

Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Meeting With Republic of Cyprus Foreign Minister Nikos Christodoulides

Readout
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC
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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:□

Yesterday, Secretary Michael R. Pompeo met with Republic of Cyprus Foreign Minister Nikos Christodoulides at the State Department. Secretary Pompeo and Foreign Minister Christodoulides agreed on the importance of enhancing the U.S.-Republic of Cyprus relationship and welcomed the signing by Foreign Minister Christodoulides and Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs A. Wess Mitchell of the Statement of Intent on strengthening and developing the bilateral security relationship. The Statement of Intent will advance shared interests in combatting terrorism, enhancing maritime and border security, and promoting regional stability. The Secretary reaffirmed longstanding U.S. policy on resources in the Republic of Cyprus' Exclusive Economic Zone and also said the United States continues to support Cypriot-led, UN-facilitated efforts to reunify the island as a bizonal, bicomunal federation, which would benefit all Cypriots.

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Press Statement
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Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo's meeting with officials from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, scheduled for this week in New York, will now take place at a later date. We will reconvene when our respective schedules permit. Ongoing conversations continue to take place. The United States remains focused on fulfilling the commitments agreed to by President Trump and Chairman Kim at the Singapore Summit in June.

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Press Statement
Michael R. Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC

November 6, 2018

On behalf of the Department of State, I would like to wish all those celebrating Diwali a joyous and prosperous holiday.

Also known as the "Festival of Lights," this special occasion celebrates the triumph of light over darkness. Nearly a billion celebrants from around the world will light the *diya*, or lamp, as a reminder that good ultimately overcomes evil, understanding over ignorance, and kindness over animosity. Diwali is also a time of reflection and prayer when observers perform *seva*, or selfless service, without any expectation of reward or payment.

As those celebrating decorate their homes with vibrant lights, I would also like to recognize the achievements of our friends in the United States observing Diwali who make important contributions to our country on a daily basis.

Again, to those celebrating this joyous time I wish you a happy Diwali.

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The United States condemns, in the strongest possible terms, the November 5 kidnapping of students and staff from the Presbyterian Secondary School of Nkwen near Bamenda, Cameroon. We call for the immediate and safe return of these students and staff to their families. The United States expresses grave concern over the burgeoning Anglophone Crisis in Cameroon's Northwest and Southwest regions. We urge an immediate halt to the indiscriminate targeting of civilians and burning of houses by Cameroonian government forces and to attacks perpetrated by both Anglophone separatists against security forces and civilians. The systematic intimidation based on ethnic and religious affiliation, including in Yaoundé and Douala, must stop. In memory of American missionary Charles Wesco and all others who have lost their lives in the Anglophone Crisis, we urge all sides to end the violence and enter into broad-based reconciliatory dialogue without preconditions.

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Secretary Michael R. Pompeo spoke by phone today with Danish Foreign Minister Anders Samuelsen. They discussed Denmark's public announcement of an arrest related to an Iranian plot to assassinate members of an Iranian dissident group living in Denmark. They also discussed the importance of strong collective EU action to hold Iran accountable for its continued use of terrorism on European soil. Secretary Pompeo praised Denmark's swift and strong response and reiterated that the U.S. maximum pressure campaign against Iran is in response to this type of abhorrent behavior from the Iranian regime. Secretary Pompeo stressed that the United States stands with our European allies and partners in addressing the threat of the Iranian regime's support for terrorism.

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