

# [Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Meeting With Saudi Foreign Minister al-Jubeir](#)

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

Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo met today with Saudi Foreign Minister al-Jubeir in Riyadh. The Secretary thanked the foreign minister for his continued partnership and he and the foreign minister followed up on a range of regional and bilateral issues discussed at the UN General Assembly. The Secretary reiterated U.S. concern over Jamal Khashoggi's disappearance. The Secretary and the foreign minister agreed on the importance of a thorough, transparent, and timely investigation.

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Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo met today with Saudi King Salman in Riyadh. The Secretary thanked the King for Saudi Arabia's strong partnership with the United States. The Secretary and the King discussed a number of regional and bilateral issues. The Secretary also thanked the King for his commitment to supporting a thorough, transparent, and timely investigation of Jamal Khashoggi's disappearance.

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## **[Press Releases: The Secretary's Special Representative for Syria Engagement, Ambassador James Jeffrey Travels to Turkey, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia](#)**

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The Secretary's Special Representative for Syria Engagement, Ambassador James

Jeffrey, will travel to Turkey, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia, October 15-23, for discussions with allies and partners about Syria.

In Turkey, Ambassador Jeffrey will meet with Turkish Government officials, Syrian opposition leaders, and Syrian civil society groups and will reaffirm the Administration's commitment to achieving a political solution to the conflict in line with UN Security Resolution 2254 that produces a secure, stable, and pluralistic Syria, as well as a Syria that ceases being a state sponsor of terrorism, does not threaten its neighbors, and removes all Iranian-led and Iranian proxy militias.

In Qatar and Saudi Arabia, he will reiterate the U.S. position that any military offensive in Idlib would be a reckless escalation of the conflict in Syria and the region, risk the lives of Syrian civilians, and destroy civilian infrastructure.

Throughout his trip, Ambassador Jeffrey will seek to meet representatives of the Syrian people and reiterate to them our full support for U.N. Security Council Resolution 2254, and UN Special Envoy de Mistura's efforts to stand up the Syrian Constitutional Committee as quickly as possible.

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## **[Press Releases: Deputy Secretary Sullivan's Meeting With Iraqi Kurdistan Region's \(IKR\) Prime Minister Nechirvan Barzani](#)**

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:□

On October 15, Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan, accompanied by U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Doug Silliman, met in Erbil with Kurdistan Regional Government's Prime Minister Nechirvan Barzani. The Deputy Secretary congratulated the Prime Minister on the recent parliamentary election in the IKR and for their continued leadership on the D-ISIS campaign.

Deputy Secretary Sullivan reaffirmed the United States' support for the IKR as part of a unified Iraq and called for continued engagement between Erbil and Baghdad on key issues, including security and economic cooperation.

Finally, the Deputy Secretary commended recent progress and encouraged continued advancement by all Iraqi leaders in forming a new and sovereign government pursuant to the timeline established in the Iraqi constitution.

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## **[Press Releases: Deputy Secretary Sullivan's Meeting With Iraqi President Dr. Barhim Salih](#)**

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:□

On October 14, Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan met in Baghdad with newly elected President of Iraq, Dr. Barhim Salih. The Deputy Secretary congratulated newly elected President Salih on his election and emphasized the importance of quickly forming a government in a manner that is responsive to the needs of all Iraqis.

Deputy Secretary Sullivan reaffirmed the United States' commitment to the growth of bilateral economic ties and expanding U.S. investment in Iraq and underscored our enduring support for a strong, stable, sovereign, and prosperous Iraq.

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