Thousands gather at March on Washington commemorations

People attend the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, Friday in Washington, on the 57th anniversary of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech. (JONATHAN KOTEK/The Associated Press)

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WASHINGTON — Capturing a week of protests and outrage over the police shooting of a Black man in Wisconsin, civil rights advocates on Friday denounced police and vigilante violence against Black Americans at a commemoration of the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

Thousands gathered near the site of the Lincoln Memorial, where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his historic, “I Have a Dream” address, a vision of racial equality that remains elusive for millions of Americans.

The event came on the heels of another shooting — by a white police officer of a Black man — 23-year-old Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wisconsin — that sparked days of protests and violence that left two dead.

“I want to give space for Black people in the crowd to see they’re not alone,” said Jumaane Williams, New York City’s public advocate, who addressed march attendees.

Laura victims may go weeks without power; deaths climb to 14

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LAKE CHARLES, La. — A week after Hurricane Laura made landfall, people still without water and power confronted the possibility that basic services may not return for weeks or even longer.

A day after the Category 4 storm hit, more bodies emerged in the aftermath in Louisiana and neighboring Texas. The deaths included five people killed by fallen trees and one person who drowned in a boat. Eight people died from carbon monoxide poisoning due to hurricanew.

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Teen charged in Kenosha killings stalls return to Wisconsin

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KENOSHA, Wis. — A judge postponed a decision Friday on whether a 17-year-old should be returned to Wisconsin to face charges in the killing of two people on the streets of Kenosha during unrest following the police shooting of a Black man, Jacob Blake.

The Illinois judge granted Kyle Rittenhouse’s request to delay the extradition hearing to Sept. 25 during a brief hearing that was streamed online. Rittenhouse, who is being held, did not appear.

Blake’s shooting — which left him paralyzed and was caught on cellphone video — sparked several nights of protests in Kenosha, making it the latest focal point in a reckoning over policing and racial injustice that has gripped the country since the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police.

The protests devolved into violence and vandalism at some points, and the Kenosha police chief told reporters Friday that just under 50 people have been arrested. The National Guard was called in.

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