Press Releases: Secretary Michael R. Pompeo's Meeting With U.S. ForcesAfghanistan and Resolute Support Mission Troops

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Secretary Pompeo met with U.S. and coalition troops yesterday at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan. The Secretary thanked the troops on behalf of President Trump and expressed his appreciation for their hard work and sacrifice. He commended them for delivering security to Afghanistan and providing the Afghan people with an opportunity for a peaceful future.

Secretary Pompeo reiterated that the Taliban cannot win on the battlefield, cannot wait us out, and will ultimately have to settle their differences with the Afghan government at the negotiating table.

The Secretary also answered questions from the troops on both internal governmental and global issues such as North Korea in which he underscored the U.S. commitment to developing a peaceful solution on the Korean Peninsula.

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