

Press Releases: Migrant Caravan

Press Statement
Michael R. Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC
October 21, 2018

The United States is closely following the migrant caravan, in which thousands of migrants from Honduras and other countries continue to make a dangerous journey through Guatemala and into Mexico. Many migrants are attempting to transit these countries and in the process are violating their sovereignty, their laws, and their procedures. As President Trump has stated, consistent with U.S. law, the United States will not allow illegal immigrants to enter or remain in the United States.

We are concerned that these migrants may be victimized by human smugglers or others who would exploit them. We also are deeply concerned by the violence provoked by some members of the group, as well as the apparent political motivation of some organizers of the caravan.

We understand Mexico will detain and repatriate migrants who enter Mexico in violation of Mexican law, and in instances where migrants apply for asylum, process the requests in accordance with Mexican law. We also understand that those who do not qualify will be returned in a safe and orderly process, consistent with Mexican law.

We welcome the Government of Mexico's collaboration with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) to address refugee and migration issues in the region, including the influx of people arriving in Mexico. The United States stands ready to assist the Government of Mexico in this effort.

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Press Releases: Elections in Bhutan

Press Statement
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC
October 21, 2018

The United States congratulates the people of Bhutan on the conclusion of successful national elections, and Dr. Lotay Tshering on the victory of his party. The United States commends the evolution of democracy in Bhutan, which has been an inspiration to the region. We look forward to working with Dr. Tshering and his government to further develop friendly relations between our countries and our peoples.

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Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Meetings With Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto and Foreign Secretary Luis Videgaray

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:□

Secretary Pompeo met with Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto and Foreign Secretary Luis Videgaray yesterday in Mexico City. They discussed the caravan of migrants from Central America. The Mexican Government is fully engaged in finding a solution that encourages safe, secure, and orderly migration, and both the United States and Mexico continue to work with Central American governments to address the economic, security, and governance drivers of illegal immigration.

They also discussed U.S.-Mexico cooperation on a range of regional and global issues, including Mexico's leadership on Venezuela with the Lima Group as well as combatting transnational criminal organizations. Secretary Pompeo expressed appreciation for Mexico's efforts to complete the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), which benefits all three countries.

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Press Releases: Macedonia Parliament Decision on Prespa Agreement

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Washington, DC
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The United States welcomes the decision by Macedonia's Parliament to initiate the constitutional changes needed to implement the Prespa Agreement with Greece. The United States believes that the Prespa Agreement is a historic opportunity to advance stability, security, and prosperity throughout the region.

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Press Releases: Mexico and UNHCR Plan To Stand Up Migrant Processing Center

Press Statement
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Secretary of State

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We welcome the Government of Mexico's statement that they will seek cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to address immigration issues in the region, including the influx of people arriving in Mexico.

The United States stands ready to assist the Government of Mexico and UNHCR in this effort.

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