

# [Press Releases: Boris Nemtsov](#)

Press Statement  
Robert Palladino

Deputy Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
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Four years ago, former Russian Deputy Prime Minister Boris Nemtsov, a leading figure in Russia's democratic movement, was gunned down outside the walls of the Kremlin. Although five men were convicted for carrying out his assassination, the United States continues to call on Russian authorities to identify publicly those who organized and ordered the crime, and hold them accountable.

Boris Nemtsov remains an inspiration to all those in Russia and around the world who strive for justice, democracy, and a government accountable to the people. We honor his memory by renewing our call for the Government of Russia to allow journalists, civil society activists, and political opposition members to exercise their universal human rights of freedom of expression, association, and peaceful assembly without fear of violence or other forms of reprisal.

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## [Press Releases: Ambassador Robert Strayer at MWC Barcelona](#)

Media Note

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Ambassador Robert Strayer, Senior Advisor Brian Bulatao and high-ranking colleagues from FCC, FTC, DoD, Commerce, and USAID are currently participating in MWC Barcelona (formerly Mobile World Congress). The main topic of discussion is 5G, the next generation of mobile communication, which promises to transform both economy and society by connecting billions of devices to the Internet and enabling a broad array of new applications. The United States will continue to work to ensure that partners and allies maintain secure and reliable communications networks and supply chains to reduce the risks of unauthorized access and malicious cyber activity.

To read Ambassador Strayer's full remarks at today's press availability in Barcelona, please click [here](#).

For further information, please contact the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Economic Policy Analysis and Public Diplomacy Office (EB/EPPD) at [EB-A-PD-DL@state.gov](mailto:EB-A-PD-DL@state.gov). Follow along on Twitter at [@EconAtState](https://twitter.com/EconAtState).

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## **[Press Releases: Dominican Republic Independence Day](#)**

Press Statement  
Michael R. Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC

February 26, 2019

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On behalf of the Government of the United States, I extend congratulations to the people of the Dominican Republic on your 175th anniversary of independence.

The United States and the Dominican Republic enjoy a strong relationship rooted in familial and cultural ties and a long history of cooperation on security, trade and investment, disaster preparedness, and education. We value the Dominican Republic's leadership on issues of regional interest, including as a member of the United National Security Council this year. Your country has played an essential role in promoting democracy in the hemisphere and contributing to the prosperity of our peoples. We look forward to deepening our partnership with the Dominican Republic through the U.S.-Caribbean 2020 initiative as we work towards a future of mutual security, growth, and prosperity.

The United States values our longstanding friendship and wishes the citizens of the Dominican Republic a happy Independence Day celebration.

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## **[Press Releases: United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance to the People of Yemen](#)**

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Today, the United States announced nearly \$24 million in additional emergency aid to the people of Yemen, who face the world's largest humanitarian crisis. This funding brings the total humanitarian assistance provided by the U.S. Government for the Yemen response to nearly \$721 million since October 2017.

More than 24 million people in Yemen – nearly 80 percent of the population – are in need of humanitarian assistance. The new funding will purchase emergency shelter and relief items, among other supplies, for displaced Yemenis and refugees who are living in Yemen, and support critical coordination and logistics services to ensure aid continues to reach the most vulnerable. This funding complements ongoing U.S.-funded humanitarian assistance activities that reach nearly eight million people each month with health care, safe drinking water, treatment for malnourished children, food, shelter, hygiene kits, and medical supplies to fight the spread of disease.

Nearly 20 million Yemenis do not have access to basic health care, and more than five million are one step removed from famine. Without continuing large-scale international humanitarian efforts, many more would face life-threatening hunger, and could die from preventable disease. It is critical that humanitarian supplies and commercial imports – especially food, fuel, and medicine – flow into and throughout Yemen freely, and without delay, and that humanitarian actors can deliver these goods safely to those in need.

On February 26, 2019, donors met in Geneva to pledge additional funding of \$2.6 billion to assist vulnerable Yemenis. The United States is one of the largest donors of humanitarian assistance to the Yemen response and remains committed to helping the people of Yemen. The United States thanks all countries that announced major contributions today, including the significant contributions of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Kuwait, and calls on other donors around the world to respond to this urgent crisis and its rapidly growing needs.

However, no amount of humanitarian or development assistance will end this conflict and the suffering of millions. An enduring solution will only come through a comprehensive political agreement that allows the people of Yemen to determine a secure and prosperous future.

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# Press Releases: Remarks With Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh Before Their Meeting

Remarks

Michael R. Pompeo

Secretary of State

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Hanoi, Vietnam

February 26, 2019

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**FOREIGN MINISTER MINH:** (Via interpreter) State Secretary Mike Pompeo, it's a great pleasure to meet with you again in Vietnam and welcome back. And I still remember last time I met you, I was back from (inaudible) and this time, it is the same. (Laughter.)

And once again, I want to say that it's a great pleasure to meet with you here in Vietnam and congratulations on the second U.S.-D.P.R.K. summit in Hanoi.

**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Thank you. It is great to be back. It is very good to see you again. I want to thank you and your whole team and the Vietnamese people for hosting this summit as well. You've done remarkable work. It's a demonstration, I think, of the relationship between our two countries, and I look forward to our conversation today and then the meetings between our leaders tomorrow as well. Thank you.

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