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Press Statement
Rex W. Tillerson

Secretary of State

Washington, DC
June 4, 2017

This year marks the 28th anniversary of the Chinese government's violent suppression of a peaceful protest that took place in and around Tiananmen Square.

We call again on China to make a full accounting of those killed, detained, or missing due to the events of June 4, 1989. We urge China to cease harassment of family members seeking redress and to release from prison those who have been jailed for striving to keep the memory of Tiananmen Square alive.

The United States views the protection of human rights as a fundamental duty of all countries, and we urge the Chinese government to respect the universal rights and fundamental freedoms of all its citizens.

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[Abduction and Arrest of Afgan Mukhtarli](#)

Press Statement
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Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC
June 3, 2017

The United States is disturbed by the reported abduction in Tbilisi, Georgia, and subsequent arrest in Azerbaijan of Azerbaijani journalist Afgan Mukhtarli on May 30. We are also troubled by the May 25 arrest in Azerbaijan of deputy Popular Front Party chairperson Gozal Bayramli.

We urge the government of Azerbaijan to release all those incarcerated for exercising their fundamental freedoms in accordance with its international and OSCE commitments.

We are closely following the Georgian investigation into the reported abduction, and urge that it be full, transparent, and timely.

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[Press Releases: United States Condemns Attacks in London](#)

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The United States condemns the cowardly attacks targeting innocent civilians in London this evening. We understand U.K. police are currently treating these as terrorist incidents. The United States stands ready to provide any assistance authorities in the United Kingdom may request.

Our hearts are with the families and loved ones of the victims. We wish a full and quick recovery to those injured in the attacks. All Americans stand in solidarity with the people of the United Kingdom.

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Press Releases: Italian Republic National Day

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Secretary of State

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June 2, 2017

On behalf of the United States of America, I offer congratulations and best

wishes to the people of Italy as you celebrate Republic Day on June 2nd.

The United States and Italy are strong partners, Allies, and friends. Throughout America's history, Italian-Americans have enriched our communities by sharing their cultural heritage. This deep and enduring friendship, founded on mutual respect, trust, and affection is not one we take for granted. Rather, it is one we rekindle and strengthen every time we come together to address challenges and attain common goals promoting a collective defense. Italy is a valued NATO Ally and European Union partner and together we have made progress on common security goals and shared interests.

It is in this spirit of friendship that the United States looks forward to continued cooperation with our Italian partners and to building upon our existing collaboration.

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Press Releases: Attack at Resorts World Manila

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We offer our deepest condolences to the loved ones and friends of those who were killed at Resorts World Manila early June 1. We hope for a speedy recovery to those who were injured.

In the face of this tragedy, the United States proudly stands with the people of the Philippines and will continue to support efforts to achieve peace,

security, and prosperity for their country.

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