

# Press Releases: Secretary of State Tillerson Hosts the 2017 Trafficking in Persons Report Launch Ceremony

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U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson will unveil the 2017 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report at 10:30 a.m. on June 27, 2017, at the U.S. Department of State and will be joined by Advisor to the President Ivanka Trump.

As required by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, the TIP Report assesses government efforts around the world to combat human trafficking. This year's Report, the 17th installment, includes narratives for 187 countries and territories, including the United States.

During the ceremony, Advisor to the President Ivanka Trump, who has taken a leadership role at the White House to combat human trafficking, will honor the 2017 TIP Report Heroes, eight men and women from around the globe whose tireless efforts have made a lasting impact on the fight against modern slavery. Following the ceremony, the Heroes will travel to cities across the United States to engage with the American people through an International Visitor Leadership Program.

This event will be open to credentialed members of the press. The event will be streamed live on [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov).

*Preset time for video cameras: 9:45 a.m. from the 23rd Street Entrance Lobby.*

*Final access time for journalists and still photographers: 10:00 a.m. from the 23rd Street Entrance Lobby.*

*Media representatives may attend this event upon presentation of one of the following: (1) A U.S. Government-issued identification card (Department of State, White House, Congress, Department of Defense or Foreign Press Center), (2) a media-issued photo identification card, or (3) a letter from their employer on letterhead verifying their employment as a journalist, accompanied by an official photo identification card (driver's license, passport).*

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