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President Donald Trump on Monday forcefully condemned a violent white supremacist rally that occurred over the weekend, singling out hate groups and declaring racism "evil" after previously failing to do so in his initial response.

"Racism is evil," Trump said in a statement from the White House. "And those who cause violence in its name are criminal and thugs, including the KKK, neo-Nazis, white supremacists and other hate groups that are repugnant to everything we hold dear as Americans."

The president's new rhetoric comes days after violence occurred in Charlottesville, Virginia, where a group of white supremacists gathered to protest the removal of a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee and clashed with counter-protesters. At least one person died when a car plowed through a crowd Saturday, injuring more than a dozen others. Two Virginia state troopers were also killed in a helicopter crash Saturday that was responding to the protest.

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