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[00:00:11] **Speaker 1** You're watching Republican National Convention coverage from Milwaukee. I'm Fredricka Freiberg. We will stay with NewsHour coverage, but we want to check in now with here and now, senior political reporter Zach Schultz, who comes to us from Milwaukee. And hi, Zach. So day one of the Republican convention there in Milwaukee certainly takes on heightened security concerns. Has it been in evidence?

[00:00:34] **Speaker 2** Yeah, we saw that already yesterday. I went to a prayer vigil that was kind of spontaneously popped up in response to the the shooting of Donald Trump last Saturday. And I spoke to some people who said they were not concerned at all. They were absolutely happy and thought that Milwaukee would be very safe to be in because of that, because they knew that the Secret Service and the amount of police here would be in a large presence. But on the other side, there are some people that I know that were planning to come to Milwaukee that scrapped those plans over the weekend. Because of that, they just didn't feel it was worth the risk or that their people would feel safe and secure being here in the city.

[00:01:09] **Speaker 1** So was the Wisconsin delegation, of course, proceeded as planned. And you heard from some important players today among them to kick things off, including, state Republican Party chair Brian Trimming.

[00:01:25] **Speaker 3** Well, I get a lot of questions about the security situation in Milwaukee because of what happened. Milwaukee, Wisconsin right now is the safest place on the face of the planet.

[00:01:39] **Speaker 1** Well, that is reassuring, to be sure. We do know that there were planned protests, today, Monday. What can you tell us about those and how how those went down? Yeah.

[00:01:53] **Speaker 2** Well, there was there were a lot of protesters here representing all different, walks of life and all different feelings on what issues they were protesting Republicans in the RNC about. And there were some pretty loud counterprotesters of them, those that were, strong anti-abortion advocates there with megaphones, shouting them down. There was heavy police presence around them, but nothing got violent. And as far as we know, there were no arrests related to any of those protests.

[00:02:16] **Speaker 1** Because it really does sound as though, people have tried to kind of deal with the assassination attempt and lower the rhetoric.

[00:02:29] **Speaker 2** Absolutely. The word here in Milwaukee is unity. That's what all the delegates and all the Republicans are preaching. They want to bring the Republican Party together, and they're trying to put out this message that they will take this moment and move forward to unify both their party and the country. And we will see if that happens and whether that happens in words and deeds. Well, will we be tested down the line? But that is definitely the message today.

[00:02:50] **Speaker 1** Indeed. Thank you Zach. We look forward to talking with you tomorrow night. And we will be here at the same time tomorrow with latest updates from day two of the RNC in Milwaukee on Friday. Join us at here and now at 7:00 for full coverage of the convention and what it means for Wisconsin. Herky jerky there. Because of my. Was I supposed to pause or something? Okay. Because this is going to be a full screen, right? No. Oh, no.

[00:03:43] **Unidentified** Okay. The. Three.

[00:04:10] **Speaker 1** We will be here at the same time tomorrow with latest updates from day two of the RNC in Milwaukee on Friday, joined here and now at seven for full coverage of the convention and what it means for Wisconsin. Okay, Zach, I think that is good.