

# [Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Meeting With Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez](#)

Readout  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
June 18, 2018

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Secretary Pompeo met today in Washington with Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez. They discussed how to improve regional security, strengthen government institutions, and combat corruption. The Secretary stressed the importance of the Organization of American States' Mission to Support the Fight against Corruption and Impunity in Honduras (MACCIH) and the urgent need for a new head of this body so it can continue to work effectively. They discussed Honduras's efforts to combat narcotics trafficking, disrupt smuggling networks, and discourage illegal migration. They also discussed how to increase economic opportunities within Central America and Honduras, and the need to hold security forces accountable for alleged human rights abuses, particularly in the aftermath of the November 2017 elections.

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# [Call With Canadian Foreign Minister Freeland](#)

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Today U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo spoke with Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland. The two leaders discussed a range of global issues, including cooperation on the crisis in Venezuela and our shared commitment to the complete, verifiable, and irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. Secretary Pompeo and Foreign Minister Freeland also discussed the importance of continuing negotiations to modernize the bilateral Columbia River Treaty regime and NAFTA.

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# [Press Releases: Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom to Travel to Nigeria](#)

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Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom Sam Brownback will travel to Abuja, Kaduna, and Lagos, Nigeria from June 18-22.

Alongside Ambassador W. Stuart Symington, Ambassador Brownback will meet with government officials, religious leaders, and civil society groups. The Ambassadors will also tour the National Mosque and visit a refugee camp.

For more information, please contact [DRL-Press@state.gov](mailto:DRL-Press@state.gov). Follow the Office of International Religious Freedom on Twitter at @State\_IRF and Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor's Twitter account: at @State\_DRL @StateDRL on Facebook and Twitter.

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## **[Press Releases: Assistant Secretary Mitchell Travel to Bucharest, Zagreb, Prague, and Brussels](#)**

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Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs A. Wess Mitchell will travel to Europe from June 17 to 22.

On June 18 he will be in Bucharest, Romania, to meet with senior officials and independent analysts to discuss regional security and economic cooperation. He will lead the U.S. delegation to the sixth U.S.-Romania Strategic Partnership Dialogue, and he will deliver remarks at the University of Bucharest.

Assistant Secretary Mitchell will then travel to Zagreb, Croatia, on June 19, where he will meet with senior Croatian officials to discuss developments in Croatia and the region, including Croatia's contributions to regional stability and energy security.

On June 20 and 21, he will be in Prague, Czech Republic to participate in the U.S.-Czech Republic Strategic Dialogue, meet with Czech officials, and deliver a speech co-hosted by the Prague European Summit and GLOBSEC.

Finally, June 21-22, Assistant Secretary Mitchell will visit Brussels, Belgium. There he will meet with Belgian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander De Croo. He will also discuss areas of U.S.-European cooperation with EU officials, and he will give a speech at Carnegie Europe.

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## **Press Releases: On the Occasion of National Day in Iceland**

Press Statement  
Mike Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
June 16, 2018

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On behalf of the United States of America, I offer congratulations to the

people of Iceland on your 74th anniversary of independence on June 17th.

The United States was the first to recognize Iceland as an independent republic in 1944. Our countries share a commitment to transatlantic security as NATO Allies, to human rights, and to economic development. In the Arctic, we work together to promote marine research and good communications to prevent conflicts over resources and territory.

Nothing speaks more clearly of our partnership than the July 2017 Icelandic Coast Guard rescue of three Americans lost at sea off your coast. Our close ties are only strengthened by such acts, and programs like the Fulbright Arctic Scholar Initiative that further develop leadership and the people-to-people links between our countries. We look forward to working together to further global peace and prosperity with Iceland, our key NATO Ally.

We wish you *Gleðilega hátíð* on this happy day!

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