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At a time when police practices are under scrutiny nationwide, U.S. Attorney General William Barr had praise law for Arkansas law enforcement. During a visit to Little Rock today (Thurs), Barr took part in a roundtable discussion with state, local and federal authorities. Afterward he said police in the state could be an example for the rest of the nation.

News15 0:24 "...in place already."

Barr was a guest of Republican Senator Tom Cotton. The state's junior senate told reporters that while reforms are needed after the "horrific" killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, cutting funding to law enforcement is not the solution.

News16 0:22 "...law enforcement budgets."

In a statement, the Democratic Party of Arkansas was critical of Cotton for denouncing the "Black Lives Matter movement." Barr also met with Governor Asa Hutchinson and Congressman French Hill and later held a forum with local business leaders.

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7/9 (Thurs PM & Fri AM)

U.S. Attorney General William Barr visited Arkansas today (Thurs), meeting with elected officials, law enforcement and business leaders. During a press conference, Barr talked about challenges facing police, which the Trump Administration official said have gotten worse since the police killing of George Floyd.

News17 0:23 "...weaken law enforcement."

But Barr said reforms are needed after the – quote – "ghastly" killing of Floyd. The head of the Department of Justice was a guest of Senator Tom Cotton. The state's junior senator suggested police protests have been hijacked by extremists. Cotton also said violent repeat offenders need to face longer prison sentences. The Democratic Party of Arkansas was critical of his comments for escalating incarceration in the U.S. and expanding the drug war.