

# [Press Releases: Secretary Tillerson's Call With Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov](#)

Readout  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
May 5, 2017

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The following is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

The Secretary of State spoke by phone with Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov today about the efforts to de-escalate the ongoing conflict in Syria. The Secretary looks forward to further meetings with the Foreign Minister to discuss the respective roles of the United States and Russia in de-escalating the conflict and supporting the talks in Geneva to move the political solution forward.

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# [Press Releases: Under Secretary Shannon Travels to New York](#)

Media Note  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
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Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., will travel to New York City, May 8, to meet with Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov to discuss a range of bilateral issues.

To learn more about the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, please visit [here](#).

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## **[Press Releases: Extension of Pre-Trial Detention for Members of ADHOC in Cambodia](#)**

Press Statement  
Heather Nauert

Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
May 5, 2017

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The United States supports the statements issued by the European Union and the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights regarding the extension of the pre-trial detention of Lim Mony, Nay Vanda, Ny Sokha, and Yi Soksan, members of the respected Cambodian non-governmental organization ADHOC, as well as that of former member Ny Chakrya. The five have been held in prison without trial for more than a year.

We note with concern reports the impact this prolonged detention is having on

the families of the imprisoned and the unreasonable delay in proceeding to trial. We also note the views expressed by the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention in November 2016 that the detention of these five human rights defenders is arbitrary. The United States encourages the Government of Cambodia to consider carefully these recommendations and respect its relevant international human rights obligations.

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## [Press Releases: Remarks With Chilean Foreign Minister Hernando Muñoz Valenzuela Before Their Meeting](#)

Remarks

Rex W. Tillerson

Secretary of State

Treaty Room

Washington, DC

May 5, 2017

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**SECRETARY TILLERSON:** Mr. Muñoz, welcome. Welcome to the State Department.

**FOREIGN MINISTER MUÑOZ:** Secretary Tillerson, thank you very much.

**SECRETARY TILLERSON:** Pleasure to have you here.

**FOREIGN MINISTER MUÑOZ:** Absolutely, a pleasure for us and hopefully continue the excellent relationship that both the U.S. and Chile have had for a long time.

**SECRETARY TILLERSON:** We certainly will. We certainly will. Thank all of you.

**FOREIGN MINISTER MUNOZ:** Thank you.

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## **[Press Releases: Secretary Tillerson To Deliver Remarks at Foreign Affairs Day Celebration and Attend the AFSA Memorial Plaque Ceremony](#)**

Notice to the Press  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
May 4, 2017

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U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson will participate in the Department of State's Foreign Affairs Day Memorial Plaque Ceremony on Friday, May 5, 2017, at 4:15 p.m., at the Department of State.

Secretary Tillerson will deliver remarks paying tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country around the world. American Foreign Service Association President Barbara Stephenson will give welcoming remarks.

The Memorial Ceremony is scheduled to begin at 4:15 p.m. in the C Street Lobby of the Department of State.

The Secretary's remarks are open press.

*Preset time for video cameras: 3:15 p.m. from the C Street Entrance Lobby.*

*Final access time for journalists and still photographers: 3:45 p.m. from the*

*C Street Entrance Lobby.*

The event will be streamed live on [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov), [Facebook.com/usdos](https://www.facebook.com/usdos), and BNET. Follow @StateDept for more information.

*Media representatives may attend this event upon presentation of one of the following: (1) A U.S. Government-issued identification card (Department of State, White House, Congress, Department of Defense or Foreign Press Center), (2) a media-issued photo identification card, or (3) a letter from their employer on letterhead verifying their employment as a journalist, accompanied by an official photo identification card (driver's license, passport).*

For further information, please contact the Press Office at 202-647-2492.

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