

# Press Releases: Bahamian Independence Day

Press Statement  
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On behalf of the Government of the United States, congratulations to the people of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas on 44 years of independence.

As the United States embarks on the U.S.-Caribbean Engagement Strategy, we reiterate our commitment to partnering with The Bahamas to build a safer and more prosperous Caribbean region. Already our partnership has reduced violent crime, helped stem the flow of illegal migrants, and reduced the trafficking of narcotics. We look forward to working with you to build upon these successes in the coming years.

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