

# Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Meeting With Kosovo President Hashim Thaci

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:□

Secretary Michael R. Pompeo met today with Kosovo President Hashim Thaci. The Secretary reaffirmed steadfast U.S. support for a sovereign, independent Kosovo, fully integrated into the international community. The Secretary congratulated Thaci and all of Kosovo's citizens on the great strides they have made in the decade since independence and discussed the importance of enshrining rule of law and fostering robust economic growth to ensure Kosovo's future success.

The Secretary encouraged Kosovo to seize this unique window of opportunity to reach a historic comprehensive normalization deal with Serbia under the EU-facilitated Dialogue process. He urged Kosovo authorities to rescind the tariffs placed on imports from Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and to work with Serbia to avoid provocations and deescalate tensions. Normalizing relations between Kosovo and Serbia is the only way to clear the path to both countries' future integration into the Western community of nations. The United States is ready to help and support the parties to reach a solution that is durable, implementable, and increases stability.

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