

Trump: 'ISIS has to be eradicated off the face of the Earth'1:04



President Trump addresses the CIA saying he wants to end ISIS' reign and wipe them off the face of the Earth. Courtesy: Fox News

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US President Donald Trump has spoken from the CIA, after he opened his first full day as president at a national prayer service, the final piece of transition business for the nation's new chief executive before a promised full-on shift into governing.

At the CIA, President Trump said he wants to wipe 'radical Islamic terrorism' off the Earth.

Trump and his wife, Melania, and Vice President Mike Pence and his wife, Karen, sat in a front pew at Washington National Cathedral for the morning service after a day of pomp, pageantry and protests that accompanied his inauguration. The service took place as millions of women, many of them wearing bright pink, pointy-eared 'pussy cat hats', descended on the nation's capital and other cities around the world for marches organised to push back against the new president. Celebrities who joined the march include Madonna, Charlize Theron, Scarlett Johansson and Alicia Keys among others. Legions of women flooded streets and city squares from Sydney, Australia to Washington DC, marching in solidarity as a show of empowerment and a stand against President Trump. More than 600 "sister marches" were planned across the country and abroad in conjunction with the Women's March on Washington.

9.41AM AEDT: White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer slams media as "shameful and wrong" in his first media conference in the role.

Donald Trump's main media man has followed his boss in taking aim at the press in his first press conference as White House Press Secretary.

Mr Spicer claimed there had been erroneous reporting on the size of the crowd at President Trump's inauguration. He also said reports the bust of Martin Luther King Jr. was taken out of The Oval Office were wrong.

"Some members of the media were engaged in deliberately false reporting," he said. "One - was a particularly egregious example where a reporter falsely tweeted out that the bust of Martin Luther Jr was removed from the oval office. Afterwards, it was pointed out that this was just plain wrong. "The reporter casually reported and tweeted out and tried to claim that a Secret Service agent must have been standing in front of it. This was irresponsible and reckless.

"Secondly, photographs of the inaugural proceedings were intentionally framed in a way, one particular tweet minimised the enormous support that had gathered on the National Mall. This was the first time in our nation's history that floor coverings were used to protect the grass. That had the effect of highlighting areas where people are not standing, while in years past, the grass eliminated this visual. "This was the largest (crowd) to witness an inauguration, period, both in Washington and around the globe. "These attempts to lessen the enthusiasm of the inauguration are shameful and wrong."

7.21am AEDT: 'No one feels stronger about the intelligence community than me': Trump

Trump said he wanted to give his first speech there to refute talk of a 'feud' between him and the intelligence community. "I want to say that there is nobody that feels stronger about the intelligence community and the CIA than Donald Trump," he said. "These are really special, amazing people. Very, very few people could do the job you people do and I want to just let you know that I am so behind you and I know, maybe sometimes you haven't gotten the backing that you've wanted and you're going to get so much backing. Maybe you're going to say - please don't give us so much backing!

"So I can only say that I am with you 1,000% and the reason you're my first stop is that as you know, I have a running war with the media. They are among the most dishonest human beings on earth. And ... they sort of made it sound like I had a feud with the intelligence community. And I just want to let you know that the reason that you're number one stop is exactly the opposite."

President Trump also stepped up his talk on taking on ISIS. "We have to get rid of ISIS, we have no choice," he said. "This is a level of evil we have not seen. And you're going to go to it and you're going to do a phenomenal job, but we're going to end it. It's time. It's time right now to end it."

7.15AM AEDT: Vice President Mike Pence is introducing Donald Trump at the CIA. "I have never met anyone more dedicated to the safety and security of the American people," he said.

I have never met a better strategic thinker on the topic and I know he is going to make America safe again."

7.12AM AEDT: Trump's CIA pick favours waterboarding. President Donald Trump's candidate that he wants to run the pick to run the CIA, Mike Pompeo, has previously told Congress that he would consider bringing back waterboarding and other enhanced

interrogation measures under certain circumstances. In written responses to questions from members of the Senate intelligence committee, Pompeo said he was open to making changes. "If confirmed, I will consult with experts at the Agency and at other organizations in the US government on whether the Army Field Manual uniform application is an impediment to gathering vital intelligence to protect the country," he wrote. While Pompeo acknowledged interrogation practices like waterboarding are illegal, he did not rule out changing them. "If experts believed current law was an impediment to gathering vital intelligence to protect the country, I would want to understand such impediments and whether any recommendations were appropriate for changing current law," he said.