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Trump admin orders 270 trucking schools to shutter in crackdown on licensing of illiterate, illegal immigrant drivers

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WASHINGTON — driver's licensing (CDL) schools Monday for offenses including graduating **illegal immigrant truck drivers** who can't speak English or offering subpar training facilities.

"If you're here illegally and you can't speak the language and you're not well-trained, you don't deserve to be in a big rig, driving American roads, endangering American citizens," Duffy said at a press conference in Detroit alongside Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin and federal prosecutors.

Duffy announced that his department was removing 110 CDL schools from the federal Training Provider Registry, forcing them to "immediately cease all operations." The schools had been found to have trained 5,000 enrollees later found to be unable to speak English.



Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy announced a national crackdown on commercial driver's license schools Monday.

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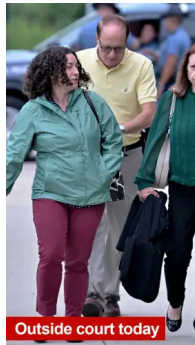


States issue commercial driver's licenses allowing holders to cross state lines, but the federal government sets national standards and has oversight over the roughly 31,000 CDL training schools across America.

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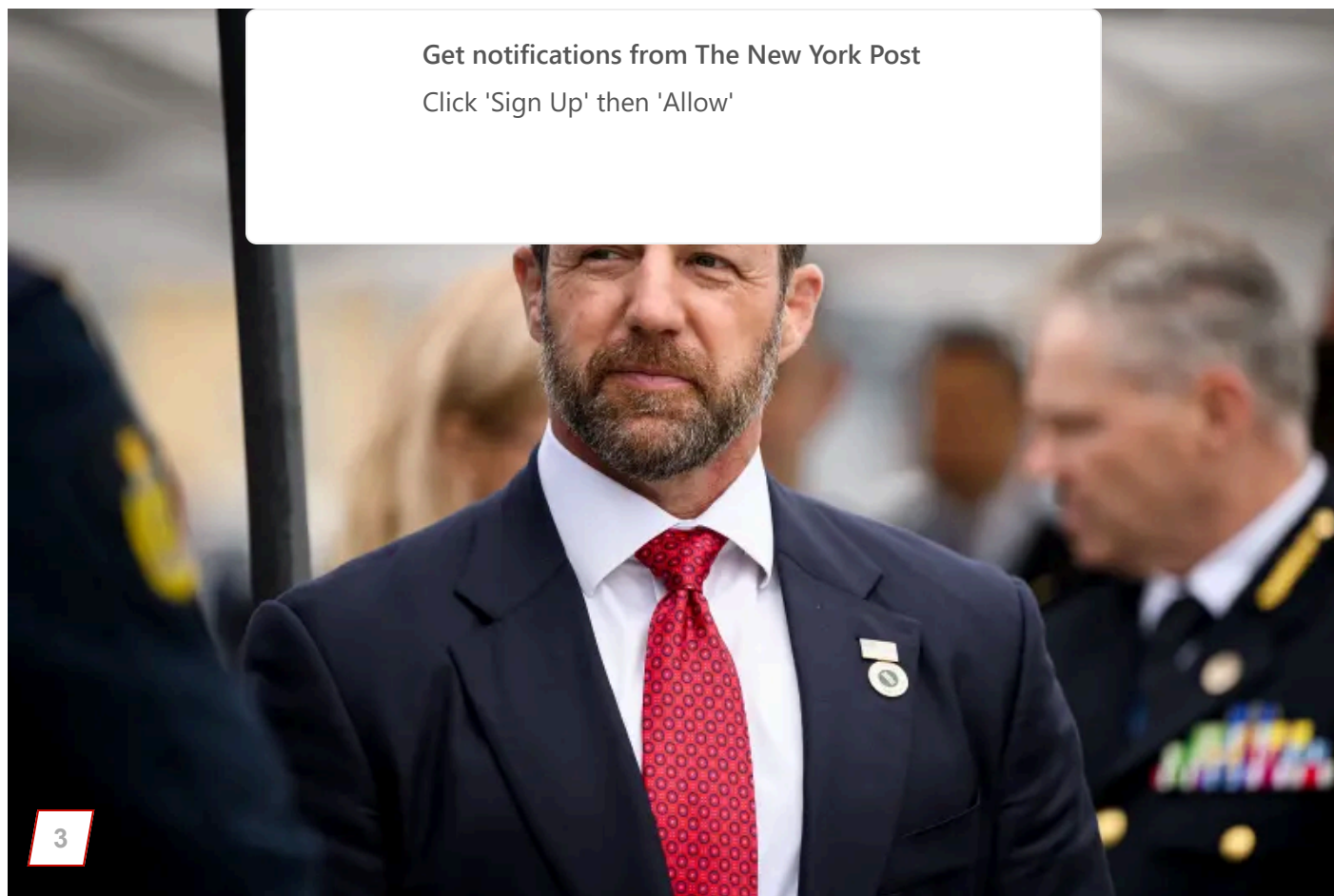
“The last administration allowed truck driving schools to self-certify to say that they meet all of the federal standards to be a certified truck driving school. What we found is many of those schools don’t actually meet that standard,” Duffy said.

“We’re not gonna have a problem. We’re gonna have truck drivers,” he added.

“You have to speak English to operate a commercial vehicle. I didn’t create that rule. President Trump didn’t create that rule. That rule has been in place for decades, and we have schools that know the rule and still pass people through their school who can’t speak the language,” Duffy continued.

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DHS Secretary Markwayne Mullin, a former CDL license holder, is helping lead a national crackdown on unsafe truckers.

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“And so there’s 110 of them, through our data analysis, that are the greatest offenders. As of today, those schools are shut down. We also have shut down 160 additional schools. These are schools that, in essence, certify that they are qualified to train truck drivers. However, they don’t have adequate space.”

Duffy said 239 people died in crashes caused by non-English speaking truck drivers since the start of Trump’s term in January 2025, with California issuing most of the licenses used by operators involved in the smash-ups.

In attendance at the announcement was [Delilah Coleman](#), 5, who suffered a brain injury in 2024 when Indian illegal immigrant Partap Singh caused a pileup with his 18-wheeler in California.

“Platinum Plus Truck Driving School in California certified 36 drivers who were later cited for these English language proficiency violations, and one of these trainees killed someone in Oklahoma,” said Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator Derek Barrs .

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