

# *U.S. federal judge rules Donald Trump unlawfully defied order to unfreeze federal funds*

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Washington, February 12 (RHC)-- The Donald Trump administration has pushed the United States deeper into a constitutional crisis after a federal judge in Rhode Island said the White House ignored his previous order halting Trump's sweeping federal funding freeze.

U.S. District Judge John J. McConnell Jr. has ruled that the Trump administration continues to violate his “clear and unambiguous” January 29 ruling to keep federal funds flowing.

The New York Times reports it’s the first time a judge has expressly declared that the Trump administration is disobeying a judicial mandate.

Attorneys general from 22 states warned in a court filing last week that Trump’s refusal to heed the judge’s order continues to cause immediate and irreparable harm, jeopardizing “jobs, lives, and the social fabric of life.”

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