

# [Press Releases: Crash of Military Aircraft in Algeria](#)

Press Statement  
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
April 11, 2018

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We were saddened to learn about the crash of an Algerian military aircraft this morning. We extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends of the victims of today's tragedy, as well as our partners and colleagues in the Algerian military. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Algerian people and government in this time of sorrow.

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# [Press Releases: Khmer New Year](#)

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John J. Sullivan

Acting Secretary of State

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On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I offer congratulations to the people of Cambodia on the occasion of Khmer New Year on April 13.

The relationship between our peoples is strong and built on our mutual desire for peace, prosperity, and freedom. May our bonds of friendship be strengthened in the year to come.

Please accept our best wishes for a Happy New Year

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## **Press Releases: Lao New Year**

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On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I extend best wishes to the people of the Lao People's Democratic Republic as they celebrate "Pi Mai Lao" on April 14.

Our bilateral Comprehensive Partnership continues to grow, as exemplified recently by the first-ever visit to Laos by a U.S. Secretary of Commerce and visits by three delegations from the U.S. House of Representatives. The strong and growing people-to-people

ties between our two countries, and our continued support for the Lao government's development goals, in particular assistance in clearing unexploded ordnance, further demonstrates our commitment to a lasting and productive friendship with Laos.

I wish all Lao people a prosperous and joyful Lao New Year.

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## [Press Releases: Thailand New Year – Songkran Festival](#)

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Acting Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
April 11, 2018

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On behalf of the Government of the United States, I extend best wishes to the people of the Kingdom of Thailand as they celebrate Songkran and welcome a new year on April 13, 2018.

This year marks 200 years of friendship between the United States and Thailand. The *Great and Good Friends* exhibition of royal gifts and letters exchanged over these two centuries between Thai Kings and U.S. Presidents, now on display at the Grand Palace, is a tangible reminder of the legacy and enduring strength of our relationship. As we celebrate this bicentennial, we think of how our friendship became an alliance that remains one of our oldest and most important in Asia. We look forward to further nurturing cooperation

and partnership with the people of Thailand as we enter a third century of friendship during the reign of His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn.

I wish all Thais a joyous festival with family and friends, and a healthy and prosperous New Year. Happy Songkran!

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## **[Press Releases: Acting Secretary Sullivan's Meeting With Qatari Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani](#)**

Readout  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
April 10, 2018

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Acting Secretary of State John J. Sullivan met today with His Highness Qatari Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani in Washington, DC. During the meeting, the Acting Secretary and the Emir discussed a range of important bilateral and regional issues, including Syria. The leaders addressed the urgent need to resolve the Gulf dispute to enable the U.S. to work together with a united GCC to promote regional security and stability, and stand against Iran's dangerous activities. On counterterrorism, the Acting Secretary commended Qatar's recent public announcement of terrorist designations and affirmed the U.S. commitment to working with all GCC partners to ensure designations are fully enforced. Finally, Acting Secretary Sullivan extended the United States' appreciation to the Emir for Qatar's longtime friendship and strategic partnership with the U.S.

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