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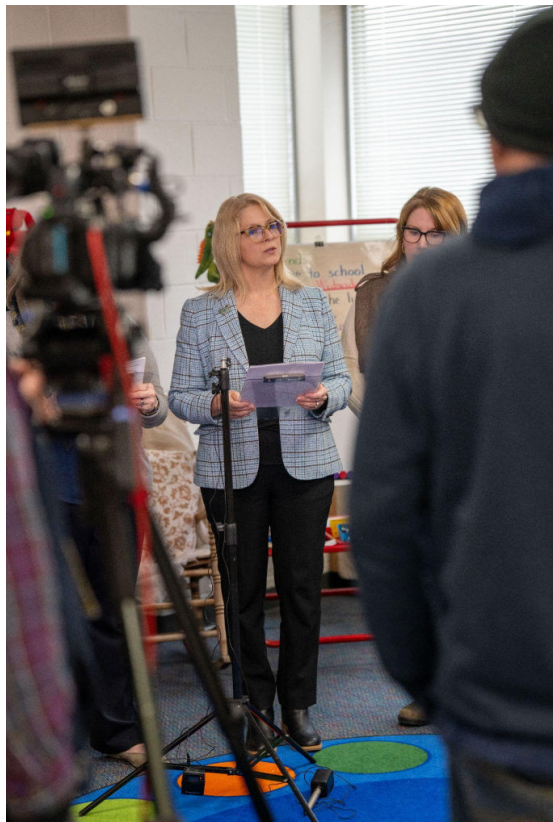


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# 5-year-old boy taken by ICE in Minneapolis area being held with father at Texas facility



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### Children as young as 5 detained

Somali American citizen arrested, held for 2 days

By ALLISON KITE  
The Minnesota Star Tribune

A U.S.-born Somali American woman said she was forcibly arrested and detained by immigration officials for two days amid the Trump administration's crackdown in Minnesota.

With bandages still covering scrapes on her forehead, Naara Ahmed, 23, spoke about her arrest at a news conference at the Minnesota Capitol on Jan. 21. She said immigration agents stopped her in her neighborhood and asked for her identification.

Ahmed said they then used a racial slur and pushed and detained her, leaving her with body aches and a concussion.

"I was screaming, I was crying," Ahmed said. "I was so scared. I've never been arrested in my life. I don't have a criminal record."

Following her arrest, Ahmed said she was taken to the federal Whipple Building, where she was searched and shackled at the ankles. She was later taken to Sherburne County Jail, Rep. Samakali Hussein, DFL-St. Paul, said at the news conference.

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immigration enforcement directly affects more Twin Cities schools and students than any other part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has described in the largest immigration enforcement operation in history.

According to the National Immigration Law Center, ICE policy is that arresting office should allow a parent to make arrangements for their child's care. It's unclear if they did this situation.

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Preschooler's detention marks fourth for district

By MARIA KLECKER  
The Minnesota Star Tribune

A 5-year-old preschool student was taken with his father by federal immigration agents shortly after arriving home from school, Columbia Heights school leaders said Jan. 21—the first time a Twin Cities school district has publicly confirmed a student being detained by ICE since Operation Metro Surge began.

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