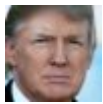# Trump uses Egypt attack to plug border wall, immigration restrictions

In denouncing the terror attack on a mosque in Egypt, President Trump on Friday renewed his calls for for tighter immigration screening in the U.S, and a wall along the border with Mexico.

Trump said he would Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sisi "to discuss the tragic terrorist attack, with so much loss of life," adding on Twitter: "We have to get TOUGHER AND SMARTER than ever before, and we will. Need the WALL, need the BAN! God bless the people of Egypt."

 Donald J. Trump
✔ *@realDonaldTrump*

Will be calling the President of Egypt in a short while to discuss the tragic terrorist attack, with so much loss of life. We have to get TOUGHER AND SMARTER than ever before, and we will. Need the WALL, need the BAN! God bless the people of Egypt.

Egyptian state media reported that at least 235 people died and more than 130 were injured during an attack on a Sufi mosque in Egypt's North Sinai region, the deadliest attack ever on Egyptian civilians by Islamic militants.

State media: At least 54 killed in Egypt mosque attack

Earlier Friday, Trump tweeted: "Horrible and cowardly terrorist attack on innocent and defenseless worshipers in Egypt. The world cannot tolerate terrorism, we must defeat them militarily and discredit the extremist ideology that forms the basis of their existence!"

In a readout after the call, the White House said Trump offered his condolences to the people of Egypt after the "heinous attack" on worshippers. Trump "reiterated that the United States will continue to stand with Egypt in the face of terrorism,"

the statement said. "The international community cannot tolerate barbaric terrorist groups and must strengthen its efforts to defeat terrorism and extremism in all its forms."

More: Hundreds killed in Egypt mosque attack, state media reports

Trump has used previous terror attacks to promote immigration restrictions that are the subject of many political and legal disputes.

The administration's proposed ban on immigration from six Muslim majority countries has faced a number of legal challenges. And congressional Democrats have moved to block funding for the proposed wall on the nation's southern border.

Democrats said the nation has long screened immigrants in an effort to block potential terrorists, and they have accused Trump of making his proposals to keep Muslims and Hispanics out of the United States.

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