

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

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Shooting of Donald Trump at Pennsylvania Rally

In a startling change of events, former US President Donald Trump was hurt on Saturday during a rally in Pennsylvania during an attempt to assassinate him. As Trump was giving a speech, bullets were heard out of nowhere. This caused terror in the audience and prompted the Secret Service to take urgent action.

The shooter, whose identity remains undisclosed pending DNA and biometric confirmation by the FBI, was shot and killed by Secret Service agents. The incident also tragically resulted in the death of one spectator and left two others critically injured.

Witnesses reported that the mayhem broke out quite quickly. Just before the firing started, someone with a rifle was observed climbing on a nearby roof. Trump was swiftly surrounded by Secret Service agents despite his obvious injuries, including blood on the side of his face. Trump subsequently narrated how he felt a "bullet ripping through skin" and heard a "whizzing sound," which suggested he had been shot in the ear. Trump showed his resiliency by getting up and raising his fist to the audience despite the injury. The effectiveness of the Secret Service has come under serious scrutiny in light of the security lapse. Speaker of the US House Mike Johnson has promised to carry out a thorough investigation, emphasising that the people of America should be informed of the whole story.

President Joe Biden condemned the attack, calling it "sick" and asserting that there is no place for such violence in America. He also spoke with Trump, expressing his concerns and well-wishes.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is now investigating the incident alongside the FBI, aiming to uncover the shooter's motive and ensure the safety of all presidential candidates.

This event underscores the importance of vigilance and robust security measures in safeguarding public figures, echoing the biblical call for protection and justice. As Psalm 91:11 (NIV) says, "For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways." The hope is for peace and safety in the political landscape, free from the shadows of violence.

Let us continue to pray for those in positions of power and leadership, that they will be led by and protected by the Almighty.