

## **Press Releases: Ambassador Nathan A. Sales Travels to Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia**

Media Note  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
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Ambassador Nathan A. Sales, the Coordinator for Counterterrorism, will be in Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia September 10-14. Ambassador Sales will engage in bilateral discussions with his counterparts on counterterrorism cooperation, countering violent extremism, foreign terrorist fighters, and aviation security.

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## **Press Releases: Congratulations to the New President of Pakistan Dr. Arif Alvi**

Press Statement  
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
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The United States and the American people congratulate Dr. Arif Alvi on his swearing in as the new President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

The United States looks toward working with Pakistan to advance our shared interests, such as regional peace, stability, and prosperity.

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## **Press Releases: Criminalization of Dissent in Nicaragua**

Press Statement  
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
September 7, 2018

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The United States condemns the Ortega government's recent arbitrary detention of six prominent student members of the National Dialogue. These students are the latest example of the thousands of citizens who are peacefully and democratically protesting government actions, only to be harassed, detained, disappeared, or even killed. Five of these students have been released. We call for the release of all arbitrarily detained persons. We also call on the Ortega government to ensure the safety of all who choose to exercise their

universal rights to freedom of speech and freedom of assembly.

All governments should promote democracy, good governance, and human rights for the greater welfare of their citizens. We will continue to stand by the people of Nicaragua and hold the Ortega government to account for its repression and violence.

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## **Press Releases: U.S. Chiefs of Mission to the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, and Panama Called Back for Consultations**

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September 7, 2018

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The Department of State has called back the U.S. Ambassador to the Dominican Republic Robin Bernstein, the U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador Jean Manes, and the U.S. Charge d’Affaires in Panama Roxanne Cabral for consultations related to recent decisions to no longer recognize Taiwan. Our three Chiefs of Mission will meet with U.S. Government leaders to discuss ways in which the United States can support strong, independent, democratic institutions and economies throughout Central America and the Caribbean.

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## **Press Releases: Violence in Basrah, Iraq**

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September 7, 2018

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Under the Iraqi constitution, the right to peaceful protest and the duty to protect public and private property go hand in hand. The United States condemns violence against diplomats, including that which occurred today in Basrah. We call on all parties, including security forces and protesters, to uphold the right of peaceful protest and to protect diplomats and their facilities.

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