

# Press Releases: Deputy Secretary Sullivan's Meeting With Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi

Readout  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

On October 14, Deputy Secretary Sullivan met in Baghdad with Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi. Deputy Secretary Sullivan congratulated Prime Minister Abadi and all Iraqis on their commitment to the democratic process and their formation of a new government. The Deputy Secretary thanked the Prime Minister for his steadfast leadership in the battle against ISIS and reiterated the United States' commitment to continued security, political, and economic cooperation with Iraq within the framework of the U.S.-Iraq Strategic Framework Agreement.

The meeting included a discussion with visiting leadership from the General Electric Company on the importance of expanding Iraq's economic ties and increasing foreign investment to facilitate reconstruction, specifically by harnessing the innovative capabilities of U.S. companies.

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# Press Releases: Deputy Secretary Sullivan's Meeting With Iraq's Prime Minister-Designate Adil Abd al-Mahdi

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

On October 14, accompanied by U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Doug Silliman and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Near Eastern Affairs Andrew Peek, Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan met with Adil Abd al-Mahdi, Prime Minister-designate.

The Deputy Secretary congratulated Prime Minister-Designate Mahdi on his election, and together they committed to continue to build a strong and multi-dimensional relationship. The Deputy Secretary encouraged Prime Minister-designate Mahdi to continue with government formation quickly and in a manner that is responsive to the needs of all Iraqis.

The Deputy Secretary of State reaffirmed U.S. commitment to strengthen our ties with the people of this important country through our trade relationship, through cultural exchange, and through government-to-government relations.

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## Press Releases:

# Deputy Secretary Sullivan's Meeting With Bahraini Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa

Readout  
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October 13, 2018

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:□

Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan met today in Manama with Bahraini Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa. The Deputy Secretary expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister for Bahrain's strong partnership with the United States.

The Deputy Secretary and the Prime Minister discussed the importance of a united GCC to advance prosperity, security, and stability in the region. The Deputy Secretary and the Prime Minister also discussed U.S.-Bahrain counterterrorism cooperation, countering the Iranian regime's malign influence in the region and other bilateral and regional issues.

Deputy Secretary Sullivan also had the opportunity to meet with Bahraini Deputy Prime Minister Mohammed bin Mubarak al-Khalifa, Bahraini Foreign Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, and Bahraini Chief of Public Security Tariq Al Hassan to discuss a number of important topics.

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# **Press Releases: Deputy Secretary Sullivan's Travel to Manama**

Media Note  
Office of the Spokesperson

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Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan will travel to Manama, Bahrain October 12-13. The Deputy Secretary will meet with senior officials to discuss critical regional and bilateral issues, including counterterrorism cooperation and countering the Iranian regime's malign influence. He will also engage with U.S. Embassy staff, as well as representatives from the business community and civil society.

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# **Press Releases: U.S. Mission to the United Nations and the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor To Launch Campaign on Cuba's Political Prisoners at the United Nations**

Notice to the Press  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
October 12, 2018

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Ambassador Kelley E. Currie, U.S. Representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, will deliver remarks at an event launching the campaign “Jailed for What?” about the continuing plight of Cuba’s political prisoners. Her remarks will take place at United Nations Headquarters, Economic and Social Council Chamber in New York City on Tuesday, October 16, at 1:15 p.m. EDT.

The estimated 130 political prisoners held by the Cuban government are an explicit sign of the repressive nature of the regime and represent a blatant affront to the fundamental freedoms that the United States and many other democratic governments support. Holding the Cuban regime responsible for its human rights violations and supporting the Cuban people’s aspirations to live in freedom are key components of President Trump’s National Security Presidential Memorandum of 2017.

Following Ambassador Currie’s remarks, Ambassador Michael Kozak of the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor will moderate a discussion that will include Secretary General of the Organization of American States Luis Almagro, Carlos Quesada, Executive Director of the Institute of Race and Equality, former Cuban political prisoner Alejandro Gonzalez Raga, and others who will discuss the Cuban government’s continued use of arbitrary detention and specious charges to silence the Cuban people

The event will be open to the press, and will be livestreamed at [webtv.un.org](http://webtv.un.org).

Journalists should be seated in the United Nations Headquarters, Economic and Social Council Chamber in New York City on Tuesday, October 16, no later than 1:00 p.m.

Journalists will need UN credentials to be admitted to the event.

Journalists should apply for their credentials directly with the UN’s accreditation office using this link <http://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/accreditation.shtml>. Journalists are advised to apply for credentials as soon as possible.

Media who have already completed the UN’s self-accreditation process but who have additional questions can contact Loyda Garcia at [GarciaL@state.gov](mailto:GarciaL@state.gov).

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