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Trump's final days in office are tailor-made to keep the spotlight on him at the expense of Biden, who is scheduled to take office at noon Wednesday, according to reports. Here's a thread

Since the attack on the US Capitol, Trump has lost allies and faces a second impeachment trial. But until noon on Wednesday, he retains the vast powers of his office — and seems intent on using them.

<https://t.co/n2eUhXjSxU>

■ Pardons ■

Trump is said to be planning a last-minute spree of pardons, which he can issue unilaterally and would spawn another chaotic news cycle.

<https://t.co/q6a9Rt0a2F>

The list was drawn up during a Sunday meeting between Trump, Jared Kushner, Ivanka Trump, and other aides, and will most likely be made public Monday or Tuesday, [@washingtonpost](#) reported.

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The list is not expected to include Trump, [@cnn](#) said, though the president is said to have considered pardoning himself and his family.

<https://t.co/gV8dbSc9mn>

🗨️ ■ Skipping Biden's inauguration 🗨️ ■

Trump has said he will not attend Biden's inauguration, which is set to be held under unprecedented security following the Capitol riot.

<https://t.co/iouoEnIFPp>

Instead he plans to fly to his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, where he is expected to land just ahead of Biden's inauguration ceremony, a photo op likely to drag attention away from Biden in real time.

<https://t.co/KoDsUY6dly>

■ 2024 candidacy ■

Trump was previously thought to be planning an even more audacious Inauguration Day spectacle, having touted the idea of

announcing his 2024 candidacy to a rally of supporters.

<https://t.co/PD9RgPHI03>

That plan seems unlikely now, given his political struggles — if he is convicted in the Senate impeachment trial, Congress could move to bar him from all public office, disqualifying him from running again.

<https://t.co/Vv4VavYM8J>

■■ The future for Trump ■■

Out of office, Trump will have a far smaller megaphone, with his Twitter account still out of his hands and bans on other platforms. <https://t.co/HXkd2c1yiV>