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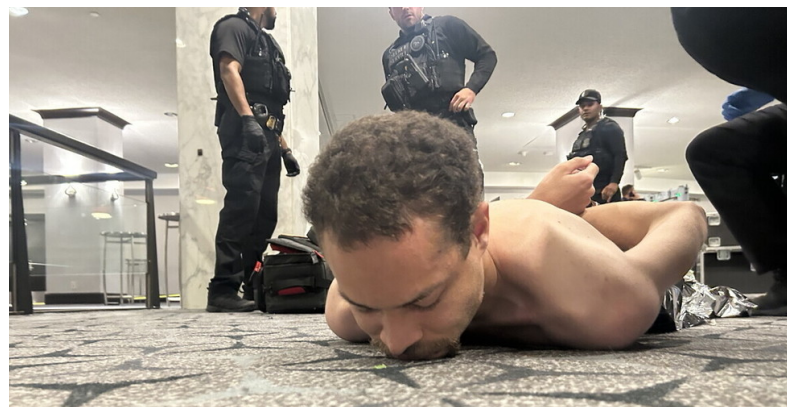
White House dinner gunman charged with attempted assassination of Trump

Cole Allen allegedly breached security at a presidential press event on Saturday while armed with a shotgun and pistol

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The armed suspect who allegedly tried to storm past security at the White House Correspondents' Dinner on Saturday has been charged with the attempted assassination of US President Donald Trump.

Cole Allen, 31, a teacher from California, was allegedly armed with



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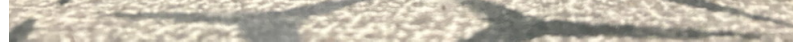
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a 12 gauge pump action shotgun, a .38-caliber semi-automatic pistol and three knives when he was arrested after his attempt to rush the high-end event on Saturday, Assistant US Attorney Jocelyn Ballantine told a federal court in Washington on Monday.



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Federal prosecutors have charged Allen with attempted assassination of the president, interstate transportation of weapons, and discharge of a firearm during a violent crime.

The suspect did not have to enter a plea at this time.

US Magistrate Judge Matthew Sharbaugh ordered detention for Allen while the case moves forward. The next hearing is scheduled for Thursday, when it will be determined whether he is eligible for pretrial release.

Allen's preliminary hearing was set for May 11.

In a manifesto he purportedly wrote, first published by the New York Post, the suspect said he was aiming to kill administration officials, with the "highest-ranking" target being Trump, whom he called "a pedophile, rapist, and traitor."

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lol usually you can get into a lot of trouble when attempt to murder someone

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Trump and staff are at some stupid face dinner and how about all the average people who still haven't received their tax refund??? Never no story like that in the news.

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Better luck next time. And may there be 10,000 'next times'. Every child rapist deserves death.

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Exactly so sir, exactly so!

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to stand for the Constitution vs all enemies, both abroad and DOMESTIC. He is a valiant man and if he had been successful he would be a hero of the world!! Americans...This is Democracy. If the digital vote matters not, then this is the only way.

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GunZenBomZ 4/27/2026 at 9:18 PM 0

Again, how can the superduper amazebomb secret service not actually inflict one bullet into this guy. Talk about a bunch of shooters who spend too much time wearing shades & not enough down at the range.

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So... will this pathetic stunt mean Trump gets his ballroom or what?!

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Calling all copycats, calling all copycats, do your Friggen job!

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EU country's president calls for dialogue with Russia – media

Estonia's Alar Karis has reportedly proposed appointing an EU envoy to Moscow to prepare for the end of the Ukraine conflict

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Estonian President Alar Karis has said the EU should be prepared for talks with Russia in case the Ukraine conflict ends suddenly, media outlets have reported.

The remarks, made in an interview with the Finnish daily Helsingin Sanomat and published on Monday, come after four years during which the EU has refused to engage in dialogue with Moscow.



Estonian President Alar Karis. © Getty Images / SOPA Images / Contributor

The Estonian president also dismissed claims that Russia could attack the Baltic state, arguing that they are driven by those seeking to harm Estonia or by outsiders projecting their own insecurity. *“Perhaps they themselves are afraid of becoming potential targets,”* he suggested.

“Are we ready if the war ends today or tomorrow?” Karis said, adding that the EU should appoint a special envoy to reopen diplomatic channels with Russia.

“Preparations should already be under way,” he said, arguing that in any future talks major powers in the bloc should not make decisions over the heads of smaller members. Since Estonia and Finland have *“jointly invested in Ukraine,”* they *“must have the opportunity to have a say,”*

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Karis insisted.

Estonia, a NATO and EU member bordering Russia, has been a staunch supporter of Kiev since the escalation of the conflict in 2022.

Last week, the European Commission announced that the bloc had formally [approved](#) a €90 billion (\$105 billion) emergency loan for Ukraine for 2026-2027, backed by joint EU borrowing. The controversial measure, which had been the focus of a months-long standoff with Hungary, was approved shortly after Budapest lifted its veto, following the election win of pro-EU politician Peter Magyar.

The idea of resuming dialogue with Russia has been discouraged by senior EU officials, particularly top diplomat Kaja Kallas, herself Estonian, who has [urged](#) Europeans not to pursue direct re-engagement with the Kremlin and has demanded that Moscow make concessions first. Russian officials have accused Kiev's European backers of hindering US-led peace efforts and of increasingly preparing for a direct confrontation with Russia.



Moscow has consistently dismissed Western claims that it poses a threat, calling them “nonsense” and “fearmongering” used to justify rising military spending, including the EU's €800 billion “ReArm Europe” plan and NATO members' pledge to raise defense spending to 5% of GDP.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has warned that although Moscow has no hostile intent, if European nations “prepare to attack Russia,” it would respond with “all available means.”

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