

# Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo To Release the 2018 Human Rights Reports

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Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo will deliver on-camera remarks on the release of the 2018 *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices* on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. 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 Secretary Pompeo'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 2018 *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.

This event is open press coverage. Journalists who plan to cover this event in person must be seated in the Press Briefing Room by 10:45 a.m. The Press Briefing Room is accessible from the 23rd Street entrance of the Department.

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The event will be streamed live on [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov).

Instructions for embargoed access to the reports will be sent to members of the press only, on Wednesday, March 13 at 9:00 a.m. The entire report is EMBARGOED until the start of the press briefing at 11:00 a.m. The reports will be available to the public on [state.gov](http://state.gov) at that time.

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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