

Press Releases: Special Representative Biegun Travel to the Republic of Korea

Media Note
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC
October 25, 2018

Special Representative for North Korea Stephen Biegun will travel to Seoul October 29-30. The Special Representative will meet with his Republic of Korea counterparts to discuss diplomatic efforts to achieve the final, fully verified denuclearization of North Korea as committed to by Chairman Kim in Singapore.

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Press Releases: Deputy Secretary Sullivan Officiates the Swearing-In Ceremony for Ambassador Smith as Director of the Foreign Service Institute

Notice to the Press
Office of the Spokesperson

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Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan will deliver remarks and officiate the swearing-in ceremony for Ambassador Daniel Smith as Director of the Foreign Service Institute at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 26, in the Grove Atrium at the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center in Arlington, Virginia.

The event is open to credentialed members of the press.

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 George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center is located at 4000 Arlington Blvd in Arlington, Virginia. All media interested in attending this ceremony should arrive by 11:45 a.m. Parking is available in the P1 parking lot.

The preset time for video cameras is 12:00 p.m. The preset time for journalists and still photographers is 12:30 p.m.

For further information, please contact the Office of Press Relations at (202) 647-2492 or via e-mail at PAPressDuty@state.gov.

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[F-35 Fighter Aircraft, Reaffirming Enduring Partnership With the United States](#)

Press Statement
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC
October 25, 2018

The United States welcomes the decision by the Government of Belgium to purchase thirty-four new F-35 fighter aircraft. Belgium is now poised to fly the F-35 alongside its closest NATO Allies and longtime partners. The United States is proud of our enduring air partnership with Belgium, a country whose air power has contributed to the Defeat ISIS campaign in Iraq and Syria, and NATO's Baltic Air Policing mission. With Belgium's commitment to the F-35 program, its five-star aerospace industry will continue to expand as it supports this 5th generation aircraft, which was jointly developed with European partners. Belgium's participation in the F-16 program has been a cornerstone of our modern transatlantic defense partnership. We look forward to continuing this partnership for many decades to come with the F-35 program.

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Relations of the United States, 1977-1980, Volume XVII, Part 2, Sub- Saharan Africa

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The Department of State released today *Foreign Relations of the United States, 1977–1980, Volume XVII, Part 2, Sub-Saharan Africa*.

This volume is part of a *Foreign Relations* subseries that documents the most important foreign policy issues of the Jimmy Carter administration. Parts 1 and 3 of Volume XVII address the Horn of Africa and North Africa, respectively. The focus of this volume is on the Carter administration's approach to events in Africa. The first chapter addresses the administration's attitude toward the continent as a whole, including an attempt to reconstruct U.S. foreign policy toward Africa while continuing its predecessors' policy of countering Cuban and Soviet influence on the continent.

The volume is also divided into regional subsections: First, the chapter on East Africa covers the U.S. response to the provocations of Idi Amin in Uganda, the Tanzanian invasion to overthrow the Ugandan dictator, and a strengthening of ties with Tanzania and Kenya to further U.S. interests in southern Africa. Next, the chapter on Central Africa outlines U.S.-Zairean relations, focusing on the Shaba II crisis as well as aid to and investment in Sudan and parts of the Sahel. Finally, the chapter on West Africa addresses the role of Nigeria in African economics and politics, the U.S. response to a Liberian coup, and U.S. relations with the other smaller countries in West Africa.

This compilation was compiled and edited by Louise P. Woodroffe. The volume and this press release are available on the Office of the Historian website at <https://history.state.gov/historicaldocuments/frus1977-80v17p2>. Copies of the volume will be available for purchase from the U.S. Government Publishing Office online at <http://bookstore.gpo.gov/> (GPO S/N 044-000-02696-1; ISBN 978-0-16-094796-4), or by calling toll-free 1-866-512-1800 (D.C. area 202-512-1800). For further information, contact history@state.gov.

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Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Call With New Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammed Ali al-Hakim

Readout
Office of the Spokesperson

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert: □

Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo spoke with Mohammed Ali al-Hakim to congratulate him on becoming the Foreign Minister of the Republic of Iraq. The Secretary said he looked forward to working closely with him to help his government deliver stability, security, and prosperity for all Iraqis and to continue to improve Iraq's relations with the United States and Iraq's neighbors in the broader region.

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