

# Press Releases: Joint Statement by Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, Secretary of Defense James Mattis, Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats

Media Note  
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Washington, DC  
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Past efforts have failed to halt North Korea's unlawful weapons programs and nuclear and ballistic missile tests. With each provocation, North Korea jeopardizes stability in Northeast Asia and poses a growing threat to our Allies and the U.S. homeland.

North Korea's pursuit of nuclear weapons is an urgent national security threat and top foreign policy priority. Upon assuming office, President Trump ordered a thorough review of U.S. policy pertaining to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (D.P.R.K.).

Today, along with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Joe Dunford, we briefed Members of Congress on the review. The President's approach aims to pressure North Korea into dismantling its nuclear, ballistic missile, and proliferation programs by tightening economic sanctions and pursuing diplomatic measures with our Allies and regional partners.

We are engaging responsible members of the international community to increase pressure on the D.P.R.K. in order to convince the regime to de-escalate and return to the path of dialogue. We will maintain our close coordination and cooperation with our Allies, especially the Republic of Korea and Japan, as we work together to preserve stability and prosperity in the region.

The United States seeks stability and the peaceful denuclearization of the Korean peninsula. We remain open to negotiations towards that goal. However, we remain prepared to defend ourselves and our Allies.

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## **Press Releases: On the Occasion of the United Republic of Tanzania's Union Day**

Press Statement  
Rex W. Tillerson

Secretary of State

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On behalf of President Trump and the American people, I congratulate the people of Tanzania as you celebrate the 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Tanzania and the United States have had a strong relationship, marked by a collaborative effort toward shared goals and close cooperation on a variety of programs and initiatives, from health and education, promoting economic growth and democratic governance, and advancing regional security. In the coming year, we look forward to building on our shared accomplishments as we continue with our efforts.

As Tanzanians gather to celebrate Union Day, I share the hopes of the Tanzanian people for a peaceful, healthy, and productive future.

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# [Press Releases: Regional Symposium To Combat Recruitment and Radicalization to Violence in Prisons](#)

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The State Department's Bureau of Counterterrorism, in partnership with the Department of Justice's International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP), hosted a regional symposium in Zagreb, Croatia, April 25–26, on efforts to address and counter prison radicalization.

Many countries throughout the Balkans have reported cases of individuals being radicalized while incarcerated and government officials from the region have specifically requested assistance in countering terrorist recruitment and radicalization to violence. Therefore, this symposium brought together prison officials from throughout the Balkans – as well as representatives from international and regional organizations – to assess global and regional trends in efforts to recruit and radicalize in prisons; discuss a range of good practices to help officials develop and refine programs and procedures; and share insights related to the assessment, classification, management, and rehabilitation of violent extremist inmates.

Recent research indicates prisons may serve as incubators of radicalization to violence. For example, several individuals associated with terrorist attacks in Brussels, Copenhagen, London, and Nice, may have been radicalized during their incarceration prior to committing terrorist attacks. This symposium aimed to provide prison officials with the necessary tools and knowledge to better manage and rehabilitate violent extremists as well as provide guidance on developing programs and procedures to help limit the opportunities for recruitment and radicalization to occur.

Representatives from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Finland, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Serbia, and the United States attended, as well as experts from Penal Reform International, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, the UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, the Global Center on Cooperative Security, and the

International Counterterrorism Center – The Hague.

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## **Press Releases: State Department Hosts 12th Annual Fortune-U.S. State Department Global Women's Mentoring Partnership**

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The U.S. Department of State will host the *Fortune* Most Powerful Women dinner to honor the 12th annual *Fortune*-U.S. State Department Global Women's Mentoring Partnership at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 27.

This public-private partnership leverages the expertise of U.S. leaders in the public and private sectors to support women's economic empowerment, thereby creating a more prosperous and safer world. During the program, leaders from *Fortune's* Most Powerful Women community mentor their international counterparts and provide them with the skills and experience to enhance their leadership capacities, expand their networks, and inspire them to "pay it forward" in their businesses, communities, and countries.

This year's class of emerging-leader mentees includes women from Argentina, Bangladesh, Egypt, El Salvador, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Kosovo, Mongolia, Pakistan, Poland, South Africa, Ukraine, and Zimbabwe.

This public-private partnership program is also implemented with support from

Vital Voices Global Partnership. Join the conversation online with [#EmpowerWomen](#) and [#FortuneMPW](#).

This event will be open to credentialed members of the media.

*Final access time for journalists: 6:30 p.m. from the C Street lobby, 2201 C St NW.*

*Media representatives may attend this briefing upon presentation of one of the following: (1) a U.S. Government-issued identification card (Department of State, White House, Congress, Department of Defense, or Foreign Press Center), (2) a media-issued photo identification card, or (3) a letter from their employer on letterhead verifying their employment as a journalist, accompanied by an official photo identification (driver's license or passport).*

For more information or to RSVP, please contact of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at [ECA-Press@state.gov](mailto:ECA-Press@state.gov).

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## **[Press Releases: Bilateral Dialogue Between the United States and the Republic of Korea on Counterterrorism](#)**

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On April 25, U.S. and South Korean officials met in Seoul, Republic of Korea (ROK), for the fifth bilateral dialogue between the United States and the ROK

on Counterterrorism.

Acting Principal Deputy Coordinator for Counterterrorism Alina Romanowski led the U.S. delegation, which included officials from the Departments of State, Defense, and Homeland Security, and the National Center for Counterterrorism. The 18-member Korean interagency delegation was led by Ambassador for International Security Affairs, Choi Hong-ghi.

The meeting was designed to strategically deepen the U.S.-ROK counterterrorism partnership, particularly in SE Asia and as the Republic of Korea prepares to hold the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in Pyeongchang. The United States views the Republic of Korea as a vital and highly capable partner in this endeavor. Topics included global and regional terrorist threats, terrorist use of the Internet, interagency cooperation, and aviation and border security.

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