

Trump Blasts CNN for ‘Blaming Me’ for Suspected Mail Bombs



WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump continued to turn attention to the media in the aftermath of the spate of suspected mail bombs sent to CNN and some of his prominent critics, this time complaining that the cable news network was casting blame on him.

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His CNN bashing is not unusual, nor is it all that surprising when it was sent: 3:14 a.m.

But Trump’s response to the discovery of the 10 suspicious packages, including those intended for former President Barack Obama and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, has been in large part another way to air his grievances about the way he and his administration have been covered. On Thursday at the White House, press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders complained that 90% of coverage of the president is negative, while calling it “ridiculous” to suggest that Trump’s rhetoric was in some way responsible for the mailing of the threatening packages.

Trump and his media allies have pointed to the overheated rhetoric of those on

the left, including the hounding of members of the administration as they eat at D.C. restaurants.

As events were unfolding on Wednesday, including the evacuation of CNN's headquarters in New York, CNN President Jeff Zucker said that "there is a total and complete lack of understanding at the White House about the seriousness of their continued attacks on the media."

Ohio Governor John Kasich, a Republican who has been a Trump critic, said that the president has a special responsibility with his command of the bully pulpit.

"He's not capable of being a unifier," Kasich told CNN. "In fact, I've become convinced he doesn't know how to accept personal responsibility and always finds somebody else to blame."

He cited Trump's overheated rhetoric at rallies.

Kasich said, "When you get into a place and the crowd gets revved up, there's always somebody on the edge that might do something very stupid. And we ... now have a heightened sense of threats and panic and 'The caravan is coming and they are going to be in your home,' and all of this stuff, and you rev people up, and what happens? Someone out there who is unstable does something crazy. That is what I think we are seeing here."

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