

Press Releases: Eritrea and Ethiopia End War and Adopt Joint Declaration of Peace and Friendship

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Washington, DC
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The United States welcomes the July 9 commitment to peace and security between the State of Eritrea and the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, effectively ending 20 years of conflict. We commend Prime Minister Abiy of Ethiopia and President Isaias of Eritrea for courageously leading their citizens towards peace, prosperity, and political reform. The normalization of relations and the adoption of the Joint Declaration of Peace and Friendship between Eritrea and Ethiopia will provide their peoples with the opportunity to focus on shared aspirations for closer political, economic, and social ties.

The United States stands ready to support this process, and encourages all parties to continue working with transparency and confidence in the coming days. Peace between Ethiopia and Eritrea will further the cause of stability, security, and development in the Horn of Africa and Red Sea.

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On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I extend our best wishes to the people of Mongolia as you celebrate your 97th National Day on July 11.

The United States is proud to call Mongolia a friend and partner. We have accomplished much together based on our shared values and strategic interests, including the promotion of human rights and peace and stability in the region. The strength of our relationship is a testament to the enduring bonds between our people and our shared commitment to democracy.

The United States is committed to working with Mongolia as it continues to build a vibrant, prosperous society based on the rule of law. Mongolia is truly a model for the world, and the United States looks forward to further strengthening our partnership.

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2018 Australia-U.S. Ministerial (AUSMIN) Consultations in Palo Alto

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Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo and Secretary of Defense James Mattis will host Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs Julie Bishop and Minister for Defence Marise Payne for this year's Australia-U.S. Ministerial Consultations (AUSMIN) at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California on July 23-24, 2018.

This AUSMIN celebrates 100 years of Mateship, marking the centenary of U.S. and Australian forces fighting side by side in battle for the first time.

The dialogue will focus on deepening our strategic alliance and developing initiatives to promote our shared vision of peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific and beyond. The United States and Australia have held annual strategic consultations since 1985. Foreign Minister Bishop and Defense Minister Payne last hosted the United States for these ministerial talks in Sydney, Australia, on June 5, 2017.

We will provide a more detailed schedule prior to the ministerial.

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[Press Releases: Burma Court Decision To Continue Trial of Reuters Journalists](#)

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We are saddened and disappointed by today's court decision to proceed with charges against journalists Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo for their alleged violations of the Official Secrets Act. This is a step backward for press freedom and raises questions about the rule of law in Burma. Burma should allow these journalists to return to their families and continue their work as journalists.

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Media Note
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On July 10, Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Carl Risch will accompany Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen to Guatemala City, Guatemala, to participate in a working conference co-hosted by the Government of Guatemala on security and migration issues in Central America. Secretary Nielsen and Guatemalan Foreign Minister Sandra Jovel will meet with government counterparts from Canada, El Salvador, Honduras, and Mexico to explore ways to promote a more secure Central America and address shared migration challenges. Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs Kirsten D. Madison and Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs Francisco Palmieri will also participate in the meetings.

This working conference builds on discussions at the June 2017 Conference on Prosperity and Security in Central America in Miami and Vice President Mike Pence's June 28 meeting in Guatemala with Salvadoran President Sánchez Cerén, Guatemalan President Morales, and Honduran President Hernández.

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