

Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Meeting With Dutch Foreign Minister Blok

Readout
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC
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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Secretary Mike Pompeo met with Dutch Foreign Minister Stef Blok on May 18, in Washington, DC. During the meeting, Secretary Pompeo thanked Foreign Minister Blok for Dutch support in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Mali, and for the Netherlands' leadership as a member of the UN Security Council.

Secretary Pompeo and the foreign minister also discussed other issues of bilateral and global concern, including developments with North Korea, Russia, and Venezuela.

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Press Releases: Remarks With Dutch Foreign Minister Stephanus Blok Before Their Meeting

Remarks

Mike Pompeo

Secretary of State

Treaty Room
Washington, DC
May 18, 2018

SECRETARY POMPEO: Good afternoon. I just want to say welcome. We're thrilled to have you here. It's good to see you. I look forward to a productive afternoon talking to you.

FOREIGN MINISTER BLOK: Thank you.

SECRETARY POMPEO: Thank you. Good to see you.

FOREIGN MINISTER BLOK: It's a pleasure to be here. As you no doubt know, the Netherlands was the first country to recognize newly independent United States.

SECRETARY POMPEO: Yeah, a couple years ago. (Laughter.)

FOREIGN MINISTER BLOK: Well, and I can tell you we never regret it.

SECRETARY POMPEO: Thank you, sir. Thank you. Good afternoon.

QUESTION: Mr. Secretary, are you confident the North Korea summit's still

happening?

SECRETARY POMPEO: Thanks, thanks for coming.

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U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo met today with UN Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen Martin Griffiths in Washington, DC. The Secretary thanked the Special Envoy for his dedication to renewed peace talks among all parties to the Yemen conflict. The Secretary committed to supporting the Special Envoy's efforts and urging international partners to do the same. The Secretary and the Special Envoy agreed on the urgency of de-escalation and dialogue. The Secretary and the Special Envoy expressed hope that all sides can work toward a comprehensive political agreement that brings peace, prosperity, and security to Yemen.

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Press Releases: Cameroon National Day

Press Statement
Mike Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC
May 18, 2018

On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I offer congratulations to the people of the Republic of Cameroon as you celebrate your National Day on May 20, 2018.

The United States values the ties that bind the American and Cameroonian people. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Cameroon as we strengthen regional security, fight violent extremism in the Lake Chad Basin region, and collaborate to improve health outcomes. Our goal is to work together for a peaceful, democratic, and an abundant future.

On behalf of the American people, I am honored to extend my best wishes to all Cameroonians on this joyous occasion.

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Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Call With Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

On May 18, Secretary Pompeo called Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta to affirm U.S. support for Kenya's security and continued economic advancement. They discussed our shared goals of countering terrorism, promoting regional stability, and ensuring good governance. Secretary Pompeo thanked President Kenyatta for his leadership in calling for an important national conversation to move the country forward following the 2017 election. They also discussed ways to work together to hasten the end of the conflict in South Sudan and ensure continued support for AMISOM forces in Somalia.

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