



Terror against Tesla: Trump counterattacks!

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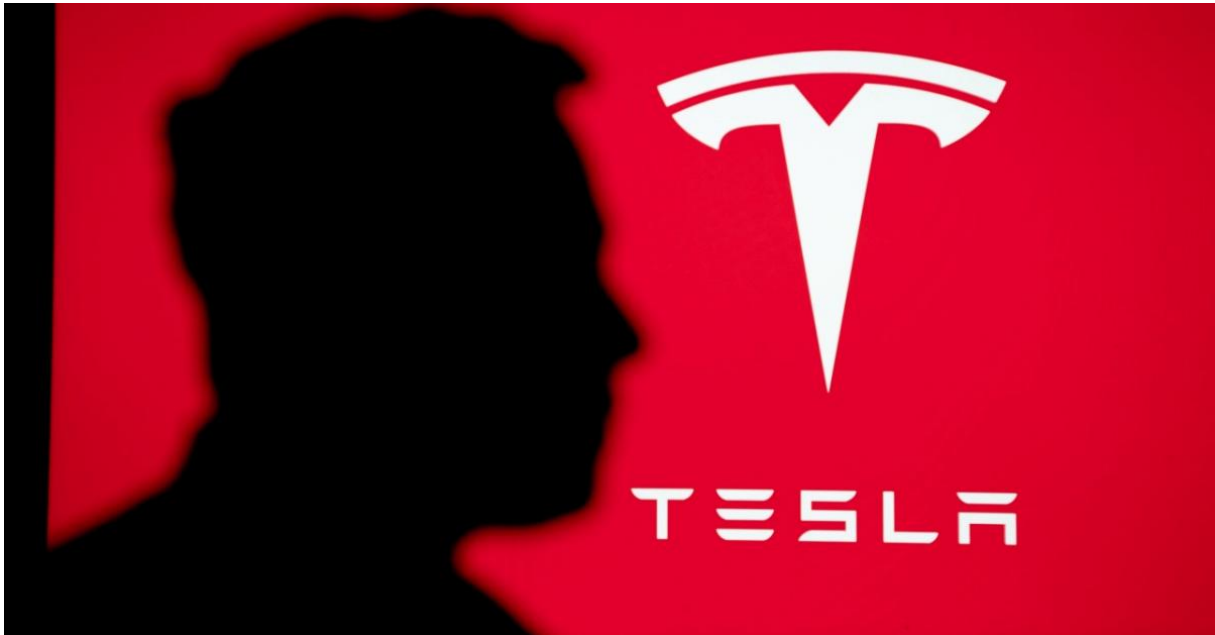
Flaming Tesla Cybertruck: Attacks on Elon Musk's products are on the rise. Photo: COMPACT/Grok

Molotov cocktails, gunshots, burning cybertrucks: attacks on Tesla vehicles and facilities are on the rise. The US government now classifies this as terrorism and wants to crack down on it. In her biography [“Elon Musk,”](#) journalist Ashlee Vance shows how the tech genius became America's top entrepreneur. [Learn more here.](#)

It's a war on the American dream! Vehicles in flames, showrooms under fire, charging stations destroyed - the attacks on Tesla are reaching new and frightening levels. From Las Vegas to Boston, from Portland to South Carolina: the fire of hatred against Elon Musk's electric car company is burning all over the United States.

Arson attacks in Germany

And not just there: several of the brand's vehicles have already gone up in flames in Germany as well. In Berlin alone, four Teslas burned within half an hour last week. Authorities assume a political background and see a connection to Musk's support for the AfD - which is why state security authorities are investigating.



Unmistakable: a silhouette of Elon Musk against the background of his car company's logo.
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Similarly in Dresden: in February, two Tesla electric cars were destroyed by fire on two consecutive nights. And in Toulouse, France, twelve models were set on fire on March 3, eight of which were completely destroyed. Material losses: 70,000 euros. According to the prosecutor's office, this was “by no means accidental.”

In March 2024, an arson attack on a high-voltage pole near Tesla's Gigafactory in Grünheide, Brandenburg, led to a power outage and halted production. The attack was claimed by a far-left organization called the Vulkan Group, which cited environmental concerns as its motive. The electric car manufacturer suffered production losses of several hundred million euros.

Molotov cocktails and gunfire in America.

The wave of attacks in the US is even worse: in late February, a man threw eight Molotov cocktails at a Tesla car dealership in Salem, Oregon. The perpetrator

was armed with a silenced AR-15 rifle - he was caught only after a frantic chase. In Loveland, Colorado, a branch of the automaker was attacked with graffiti and Molotov cocktails in five separate attacks in February and March. Two suspects were arrested, and one of them faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

On March 3, seven Tesla charging stations were set on fire at a shopping center near Boston, Massachusetts. A few days later, the electric car brand's store in Tigard, Oregon, was set on fire twice within a week. Windows shattered, bullets pierced the office wall, and three vehicles were damaged.



Book: How Elon Musk is changing the world.

Around the same time, a perpetrator in North Charleston, South Carolina threw Molotov cocktails at a Tesla charging station, accidentally set himself on fire, and was subsequently arrested, while in Seattle, Washington, four Tesla cybertrucks were completely burned in a parking lot. Again, police are investigating possible arson.

Finally, there were two simultaneous attacks on March 18: In Las Vegas, Nevada, arson turned a Tesla parking lot into a burning inferno, with the word "Resist" painted in red paint on several house walls, while in Kansas City, Missouri, two Cybertrucks were set on fire in the parking lot of a car dealership.

US government says terrorism

The motives of the perpetrators are obvious: they are venting their frustration over the cooperation between company head Elon Musk and US President

Donald Trump, especially within the DOGE performance authority, on Tesla vehicles and facilities. However, the U.S. government no longer wants to passively watch the activities of arsonists and has classified their actions as terrorist attacks.

At a White House press conference, Trump demonstratively posed in front of his new red Tesla Model S and declared:

“Attacks on the facilities of electric car manufacturer Tesla are domestic terrorism.”

His message to the perpetrators: “I will stop them!” He added: “When the perpetrators are arrested, it will become clear that they are paid by people who are politically on the left.” For him, the attacks on Tesla are even worse than the so-called assault on the Capitol on January 6, 2021, whose participants were recently pardoned by the US President:

“The perpetrators can and will get up to 20 years in prison. There will be no mitigating circumstances or pardons.” - Said Trump, who on his Truth Social platform threatened in large letters: “We are looking for you! A clear message: anyone who attacks Tesla, attacks America!

The Department of Justice and the FBI are investigating

Trump's Attorney General Pat Bondi agrees. “The wave of violent attacks on Tesla sites is nothing short of domestic terrorism,” she - she said today in Washington. And she added:

“We will continue to investigate and impose severe penalties on all involved - including those who coordinate and fund these background crimes.”

On Fox News, Bondi was firm: “They are targeting Tesla owners, Tesla homes, Elon Musk, who is trying to save our country - this will not be tolerated!” Meanwhile, the FBI, led by new director Kash Patel, has called in the Joint Terrorism Task Force, a coordination group of several law enforcement agencies - the hunt is in full swing.

Deportation to an unforgiving prison in El Salvador?

Things could get really bad for the perpetrators and those behind them, as Trump is even considering sending the criminals to the Cecot mega-prison in El Salvador, instead of imprisoning them in the US. More than 200 members of Venezuela's most serious criminal gang Tren de Aragua were recently sent there.



[“Adios, hombres!” - Trump deports mercilessly.](#)

The transfer of criminal migrants to the Latin American country is based on an agreement between the US government and hardline Salvadoran President Nayib Bukel. The latter has even offered Trump to take in not only foreign criminals, but also convicted US citizens. The New York Times quoted him as saying:

“We have offered the United States the possibility of outsourcing part of its prison system.”

Trump has now returned to this topic in the wake of the attacks on Tesla. “I can't wait until these sick terrorist gangsters are sentenced to 20 years in prison for what they did to Elon Musk and Tesla. Perhaps they could serve that sentence in the prisons of El Salvador. Which have recently become known for their excellent conditions,” the US president smilingly wrote on Truth Social on Friday.

“Anyone who targets Tesla will go through hell”.

Elon Musk himself is stunned by the events. “Has there ever been this level of coordinated violence against a peaceful company?” - he asked Thursday on X.

“I can understand if someone doesn't want to buy a product, but this is extreme arson and destruction!”

The tech billionaire and Trump adviser also sees an “extreme terrorist campaign” at work. At the same time, he explained:

“The worst villains are those who finance Tesla's terrorist campaign.”

Musk previously shared videos of burning Teslas on X and commented: “Death threats, shooting at Tesla stores and setting fire to Superchargers are definitely not legitimate forms of protest!”.

His company is currently struggling on several fronts: Tesla's share price has fallen significantly, sales are declining, and the car company's reputation is suffering, at least among its existing core clientele. “The Tesla brand is in crisis,” warned expert Alexander Edwards recently in the Frankfurter Rundschau newspaper.

But Trump stands by his ally. “He should not be punished for being a patriot.” - he said of Musk last week. It's clear to the president that the attacks are not just about Musk, but about every American who believes in technology and progress. “Anyone who targets Tesla will go through hell,” he said. - is his clear message to terrorists.

In her biography [“Elon Musk: Tesla, Paypal, Space X - How Elon Musk Changed the World,”](#) journalist Ashlee Vance traces the rapid rise of the tech entrepreneur and uncovers the secret of his success. Finally, this is not an anti-Musk book! [Available here](#) in an inexpensive paperback edition - German language.