

# Press Releases: Remarks With Macedonian Foreign Minister Nikola Dimitrov Before Their Meeting

Remarks  
Rex W. Tillerson

Secretary of State

Treaty Room  
Washington, DC  
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**SECRETARY TILLERSON:** Afternoon, all. I want to welcome Minister of Foreign Affairs Dimitrov of Macedonia to the State Department. Pleased to have you and your delegation here.

**FOREIGN MINISTER DIMITROV:** This is a special privilege, Mr. Secretary. Great to be here.

**SECRETARY TILLERSON:** Indeed. Thank you.

**QUESTION:** Mr. Secretary, is former President Obama's meeting with President

Xi Jinping helpful to this administration's pressure campaign?

**SECRETARY TILLERSON:** I don't know the content of the meeting, so I don't know.

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## [Press Releases: Verdict in the Ahmed Abu Khattala Trial for Terrorist Attacks in Benghazi, Libya](#)

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Department Spokesperson

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We would like to express our continued gratitude to the U.S. military, law enforcement, and intelligence community for their relentless efforts to bring to justice the perpetrators of the tragic September 11, 2012, terrorist attacks on U.S. diplomatic facilities in Benghazi, Libya. We continue to mourn the loss of Ambassador Chris Stevens, Glen Doherty, Sean Smith, and Tyrone Woods. The arrest and prosecution of Ahmed Abu Khattala were critical steps to ensure that justice is served for these dedicated Americans and public servants. Each sacrificed his life promoting American ideals. Their State Department colleagues serving around the world today continue that important work in the same spirit and in their honor.

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## **Press Releases: Under Secretary Shannon and Chilean Deputy Foreign Minister Riveros Bilateral Engagement**

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Under Secretary for Political Affairs Thomas Shannon and Chilean Deputy Foreign Minister Edgardo Riveros co-chaired a meeting of the U.S.-Chile High Level Bilateral Political Consultative Mechanism on November 29, in Washington, DC. They discussed security cooperation, economic growth through investment and trade, human rights and good governance, and other topics of mutual interest.

This dialogue is another example of the strategic partnership and enduring friendship that exists between the United States and Chile. It follows the visit of Vice President Pence to Chile in August 2017. The United States admires Chile's strong institutions, entrepreneurial spirit and responsible economic stewardship, and the Chilean commitment to freedom that has served as an example for others throughout the region and the world.

The United States and Chile are now entering our third century of diplomatic relations, and we have built our relationship on strong people-to-people ties, with exchanges flowing in both directions in the areas of education, health, energy, and science and technology. The United States will always welcome the opportunity for engagement with Chile and looks forward to continued close cooperation.

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## **Press Releases: Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs Francisco L. Palmieri Travels to the Dominican Republic for the Caribbean-United States Security Cooperation Dialogue**

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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Francisco L. Palmieri will travel to the Dominican Republic November 29-30. He will lead the U.S. delegation for the Caribbean-United States Security Cooperation Dialogue, marking the seventh year of the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI).

CBSI is a partnership that fulfills the commitment to deepen regional security cooperation underscored in the Caribbean 2020 strategy. Through CBSI, the United States and the Caribbean region are working together to reduce illicit trafficking, increase public safety and security, and promote social justice.

During his visit, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary will also meet with government officials and civil society representatives.

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## **Press Releases: Remarks With Bahraini Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa Before Their Meeting**

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**SECRETARY TILLERSON:** I want to welcome His Royal Highness, the Crown Prince

of Bahrain, to the State Department. Pleased to have him here.

**QUESTION:** Mr. Secretary, what further sanctions is the administration considering with North Korea?

**SECRETARY TILLERSON:** We have a long list of additional potential sanctions, some of which involve potential financial institutions, and the Treasury Department will be announcing those when they're ready to roll those out.

**QUESTION:** And how much more time are you willing to give the pressure campaign?

**SECRETARY TILLERSON:** As a diplomat, we keep working on it every day.

**CROWN PRINCE AL-KHALIFA:** Thank you very much.

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