

[Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Call With New Zealand Foreign Minister Winston Peters](#)

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Secretary Pompeo spoke yesterday with New Zealand Foreign Minister Winston Peters. Secretary Pompeo thanked Foreign Minister Peters for New Zealand's continued support in working towards the final, fully verified denuclearization of the DPRK as agreed to by Chairman Kim Jong Un, including the implementation of UN Security Council sanctions. They discussed cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region and joint efforts at strengthening the rules-based regional order.

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[Press Releases: Germany Accepts Former Nazi Slave-labor Camp Guard Jakiw Palij](#)

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The United States expresses its deep appreciation to the Federal Republic of Germany for re-admitting former Nazi slave-labor camp guard Jakiw Palij, who was removed from the United States on August 20.

During World War II, Palij served as an armed guard at the Trawniki slave-labor camp for Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland. He concealed his Nazi service when he immigrated to the United States from Germany in 1949. A federal court stripped Palij of his citizenship in 2003 and a U.S. immigration judge ordered him removed from the United States in 2004 based on his wartime activities and postwar immigration fraud.

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[Press Releases: U.S. Delegation Attends the 30th Pacific Islands Forum](#)

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A high-level U.S. government delegation comprised of senior officials from

the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Coast Guard, and the U.S. Agency for International Development will attend the 30th Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Leaders Session with Forum Dialogue Partners on September 4, 2018 in Nauru. The delegation will be led by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. This visit will underscore our close partnership with the Pacific Islands in promoting sustainable growth and prosperity, ensuring regional stability, and addressing global concerns.

The U.S. delegation will host a roundtable with Pacific Islands leaders on September 4, 2018. Members of the U.S. delegation will also conduct bilateral consultations with heads of state of Pacific Islands Forum members and other senior foreign officials to discuss issues of regional and global importance, including regional security, responding to the threat posed by the activities of the DPRK, combatting illegal fishing, and sustainable development.

The Pacific Islands region is an enduring foreign policy priority for the United States. Through 17 of our departments and agencies – the United States committed more than \$350 million in FY 2016 to our engagement with the Pacific Islands via projects, assistance, and operations that directly benefit the 9 million people of the region.

For more information: Follow the State Department's Bureau of East Asia Pacific Affairs at @USAsiaPacific for updates on U.S. participation in the Pacific Islands Forum 2018.

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[Press Releases: On the Presidential Election in Mali](#)

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The United States commends the people of Mali for their participation in the presidential election on July 29 and the runoff on August 12. The elections were a demonstration of their commitment to democratic values and we congratulate President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita on his reelection. We condemn the violence and threats that prevented some Malians from voting.

The United States and Mali maintain a lasting friendship and share the goals of peace and prosperity in Mali. We look forward to continuing to work together to overcome the serious challenges Mali faces from terrorism, to promote development, and to fully and rapidly implement the Algiers Accord for Peace and Reconciliation in Mali.

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[Press Releases: The Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations Announces Industry Advisory Group Meeting](#)

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The Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations' (OBO) Industry Advisory Group (IAG) will meet on Friday, September 21, 2018 from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and will be held in the Loy Henderson Conference Room of the U.S. Department of State, located at 2201 C Street, NW

(entrance on 23rd Street), in Washington, D.C.

This committee serves the U.S. government in a solely advisory capacity concerning industry's and academia's latest concepts, methods, best practices, innovations, and ideas related to OBO's mission to provide safe, secure, and functional facilities that represent the U.S. government to the host nation and support our staff in the achievement of U.S. foreign policy objectives.

The majority of the meeting will be devoted to discussions between the Department's senior management and IAG representatives with respect to industry's and academia's latest concepts, methods, best practices, innovations and ideas related to property management that are applicable to OBO's vital mission. Reasonable time will be provided for members of the public to provide comment.

Admittance to the State Department building will be by means of a pre-arranged clearance list. In order to register, you must provide the following information via email to IAGR@state.gov: first and last name, company/firm name (if applicable), date of birth, country of citizenship, and the number and issuing country/state associated with a valid government-issued ID (i.e., U.S. government ID, U.S. military ID, passport, or driver's license) and requests for reasonable accommodation by September 7. You can also visit the OBO website at <http://overseasbuildings.state.gov/> for additional information. Requests made after that date will be considered, but may not be able to be fulfilled. The public may attend this meeting as seating capacity allows.

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For further information or questions, please email IAGR@state.gov.

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