

Press Releases: Secretary of State Pompeo To Deliver Remarks at 2018 SelectUSA Investment Summit

Notice to the Press
Office of the Spokesperson

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Secretary of State Mike Pompeo will deliver remarks on “Promoting Global Economic Prosperity” at the 2018 SelectUSA Investment Summit on Friday, June 22, 2018, at 11:40 a.m. at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor, Md. Secretary Pompeo’s remarks will be streamed live on www.state.gov.

The SelectUSA Investment Summit, which is taking place June 20-22, is the highest-profile event dedicated to promoting foreign business investment in the United States. Hosted by the Department of Commerce as part of its SelectUSA Initiative, this year’s theme is “Invest Here. Grow Here. Succeed Here.” The Summit is bringing together more than 3,000 people comprised of investors from over 65 international markets, economic development organizations from all over the United States, high-level government officials, global business leaders, and others working to facilitate investment in the United States. More than 15 U.S. chiefs of mission are personally leading delegations to the Summit.

Foreign direct investment in the United States is a key contributor to U.S. economic growth, supporting nearly 13 million American jobs. It contributes to U.S. exports, drives innovation, and sends hardworking Americans home with a paycheck. Past Investment Summit participants have announced nearly \$93 billion in new U.S. investment projects, supporting more than 140,000 American jobs.

The Summit is open to registered press on June 21-22. Media who wish to attend must register at www.selectusasummit.us/apply. Registered media should check in at the Summit to receive credentials. When picking up Summit credentials, media will need to show their press credentials.

For further information please contact Chris Higginbotham, SelectUSA, at Chris.Higginbotham@trade.gov / phone 202-281-6232, or contact the U.S. Department of State Economic and Business Affairs Bureau Office of Public

Diplomacy at EPPDMedia@state.gov.

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Press Releases: Sudan: The Troika Condemns Continued Clashes in Jebel Marra, Darfur

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The text of the following statement was issued jointly by the Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom, and Norway.

Begin text:

The Troika (Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States) condemns the ongoing clashes between the Sudan Liberation Army-Abdul Wahid (SLA-AW) and Government of Sudan forces as well as inter-tribal violence in the Jebel Marra region of Darfur. The civilian population continues to bear the brunt of this unnecessary violence, which has led to the burning down of villages, causing high numbers of civilian injury and death, and the displacement of nearly 9,000 people.

It is unacceptable that the Government of Sudan has repeatedly prevented the African Union/United Nations Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) and humanitarian actors from accessing the areas of conflict and displaced populations. The Troika strongly urges the Government of Sudan to immediately provide unfettered access to both UNAMID and humanitarian actors.

The SLA-AW leadership's refusal to engage with the peace process obstructs the achievement of sustainable peace in Darfur and unnecessarily prolongs civilian suffering. The Government's actions in military operations and its inaction in stopping the violence undermine efforts to achieve a peaceful solution to the conflict. There can be no military solution to the conflict in Darfur and the international community should consider imposing sanctions against those who continue to act as spoilers.

The Troika calls on all parties to the conflict to immediately cease all military engagement and hostilities, allow unfettered humanitarian access, and to meaningfully engage with the African Union High Level Implementation Panel (AUHIP) led peace process in order to reach a permanent ceasefire.

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[Press Releases: Ongoing Violence in Nicaragua](#)

Press Statement
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC
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The United States condemns the ongoing government-sponsored violence and intimidation campaign in Nicaragua, including the June 16 arson attack against the home and business of a family in Managua, killing six, and the further intimidation of the family during the wake. Attacks and threats against peaceful protestors and the general population are unacceptable, and must cease.

We urge immediate and full implementation of the June 15 National Dialogue agreement on human rights. The United States is aware the Nicaraguan government has accepted another visit by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and recommends it begin immediately. We note the widespread call among Nicaraguans for early elections. The United States believes early elections represent a constructive way forward.

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Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Meeting With Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez

Readout
Office of the Spokesperson

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Secretary Pompeo met today in Washington with Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez. They discussed how to improve regional security, strengthen government institutions, and combat corruption. The Secretary stressed the importance of the Organization of American States' Mission to Support the Fight against Corruption and Impunity in Honduras (MACCIH) and the urgent need for a new head of this body so it can continue to work effectively. They discussed Honduras's efforts to combat narcotics trafficking, disrupt smuggling networks, and discourage illegal migration. They also discussed how to increase economic opportunities within Central America and Honduras, and the need to hold security forces accountable for alleged human rights abuses, particularly in the aftermath of the November 2017 elections.

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Press Releases: Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom to Travel to Nigeria

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Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom Sam Brownback will travel to Abuja, Kaduna, and Lagos, Nigeria from June 18-22.

Alongside Ambassador W. Stuart Symington, Ambassador Brownback will meet with government officials, religious leaders, and civil society groups. The Ambassadors will also tour the National Mosque and visit a refugee camp.

For more information, please contact DRL-Press@state.gov. Follow the Office of International Religious Freedom on Twitter at @State_IRF and Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor's Twitter account: at @State_DRL @StateDRL on Facebook and Twitter.

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