

# Press Releases: Bengali New Year

Press Statement  
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Acting Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
April 12, 2018

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On behalf of President Trump and the American people, I wish Bengalis everywhere a joyous New Year. We commemorate this important day along with all those from Bangladesh, India, and around the world who come together today to mark the arrival of the New Year.

Pohela Boishakh is an opportunity for those who speak Bangla as a mother tongue, of all faiths and beliefs, to celebrate their rich history and culture with beautiful parades, fairs, and dances.

Here in the United States, we take this opportunity to thank the Bangladeshi American community for its outstanding contributions to our nation, our economy, and our culture. We join all of you in looking toward a bright future, and wish you the best in the year to come.

Shubho Noboborsho!

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# [Press Releases: Nepali New Year](#)

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On behalf of President Trump and the American people, I wish a festive New Year to all Nepalis across the globe.

The celebration of Nepali New Year is a chance for all of us to celebrate Nepal's many accomplishments this past year, including the peaceful conclusion of elections, and to look ahead to a future of increasing prosperity and deepening partnership between our governments. It is also a chance to honor the contributions of Nepali Americans to our culture and society.

Please accept my best wishes on this joyous day.

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# [Press Releases: Sinhala and Tamil New Year](#)

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On behalf of President Trump and the American people, I wish a joyous New Year to all the Sri Lankan people.

The New Year celebration is a chance to reflect on the milestones of the past year, including the celebration of the 70th anniversary of Sri Lanka's independence and U.S.-Sri Lankan diplomatic relations, as well as continued progress on good governance, economic stability, and reconciliation to ensure an even brighter future for the Sri Lankan people.

The United States looks forward to working with Sri Lanka on our shared goals of peace, prosperity, and further growth in the Indo-Pacific region in the year ahead.

Best wishes to the Sri Lankan people for a safe and prosperous year ahead.

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## [Press Releases: Houthi Missile Attack on Riyadh](#)

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The United States strongly condemns today's Houthi missile attack on Riyadh. We support the right of our Saudi partners to defend their borders against these threats, which are fueled by the Iranian regime's dangerous proliferation of weapons and destabilizing activities in the region. The Houthis' continued attacks on Saudi population centers calls into question their commitment to helping shape a peaceful, prosperous, and secure future for Yemen. We continue to call on all parties to return to UN-facilitated political negotiations and move toward ending the war in Yemen.

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## **Press Releases: Crash of Military Aircraft in Algeria**

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We were saddened to learn about the crash of an Algerian military aircraft this morning. We extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends of the victims of today's tragedy, as well as our partners and colleagues in the Algerian military. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Algerian people and government in this time of sorrow.

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