

# [Press Releases: Deputy Secretary Sullivan's Meeting With Bruneian Foreign Minister II Dato Erywan](#)

Readout  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
June 11, 2018

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:□

Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan met today with Bruneian Foreign Minister II Dato Erywan. Deputy Secretary Sullivan congratulated Foreign Minister II Dato Erywan on his new position in Brunei's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and reaffirmed the strong bilateral cooperation between the United States and Brunei Darussalam. The two leaders discussed continued cooperation on regional challenges, including the South China Sea and denuclearization of the DPRK.

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# [Press Releases: On the Occasion of Russia Day in the Russian Federation](#)

Press Statement  
Mike Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
June 11, 2018

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On behalf of The President of the United States and the American people, I congratulate the Russian Federation and the people of Russia on the occasion of "Russia Day." On this day, we honor the citizens of the Russian Federation and their aspirations for the democratic principles of universal freedom, civil liberties, and the rule of law.

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## **[Press Releases: Deputy Secretary Sullivan's Meeting With Chinese Ambassador Cui Tiankai](#)**

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:□

On June 7, Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan met at the Department of State with Chinese Ambassador Cui Tiankai. During their meeting, they discussed the importance of the upcoming summit between President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un, and reaffirmed the commitment of the United States and China to maintain sanctions on North Korea as mandated by relevant

UN Security Council resolutions. The Deputy Secretary and Ambassador Cui also discussed the serious health incident affecting a U.S. official who served in Guangzhou. The Deputy Secretary thanked China for its commitment to ensuring the safety and security of all foreign diplomats in China. He also thanked China for its continued willingness to assist in the investigation of the incident.

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## **Press Releases: U.S.-Republic of Korea Energy Security Dialogue**

Media Note  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
June 8, 2018

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The U.S. Department of State hosted the fifth U.S.-Republic of Korea (R.O.K.) Energy Security Dialogue in Washington, DC on June 8, 2018. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Diplomacy Sandra Oudkirk and Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director-General for Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Scientific Affairs Kwon Sei-joong led the discussions.

Officials from the U.S. Departments of Energy and Commerce participated in the dialogue along with a Korean delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Korea Electric Power Company Research Institute, and the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Washington, DC.

The discussion reinforced the role energy cooperation plays in strengthening the U.S.-R.O.K. partnership and focused on national energy policies, bilateral energy cooperation, regional energy issues, and areas of mutual cooperation in multilateral fora devoted to energy.

As President Trump highlighted in his visit to the Republic of Korea in November 2017, the U.S.-R.O.K. alliance remains a linchpin for security, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific. Today's energy dialogue builds on that vision and the strong bilateral cooperation that serves as a foundation for our solid alliance with the R.O.K.

For further information, contact Vincent Campos, Spokesperson for the Bureau of Energy Resources, at [CamposVM@state.gov](mailto:CamposVM@state.gov) or visit [www.state.gov/e/enr](http://www.state.gov/e/enr). You can also find information on Twitter at @EnergyAtState.

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## **[Press Releases: U.S. Support of Memorandum of Understanding between UNHCR, UNDP, and the Government of Burma to Create the Conditions for the Voluntary Return of Rohingya Refugees from Bangladesh](#)**

Press Statement  
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
June 7, 2018

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We welcome the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by UNHCR, UNDP, and the Burmese government to support the creation of conditions conducive to

the voluntary, safe, dignified, and sustainable return of Rohingya refugees to Burma, whether to their places of origin or of their choosing.

This is a positive step. We see this MOU as a confidence-building measure that, if effectively implemented, could allow much-needed humanitarian assistance to reach all affected communities and assist Burma in creating the necessary conditions for voluntary return and to support recovery and resilience-based development for the benefit of all communities living in Rakhine State.

We encourage the Burmese government to fulfill its commitment to work with UNHCR and UNDP to implement the recommendations of the Kofi Annan-led Advisory Commission on Rakhine State.

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