

# Press Releases: Acting Secretary Sullivan To Release the 2017 Human Rights Reports

Notice to the Press  
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Acting Secretary of State John Sullivan will deliver on-camera remarks on the release of the 2017 *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices* at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 20, 2018, in the Press Briefing Room at the U.S. Department of State.

Ambassador Michael Kozak from the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor will take questions in the Briefing Room immediately following Acting Secretary Sullivan's remarks.

Promoting and defending human rights and fundamental freedoms are central to who we are as a country, and the United States will continue to support those around the world struggling for human dignity and liberty. The 2017 *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices* are required by U.S. law and document the status of human rights and worker rights in nearly 200 countries and territories.

Remarks will be open to the press and streamed live on [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov).

Journalists should be seated in the State Department's Press Briefing Room (room 2209) no later than 12:45 p.m. It is accessible from the 23rd Street Entrance of the Department.

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Instructions for embargoed access to the reports will be sent to members of the press only, on Friday, April 20, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. The entire report is

EMBARGOED until the end of the press briefing, approximately 2:00 p.m. After the briefing, the reports will be available to the public on [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov).

For further information, please contact the Office of Press Relations on 202-647-2492 or [PAPressDuty@state.gov](mailto:PAPressDuty@state.gov).

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