

Press Releases: U.S.-Ghana Cyber Study Visit

Media Note
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Senior representatives from the United States and Ghana participated in a U.S.-Ghana Cyber Study visit to facilitate stronger bilateral cooperation on cyber issues, including building government capacity to address emerging challenges and shared threats.

The visit covered key cyber and Internet policy topics, such as improving cybersecurity, including the protection of critical infrastructure and combating cybercrime. The delegation received an official tour of the National Cybersecurity Communications and Integration Center. Additional discussions with non-governmental organizations and the private sector emphasized the benefits of public-private partnership on cyber policy.

The visit was conducted as part of the Security Governance Initiative, a partnership between the United States and Ghana that seeks to enable Ghana to develop and enhance policies, systems, and processes to more efficiently and responsibly deliver security and justice to their citizens.

Mr. Robert Strayer, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cyber and International Communications and Information Policy at the U.S. Department of State, led the U.S. government interagency delegation, which also included representatives from the Department of State, Department of Justice, Department of Commerce, Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Reserve, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Honorable Minister for Communications, Ursula Owusu-Ekuful, led the Ghanaian delegation, which also included representatives from the National Communications Authority and the Bureau of National Communications.

For updates on U.S. cyber and Internet policy, follow the Economic and Business Affairs Bureau at [@StateCIP](#) or the State Department's Office of the Coordinator for Cyber Issues at [@State_Cyber](#) on Twitter. Please send interview requests to SCCI_Press@state.gov and EB-A-PD-Clearances@state.gov.

For updates on Ghanaian cyber and internet policy, visit the National Cyber Security Centre at the Ministry of Communication at www.cybersecurity.gov.gh and contact info@cybersecurity.gov.gh.

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Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Meeting With Jordanian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates Ayman Safadi

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Secretary Michael R. Pompeo met today in Washington with Jordanian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates Ayman Safadi. The Secretary and Foreign Minister Safadi discussed regional developments, including efforts to bring peace and stability to Syria and the broader Middle East. Secretary Pompeo also thanked the Foreign Minister for Jordan's continued role in helping to alleviate humanitarian suffering in southern Syria.

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[Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Meeting With Macedonian Foreign Minister Dimitrov](#)

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Secretary Michael R. Pompeo met on August 21 with Macedonian Foreign Minister Nikola Dimitrov. The Secretary congratulated his counterpart on the historic Prespa Agreement between Macedonia and Greece. The Secretary expressed his support for the Prespa Agreement, the implementation of which will allow the country to join NATO as North Macedonia and facilitate the opening of accession negotiations with the European Union. The Secretary and the Foreign Minister discussed the next steps in the implementation of the agreement, including the upcoming September 30 referendum. The Secretary noted the referendum presented an opportunity for citizens to voice their opinions on an issue of vital importance to the future of Macedonia.

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[Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Meeting With UK Foreign Secretary Hunt](#)

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Secretary Michael R. Pompeo met today with UK Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt. They discussed a number of global issues, including the ongoing threat posed by Russia's dangerous and destabilizing activity and Iran's malign behavior, the defeat ISIS campaign, as well as the humanitarian situation in Yemen. As close allies, the two committed to deepening cooperation on security and foreign policy issues and welcomed the prospect of a future free trade agreement. After their meeting, Secretary Pompeo and Foreign Secretary Hunt expressed their gratitude to U.S. diplomats expelled by Russia in the wake of our joint response to Russia's use of a chemical weapon in an attempted murder in the United Kingdom.

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[Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Meeting With Qatari Foreign Minister Mohammad bin Abdulrahman Al Thani](#)

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Secretary Michael R. Pompeo met yesterday with Qatari Foreign Minister Mohammad bin Abdulrahman Al Thani. They affirmed their mutual interest in promoting security and stability in the region and their continued commitment to the strong bilateral relationship between the United States and Qatar. They discussed the importance of the Government of Qatar's ongoing support for peace in Afghanistan, and in promoting regional stability and recent progress towards an Afghan-owned and Afghan-led peace process. They also discussed support for Iraq government formation.

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