donald Trump. Xi had traveled to South Florida for the two-day summit, where the leaders were expected to discuss trade restrictions and energy supply chains amid tensions between Washington and Beijing.

Chinese officials demanded a full account of how their president was killed at an event hosted by the United States. They also requested regular updates from American investigators, placing the summit's security arrangements under immediate scrutiny.

Other delegations remained at their hotels while officials reviewed security and the summit's remaining schedule. Police expanded road closures around the Doral resort, and residents and workers nearby were warned to expect delays.

The planned Trump-Xi meeting had been presented by both governments as an opportunity to manage their disputes. Instead, Washington now faces questions about its ability to protect visiting heads of state, while Beijing faces pressure to respond to the death of its leader on American soil.

Officials have not said whether the summit will resume or when the remaining leaders will depart.



Statement by Premier Li Qiang on the Killing of President Xi Jinping

Li Qiang

Premier of the People's Republic of China

On December 14, President Xi Jinping was killed while attending the G20 Leaders' Summit in Doral, Florida, at the invitation of the U.S. government. The Chinese government expresses its profound grief and strongest indignation over this grave incident. The U.S. side, as host of the summit, bore responsibility for ensuring the safety of visiting leaders. It must give the Chinese government and people a full and credible explanation.

China has lodged solemn representations with the U.S. side. We demand that the United States immediately conduct a thorough investigation, preserve all relevant evidence, fully cooperate with Chinese representatives, and make public the circumstances of the incident and the security failures that allowed it to occur. Those responsible must be brought to justice. Expressions of regret cannot substitute for facts or accountability.

Pending a credible explanation from the U.S. side, China is suspending preparations for bilateral talks and recalling its ambassador to the United States for consultations. The U.S. side must take China's concerns seriously and respond through concrete actions.

The United States has repeatedly invoked its so-called security umbrella in the Pacific. If it cannot ensure the safety of the Chinese president at a summit on its own territory, on what basis can it claim to guarantee the security of China's Taiwan region? The U.S. side must face this question. Its assurances cannot erase the consequences of what has occurred on American soil.

China will closely follow the investigation and assess the U.S. response. Any attempt to withhold evidence, delay the investigation or obstruct cooperation will further damage China-U.S. relations. The U.S. side will bear responsibility for the resulting consequences.

China's resolve to safeguard its sovereignty, security and national dignity is unwavering. China reserves the right to take further necessary measures.