

# [Press Releases: Sinhala and Tamil New Year](#)

Press Statement  
John J. Sullivan

Acting Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
April 12, 2018

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On behalf of President Trump and the American people, I wish a joyous New Year to all the Sri Lankan people.

The New Year celebration is a chance to reflect on the milestones of the past year, including the celebration of the 70th anniversary of Sri Lanka's independence and U.S.-Sri Lankan diplomatic relations, as well as continued progress on good governance, economic stability, and reconciliation to ensure an even brighter future for the Sri Lankan people.

The United States looks forward to working with Sri Lanka on our shared goals of peace, prosperity, and further growth in the Indo-Pacific region in the year ahead.

Best wishes to the Sri Lankan people for a safe and prosperous year ahead.

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# [Press Releases: Houthi Missile Attack](#)

## [on Riyadh](#)

Press Statement  
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
April 11, 2018

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The United States strongly condemns today's Houthi missile attack on Riyadh. We support the right of our Saudi partners to defend their borders against these threats, which are fueled by the Iranian regime's dangerous proliferation of weapons and destabilizing activities in the region. The Houthis' continued attacks on Saudi population centers calls into question their commitment to helping shape a peaceful, prosperous, and secure future for Yemen. We continue to call on all parties to return to UN-facilitated political negotiations and move toward ending the war in Yemen.

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## [Press Releases: Crash of Military Aircraft in Algeria](#)

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We were saddened to learn about the crash of an Algerian military aircraft this morning. We extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends of the victims of today's tragedy, as well as our partners and colleagues in the Algerian military. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Algerian people and government in this time of sorrow.

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## **Press Releases: On the 20th Anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement**

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Acting Secretary of State

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On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I offer my best wishes to the people of Northern Ireland, Ireland, and the United Kingdom as they celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement this week.

Twenty years ago, the Good Friday Agreement brought an end to thirty years of violence in which more than 3,500 lives were lost. It offered a framework for

a new beginning to build peace, prosperity, and reconciliation in the region. The Good Friday Agreement, endorsed widely by the people of the region, remains an inspiration around the world.

As we reflect on this important anniversary, let us remind ourselves – and the generations since the signing in 1998 – of how far the people of the region have traveled, as well as the challenges that persist. We encourage all parties in Northern Ireland to work together to form a regional, power-sharing government that benefits all the people of the region.

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## **Press Releases: Khmer New Year**

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On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I offer congratulations to the people of Cambodia on the occasion of Khmer New Year on April 13.

The relationship between our peoples is strong and built on our mutual desire for peace, prosperity, and freedom. May our bonds of friendship be strengthened in the year to come.

Please accept our best wishes for a Happy New Year

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