

# Press Releases: General Elections in Barbados

Press Statement  
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
May 25, 2018

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We congratulate Mia Mottley on her election as the next prime minister of Barbados in the May 24 general election vote. Ms. Mottley makes history as Barbados' first female prime minister. We congratulate the Barbadian people on participating in another free and fair election and for their commitment to democratic values.

The United States and Barbados enjoy a strong partnership based on our shared democratic values and commitment to peace and security. We applaud Ms. Mottley's stated intent to address fiscal transparency, and we look forward to collaborating with Barbados to enhance economic partnerships and private sector investment.

We value the productive relationship we built during Prime Minister Stuart's administration and look forward to working with Prime Minister-elect Mottley when the new government takes office.

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# Press Releases: Georgia National Day

Press Statement  
Mike Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
May 25, 2018

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On behalf of the Government of the United States, I would like to wish the Government of Georgia and the Georgian people a joyous Independence Day.

This year marks the centennial anniversary of the Democratic Republic of Georgia, the first independent Georgian state in modern history. Since regaining its independence in 1991, Georgia has been a close friend and valued partner of the United States.

Over the past 27 years, Georgia has made impressive progress in building its economy and its democracy. Georgians also make valuable contributions to regional peace and security, including through their service in Afghanistan, where they serve side by side with American servicemen and women. These achievements would not be possible without the dedication and numerous sacrifices of the Georgian people.

The United States is proud to continue to support Georgia's democratic and economic development, its NATO membership, and its sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders. We look forward to many more years of friendship and cooperation between our two countries.

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## **Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Call With Republic of Korea Foreign Minister Kang**

Readout  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
May 25, 2018

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

On May 24, Secretary Pompeo spoke by telephone with Republic of Korea Foreign Minister Kang. Secretary Pompeo and Foreign Minister Kang reaffirmed their shared commitment to the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula and to the ironclad alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea. They committed to remaining closely coordinated in all of their efforts to create conditions for dialogue with North Korea and agreed that must continue until North Korea embraces denuclearization.

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## **Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Phone Call With Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos**

Readout  
Office of the Spokesperson

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Secretary Pompeo spoke by phone today with Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos. Secretary Pompeo and President Santos discussed the fraudulent elections held May 20 in Venezuela and the importance of standing together as democratic nations in support of the Venezuelan people and the restoration of their democracy. The Secretary recognized Colombia's great compassion for Venezuelans fleeing this man-made crisis and highlighted the commitment of the United States to support Colombia's efforts in this regard. They discussed the situation at the Hidroituango Dam in Antioquia department and Secretary Pompeo noted U.S. support as this matter proceeds.

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## **[Press Releases: On the National Dialogue in Nicaragua](#)**

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Washington, DC  
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The United States condemns the recent violence perpetrated by government-controlled thugs, resulting in further deaths of demonstrators in Nicaragua. The Nicaraguan government must create the conditions conducive to a credible and inclusive dialogue and guarantee the safety of the participants.

We call on the Government of Nicaragua to fully implement the recommendations

of the independent Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), and act upon its findings to ensure accountability and justice for human rights abuses and violations.

We are extremely concerned by the lack of progress on the national dialogue due to the government's failure to credibly engage on democratization. We urge Nicaragua's government to negotiate in good faith and return to the dialogue with an agenda to achieve a democratic future for all Nicaraguans.

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