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Readout
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC
November 14, 2018

The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Secretary Michael R. Pompeo met today with Qatari Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Defense Khalid Al-Attiyah. The Secretary and the Deputy Prime Minister reaffirmed their commitment to the strong bilateral relationship between the United States and Qatar, as well as their mutual interest in promoting security and stability in the region. The Secretary and the Deputy Prime Minister discussed working toward a Middle East Strategic Alliance, anchored by a united GCC, to advance prosperity, security, and stability in the region. The Secretary and the Deputy Prime Minister also discussed the expansion of Al-Udeid Airbase and the upcoming U.S.-Qatar Strategic Dialogue.

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Updates the Cuba Restricted List

Media Note

Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC

November 14, 2018

As part of the Trump Administration's efforts to prevent U.S. funds from reaching the Cuban military, intelligence, and security services, the State Department is adding 26 subentities to the Cuba Restricted List, including 16 hotels owned by the Cuban military. The Department is also updating the names of five already listed subentities to ensure they remain current. The changes take effect Thursday, November 15, 2018. The Department will continue to update the list periodically, in accordance with the June 2017 National Security Presidential Memorandum *Strengthening the Policy of the United States Toward Cuba*. The Federal Register will publish the update, and the list will be available on the Department's website [here](#).

The Cuba Restricted List contains entities and subentities controlled by the Cuban military, intelligence, and security services or personnel. Direct financial transactions with these entities and subentities are generally prohibited because they would disproportionately benefit those services or personnel at the expense of the Cuban people or private enterprise in Cuba. For more information on the Cuba Restricted List, please refer to Treasury regulations at 31 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 515, [here](#), and to Commerce regulations at 15 CFR parts 730-774, [here](#).

For further information, please contact WHA Press at WHAPress@state.gov and EB Press at EEB-A-PD-Clearances@state.gov.

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Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Call With Bahraini Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:□

Secretary Michael R. Pompeo spoke today with Bahraini Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa. The Secretary and the Crown Prince discussed the importance of reaching a political solution in Yemen, countering the Iranian regime's malign influence in the region, and other bilateral and regional issues.

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Press Releases: The Secretary's Special Representative for Syria Engagement Ambassador James Jeffrey To Deliver Remarks to the Media in the Press Briefing Room

Notice to the Press

Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC
November 14, 2018

The Secretary's Special Representative for Syria Engagement Ambassador James Jeffrey will deliver remarks to the media on the way forward in Syria at 3:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, November 14, in the Press Briefing Room at the Department of State.

This event is open press coverage. Journalists who plan to cover should be in the Press Briefing Room by 2:50 p.m.

Media representatives may attend this event upon presentation of one of the following: (1) a U.S. Government-issued photo media credential (e.g., Department of State, White House, Congress, Department of Defense or Foreign Press Center), or (2) an official photo identification card issued by their news organization, or (3) a letter from their employer on official letterhead verifying their current employment as a journalist. Additionally, they must present an official government photo identification card (i.e., U.S. driver's license or passport).

The event will be streamed live on www.state.gov.

For further information, please contact the Office of Press Relations at (202) 647-2492 or PAPressDuty@state.gov.

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[Press Releases: Deputy Secretary Sullivan's Meeting With Lao Foreign](#)

Minister Saleumaxay

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Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan and Lao Foreign Minister Saleumaxay Kommasith met November 14 on the margins of the East Asia Summit in Singapore. The Deputy Secretary reaffirmed our ongoing commitment to the U.S.-Laos Comprehensive Partnership, and underscored our desire to continue to strengthen our bilateral engagement and commercial ties. The Lao Foreign Minister confirmed Laos' continued commitment to enforcing UNSC resolutions on the DPRK. The Deputy Secretary also thanked the Foreign Minister for Laos' support as the ASEAN Country Coordinator for the United States, underlining that ASEAN is central to a free and open Indo-Pacific.

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