

# Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Call With Colombian President Ivan Duque

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The below is attributable to Deputy Spokesperson Robert Palladino:

Secretary Pompeo spoke today with Colombian President Ivan Duque. He expressed his deepest condolences to Colombia and to the families and friends of those killed and injured in the attack against the Escuela de Cadetes de Policía "General Francisco De Paula Santander" police academy in Bogota, Colombia. The United States stands with Colombia as it brings to justice those responsible for this heinous attack.

The United States strongly condemns the ELN terrorist group believed to be responsible for the attack. We call on the group to cease all terror activities and to release the many innocent people it has kidnapped and currently holds hostage.

During the call, Secretary Pompeo also reaffirmed the United States' continued support for President Duque's counterterrorism and counternarcotics efforts to bring security and stability to the Colombian people.

The United States stands with the Colombian people and government in their rejection of terrorism and their resolve to build a strong Colombia at peace. We offer our full support to bring to justice the terrorists and criminals, and those who support and enable them, who for too long have denied the Colombian people the peace and security they deserve.

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