

# [Press Releases: Secretary Tillerson's Call With Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs Cavusoglu](#)

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Washington, DC  
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The following is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Secretary Tillerson spoke today with Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu. Secretary Tillerson conveyed to the Foreign Minister his profound concern over the detentions of Turkish national employees of our diplomatic mission to Turkey and of several American citizens. Secretary Tillerson emphasized the importance of transparency in the accusations made by the Turkish government and the need for the Turkish government to present the evidence behind these accusations. Secretary Tillerson and Foreign Minister Cavusoglu agreed the two sides would remain in close contact to address U.S. concerns about these detentions.

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# [Press Releases: Deputy Secretary John J. Sullivan's Travel to Tokyo and](#)

# Seoul

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Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan will travel to Tokyo and Seoul for a Deputies-level trilateral meeting hosted by the Republic of Korea on October 18. The trilateral meeting will focus on strategic coordination related to the urgent threat from DPRK's advancing nuclear weapons program and include discussion on regional and global areas of cooperation.

The Deputy Secretary also will hold bilateral meetings in Tokyo from October 16-17 and in Seoul from October 18-19. He looks forward to engaging with U.S. Embassy staff in both Seoul and Tokyo, U.S. Forces Korea in Seoul, as well as representatives from the business community and civil society.

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## **Press Releases: Young Southeast Asian Leaders Visiting the United States Celebrate 40th Anniversary of U.S.-ASEAN Relations**

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Participants in the U.S. Department of State's Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) exchange visitor program will gather at the U.S. Capitol Visitors Center on October 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to celebrate the 40th anniversary of U.S.-ASEAN relations and the 50th anniversary of ASEAN. Walter Douglas, Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, will preside at the event with Alyson Grunder, Senior Bureau Official of the Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Other guests will include members of the diplomatic community, NGOs, think tanks, academic institutions, and U.S. lawmakers with an interest in Southeast Asia.

YSEALI, the State Department's flagship youth exchange program focused on Southeast Asia, is key to the United States' socio-cultural partnership with ASEAN. Created in 2014, YSEALI builds bridges between young leaders and the United States. Over 100,000 youth have joined the YSEALI network to gain leadership skills and work across borders to find solutions to regional and global challenges. YSEALI academic and professional exchanges have provided more than 1,000 youth the opportunity to visit the United States to connect with Americans. An additional 2,000 YSEALI members have participated in regional exchange workshops to build an ASEAN identity and enhance skills in the fields of economic growth, sustainable development, education, and civic engagement.

For further information, please visit the YSEALI website at <https://asean.usmission.gov/yseali/> and on Twitter at @YSEALI, @USAsiaPacific, and @ECAatState.

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# Military Dialogue

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On October 11, Karen Williams, Senior Advisor for the Bureau of Political Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Ambassador Nelson Tabajara, Head of the Department of Defense and Security Affairs, Ministry of External Relations of Brazil; and Admiral Carlos Eduardo Arentz, Deputy-Chief of Policy and Strategy of the Ministry of Defense chaired the 2017 U.S.-Brazil Political-Military Dialogue at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C.

This will be the first iteration of this longstanding security dialogue under the Trump Administration. The U.S.-Brazil Political-Military Dialogue reflects our shared commitment to strengthen bilateral defense and security relations. The dialogue covered a broad array of political military topics including continuing efforts to enhance partnerships in security cooperation, defense trade, and peacekeeping.

For further information, please contact the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs in the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs at [PM-CPA@state.gov](mailto:PM-CPA@state.gov), and follow PM on Twitter [@StateDeptPM](https://twitter.com/StateDeptPM).

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## Press Releases: Curacao Day

Press Statement

Rex W. Tillerson

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
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On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, we send congratulations to the people of Curacao on the anniversary of Curacao Day.

We thank the Government of Curacao for its steadfast leadership in supporting the region during the recent hurricanes. Our close coordination throughout these critical moments has underscored our shared values, our commitment to cooperation, and our mutual goals for a secure and prosperous region.

The United States hopes to always strengthen ties, address regional challenges, and celebrate accomplishments with the people of Curacao. Such is the spirit of the United States and Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act of 2016.

We extend to you and the people of Curacao our best wishes on the anniversary of Curacao Day.

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