

# *Donald Trump Praises &quot;Beautiful&quot; Confederate Statues as Protests Escalate*

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Washington, August 18 (RHC)-- In the United States, a total of eight people have now been charged with toppling a Confederate statue in Durham, North Carolina. On Thursday, in a display of solidarity, over 100 people lined up outside the local courthouse to symbolically turn themselves in along with the eight charged.

In other news from Durham, a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee at Duke University has been vandalized. Parts of Lee's face was chipped off, including his nose.

President Trump has weighed in again on the growing call for Confederate statues to be removed. On Twitter, he wrote: "Sad to see the history and culture of our great country being ripped apart with the removal of our beautiful statues and monuments."

Meanwhile, in Philadelphia, more than 2,000 people took part in a march Thursday denouncing racism

and President Trump's handling of Charlottesville. Many participants also called for the removal of a statue of former Philadelphia Police Commissioner and Mayor Frank Rizzo.

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