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As President Trump railed against the election results from a stage near the White House, his loyalists were already gathering at the Capitol.

We reconstructed how that rally gave way to a violent mob that forced the evacuation of Congress.

Here's what was happening before noon

— Near the White House, Trump addresses supporters he had summoned to Washington to stop the certification of President-elect Joe Biden's victory.

— Meanwhile, hundreds also assemble on the Capitol lawn, more than a mile away.

11:50 A.M. EAST SIDE OF CAPITOL



From 12:15 p.m to 12:50 p.m.

- During Trump's speech, he tells the crowd to walk to the Capitol. "You have to show strength," he says.
- Supporters leave for the Capitol even before the speech ends.
- Pipe bombs are found at the RNC and DNC headquarters.



From 12:53 p.m. - 1:03 p.m.

- Trump's speech continues.
- A crowd at the Capitol overwhelms police and breaks through barricades.
- Police in riot gear arrive to help control the crowd.
- Inside, the proceedings to certify the Electoral College vote begin.



From 1:12 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- Trump's speech ends.
- Outside the Capitol, the rioters' clash with the police escalates.
- Inside the Senate, Ted Cruz argues that the Electoral College votes from Arizona should not be certified.



At 2:10 p.m.

- The final barrier on the west side of the Capitol is breached.
- The building is surrounded by the mob.
- Inside, Arizona Sen. Kyrsten Sinema urges her colleagues to “reject this meritless challenge and uphold the will of Arizona’s voters.”



From 2:11 p.m. - 2:16 p.m.

- Rioters break into the Capitol.
- As the mob nears the Senate, it is called into recess.
- Rioters face off with police just feet from the entrance to the Senate chamber. Senators are still milling about inside.

2:16 P.M. HALL OUTSIDE SENATE CHAMBER



After the breach

- The House goes into recess after the break-in.
- The crowd grows outside as attendees from Trump's rally continue to arrive.
- Police officers are dragged and beaten.
- Three hours pass before the building is declared secure.

2:19 P.M. NEAR CAPITOL GROUNDS ON THE WEST SIDE



See more details, video and images of the siege on the Capitol. <https://t.co/3epmcZO7pc>