

# **Press Releases: U.S. Support for the Iranian People in Response to Floods**

Press Statement  
Michael R. Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
April 2, 2019

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On behalf of the American people, we offer our condolences to the victims of the recent floods in Iran. These floods once again show the level of Iranian regime mismanagement in urban planning and in emergency preparedness. The regime blames outside entities when, in fact, it is their mismanagement that has led to this disaster. They even jail environmentalists for attempting to help Iran prepare for these very issues. The United States stands ready to assist and contribute to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, which would then direct the money through the Iranian Red Crescent for relief.

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# **Press Releases: Deputy Secretary of State Sullivan To Travel to Dinard, France**

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Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan will travel to Dinard France from April 5-6 to lead the U.S. delegation to the G-7 Foreign Affairs Ministerial. There, he will engage in discussions on a broad range of issues, including the deteriorating situation in Venezuela, destabilizing Iranian behavior in the Middle East, the responsible conduct of states in cyber space, and the final denuclearization of North Korea. Under Secretary for Political Affairs David Hale will accompany the Deputy Secretary.

The G-7 Foreign Affairs Ministerial offers an opportunity for foreign ministers to seek common ground on global political and security issues of mutual concern. These conversations will set the stage for the G-7 Leaders' Summit in Biarritz, France, in August.

On the margins of the G-7 Ministerial, Deputy Secretary Sullivan will also meet with foreign ministers for bilateral discussions.

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## **[Press Releases: Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program Marks 40th Anniversary With Alumni Conference in Panama City, Panama](#)**

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The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program will celebrate 40 years of bringing international professionals to the United States to study and collaborate with U.S. counterparts. Sixty-four alumni from Latin America and the Caribbean will come together at the alumni conference “Realizing Full and Inclusive Democracy in Our Hemisphere,” April 5-7, 2019 in Panama City, Panama. Alumni will share best practices and strategies to promote democracy, good governance, and social inclusion in their communities and will celebrate the accomplishments of the nearly 6,000 fellows and alumni around the world.

Founded in 1978 as a Presidential Initiative in honor of the late Senator and Vice President, the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program provides a year of professional enrichment and leadership development in the United States for mid-career professionals from countries across the developing world. The Humphrey Program fosters a mutual exchange of knowledge, builds professional capacity, promotes lasting ties, and enhances international cooperation.

Each year approximately 150 fellows, funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, undertake professional development at leading U.S. universities in fields critical to U.S. relations with the developing world. The program now has a network of nearly 6,000 fellows and alumni in 162 countries around the world working to improve their communities.

The State Department, working closely with the Institute of International Education, aims to acknowledge the extraordinary professional achievements and impact of Humphrey alumni during the Fellowship’s first 40 years through a series of events at home and around the world.

For press inquiries, please contact the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at [ECA-Press@state.gov](mailto:ECA-Press@state.gov). Learn more about the Humphrey Program by visiting <http://www.humphreyfellowship.org/>. Join the conversation about the conference and the 40th anniversary on social media using the hashtag #Humphrey40.

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# Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo Delivers Remarks to Families of Americans Held Captive Abroad

Notice to the Press  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
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Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo will deliver remarks to families of American citizens held captive abroad at 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at the Department of State.

Secretary Pompeo's remarks will be open press coverage.

Preset times for video cameras and final access time for writers and still photographers is 3:30 p.m. from the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Entrance Lobby.

*Media representatives may attend this event upon presentation of one of the following: (1) a U.S. Government-issued photo media credential (e.g., Department of State, White House, Congress, Department of Defense or Foreign Press Center), or (2) an official photo identification card issued by their news organization, or (3) a letter from their employer on official letterhead verifying their current employment as a journalist. Additionally, they must present an official government photo identification card (i.e., U.S. driver's license or passport).*

The Secretary's remarks will be streamed live on [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov).

For further information, please contact the Office of Press Relations at (202) 647-2492 or [PAPressDuty@state.gov](mailto:PAPressDuty@state.gov).

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# Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Meeting With Spanish Foreign Minister Josep Borrell

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The below is attributable to Deputy Spokesperson Robert Palladino:□

Secretary Michael R. Pompeo met with Spanish Foreign Minister Josep Borrell today at the Department of State. The Secretary thanked the Foreign Minister for Spain's efforts to support a return to democracy in Venezuela. The Secretary and the Foreign Minister discussed a number of regional and bilateral issues, including Russia's aggression in the Black Sea. They also discussed joint efforts in NATO and the importance of meeting defense spending targets outlined in the Wales Pledge.

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