<u>Press Releases: On the Passing of Nancy Dupree</u>

Press Statement Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC September 12, 2017

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Nancy Dupree, who was a pillar of the American community in Afghanistan for decades. Her work to preserve the history and culture of Afghanistan began when she first arrived in Kabul in 1962. Until her last days, Ms. Dupree remained supportive of young Afghan students and scholars who wished to focus their studies on Afghanistan's heritage. She was an author, a scholar, and a tireless friend of Afghanistan who built bridges between the Afghan people and the people of the United States. We will always be indebted to her.

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Press Releases: On the Attack in Egypt

Press Statement Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC

The United States strongly condemns the terrorist attack on a security convoy in Egypt today that left at least 18 dead and others injured. We express our profound condolences to the families and friends of the victims and our wishes for a speedy recovery for those hurt in the attack.

We will continue to stand with Egypt as it confronts the threat from terrorism.

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Press Releases: Deputy Secretary Sullivan's Meeting with Communist Party of Vietnam External Relations Chairman Hoang Binh Quan

Media Note Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC September 11, 2017

On September 11, Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan met with Communist Party of Vietnam External Relations Chairman Hoang Binh Quan to discuss a range of bilateral and regional issues. The Deputy Secretary and the Chairman affirmed the bright future for the United States-Vietnam Comprehensive

Partnership and continued cooperation to ensure peace, stability, and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region.

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Press Releases: On the Anniversary of the 9/11 Terror Attacks

Press Statement Rex W. Tillerson

Secretary of State

Washington, DC September 11, 2017

Today we remember the victims of the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, and honor the heroes who valiantly saved many lives that day, even sacrificing their own. Their courage on that day remains an example of the character of the American people in the face of evil. Though our country was wounded that day, today we remind the world that terrorism will never defeat the United States.

This date also marks a solemn tragedy where four Americans, including two of our State Department colleagues, were killed in a terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya. Their loss will always weigh heavy in our hearts.

Our hearts and prayers are with those who have lost loved ones to terrorism. We remain committed to stopping those extremists who plot, enable, and carry out attacks on the innocent.

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<u>Press Releases: Bangladesh Hosting of Rohingya</u>

Press Statement Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC September 9, 2017

We are very concerned by the United Nations announcement on September 8 that an estimated 270,000 Rohingya have arrived in Bangladesh since August 25 following allegations of serious human rights abuses in Burma's Rakhine State, including violent attacks and mass burnings of villages. We continue to coordinate closely with our partners, including the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Organization for Migration to provide emergency assistance to these individuals. Since October 2016, the U.S. government has provided nearly \$63 million in humanitarian assistance for vulnerable communities displaced in and from Burma throughout the region. We applaud the government of Bangladesh's generosity in responding to this humanitarian crisis and appreciate their continued efforts to ensure assistance reaches the affected population.

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