

# **Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Call with Iraq's Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi**

Readout  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
September 1, 2018

---

The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo spoke with Prime Minister of Iraq Haider al-Abadi to reaffirm U.S. support for Iraq's efforts to form a moderate, nationalist, Iraqi government, pursuant to the constitutional timeline that is responsive to the aspirations of the Iraqi people. The Secretary emphasized the importance of safeguarding Iraq's sovereignty during this critical time.

Finally, the Secretary underscored continuing U.S. support for a strong, sovereign, and prosperous Iraq as outlined in the bilateral U.S.-Iraq Strategic Framework Agreement.

*The Office of Website Management, Bureau of Public Affairs, manages this site as a portal for information from the U.S. State Department. External links to other Internet sites should not be construed as an endorsement of the views or privacy policies contained therein.*

---

## **Press Releases: Joint Statement on Libya on the Situation in Tripoli**

Media Note

Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
September 1, 2018

---

The text of the following statement on Libya was released by the Governments of the United States of America, France, Italy, and the United Kingdom.

*Begin Text:*

The Governments of France, Italy, the United Kingdom, and the United States strongly condemn the continued escalation of violence in and around Tripoli that has caused many casualties and continues to endanger the lives of innocent civilians. We reiterate that the targeting of civilians and indiscriminate attacks are prohibited under International Humanitarian Law.

These attempts to weaken the legitimate Libyan authorities and hamper the course of the political process are not acceptable. We urge armed groups to immediately cease all military actions and warn those who tamper with security in Tripoli or elsewhere in Libya that they will be held accountable for any such actions.

We reaffirm our strong and continued support to the United Nations Action Plan, as recalled by the President of Security Council on June 6th and by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General Ghassan Salame on July 16th. We call on all actors to refrain from any action that would jeopardize the political framework established by the UN-led mediation to which the international community is fully committed.

*End text.*

# # #

*The Office of Website Management, Bureau of Public Affairs, manages this site as a portal for information from the U.S. State Department. External links to other Internet sites should not be construed as an endorsement of the views or privacy policies contained therein.*

---

# Press Releases: The Secretary's Special Representative for Syria Engagement, Ambassador James Jeffrey, and Special Envoy for Syria, Joel Rayburn, Travel to Israel, Jordan, and Turkey

Media Note  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
August 31, 2018

---

The Secretary's newly appointed Special Representative for Syria Engagement, Ambassador James Jeffrey, will travel to Israel, Jordan, and Turkey, September 1–4. Ambassador Jeffrey will be accompanied by Near Eastern Affairs Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) and Special Envoy for Syria, Joel Rayburn.

Ambassador Jeffrey looks forward to meeting with key allies and partners on his first official trip abroad as Special Representative.

In Israel, Ambassador Jeffrey will meet with senior government officials to discuss our shared interest, in reference to Syria, in maintaining Israel's security while countering Iran's destabilizing activity throughout the region. They will also underscore that the United States will respond to any chemical weapons attack perpetrated by the Syrian regime.

In Jordan and Turkey, the Ambassador and DAS Rayburn will meet with Jordanian and Turkish leaders and other senior officials to reiterate the U.S. position that a military offensive in Idlib will escalate the crisis in Syria and the region, risk the lives of humanitarians and Syrian civilians, and destroy civilian infrastructure. They will also commend Jordanian and Turkish leadership on their continued compassion for those affected by the Syrian conflict.

Throughout their trip, Ambassador Jeffrey and DAS Rayburn will also address Russia's specious allegations of international plans to stage a chemical weapons attack in Syria.

*The Office of Website Management, Bureau of Public Affairs, manages this site as a portal for information from the U.S. State Department. External links to other Internet sites should not be construed as an endorsement of the views or privacy policies contained therein.*

---

## **Press Releases: Slovakia National Day**

Press Statement  
Michael R. Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
August 31, 2018

---

On behalf of the government of the United States, it is my pleasure to congratulate the people of the Slovak Republic as they celebrate Constitution Day.

This is a historic year for Slovakia, as we commemorate both the 25th anniversary of Slovak independence and the centennial anniversary of the creation of Czechoslovakia. We are proud of the contributions of the United States and Slovak-Americans to the establishment of Central Europe's first democracy, including through the Pittsburgh Agreement of 1918 and President Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points. One hundred years later, we are proud to call Slovakia an important friend, partner, and Ally of the United States.

I look forward to working with the government and people of Slovakia in pursuing our shared priorities in the years to come.

*The Office of Website Management, Bureau of Public Affairs, manages this site as a portal for information from the U.S. State Department. External links to other Internet sites should not be construed as an endorsement of the views or privacy policies contained therein.*

---

# Press Releases: Kyrgyz Republic Independence Day

Press Statement  
Michael R. Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
August 30, 2018

---

On behalf of President Trump and the American people, I extend our congratulations and best wishes to the people of the Kyrgyz Republic in celebration of your 27th anniversary of independence on August 31st.

Today, we celebrate our 27 years of partnership with the Kyrgyz Republic based on trust, equality, and mutual respect, and look back on the work we have done to promote economic opportunities, democratic values, and people-to-people connections between our two countries.

The United States looks forward to deepening this relationship to ensure the success of the Kyrgyz Republic as a secure, prosperous, and democratic state for the benefit of the people of the Kyrgyz Republic.

# # #

*The Office of Website Management, Bureau of Public Affairs, manages this site as a portal for information from the U.S. State Department. External links to other Internet sites should not be construed as an endorsement of the views or privacy policies contained therein.*