

President Trump's Senior Advisor On His National Security Council Has Resigned

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Steve Bannon, President Trump's senior advisor on his National Security Council, has stepped down, claiming that his mission is complete. Bannon says his role was to monitor the transition. New members, including Rick Perry, were added to the Council. —GEG
Steve Bannon Leaves National Security Council After Susan Rice Takedown

President Donald Trump's Senior adviser Stephen K. Bannon has exited his role on President Donald Trump's National Security Council, claiming that his mission is complete.

"Susan Rice operationalized the NSC during the last administration. I was put on to ensure that it was de-operationalized," Bannon said in a [statement to the Wall Street Journal](#).

The council suffered a tumultuous transition after Trump's first National Security Adviser Gen. Michael Flynn resigned less than a month after he took office and was replaced by Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster.

"General McMaster has returned the NSC to its proper function," Bannon said in his statement. Other sources told [reporters](#) that Bannon was part of the council to [monitor Flynn's activity](#) in the early days of the Trump administration.

Former National Security Adviser Susan Rice and Obama allies were furious that Bannon was allowed on the council, even though he [rarely attended meetings](#). Rice was [exposed](#)

earlier this week by reports revealing that she requested the **unmasking** of key members of Trump's transition team.

A White House source confirmed to Breitbart News that Bannon will retain his security clearance in the West Wing. Other reporters noted that Bannon could **still attend NSC meetings** even though **he was removed** from the National Security council principles committee.

Trump's Secretary of Energy Rick Perry was **added to the council**. Nikki Haley, the Representative of the United States to the United Nations was also included as well as Director of National intelligence Dan Coats, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Joseph Dunford, and CIA director Mike Pompeo.

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