

# [Press Releases: Luxembourg National Day](#)

Press Statement  
Michael R. Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
June 21, 2018

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On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I offer congratulations to the people of Luxembourg on this festive occasion.

Our long and enduring partnership as NATO allies protects our common values and advances our shared interests. Our continuing commitment to innovation and technology fosters greater prosperity for both our countries, including our mutual pursuit of space as the new frontier.

The United States values our friendship with Luxembourg, and I look forward to strengthening our steadfast alliance.

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## [Press Releases: Deputy Secretary Sullivan and USAID Administrator Green's Meeting With Humanitarian](#)

# Organizations on Yemen

Readout

Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC

June 22, 2018

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan and USAID Administrator Mark Green met yesterday with representatives of international and non-governmental organizations to discuss the conflict in Yemen and developments in Hudaydah, and the withdrawal of Houthi forces. The representatives urged against continued Coalition operations to capture the port, and expressed concern about the humanitarian implications of prolonged conflict over control of the port. They worried about the possibility of famine in the country. They noted a decline in ships offloading supplies, as well as an uptick in the number of people displaced from the area. They raised the importance of Coalition de-confliction activities to protect humanitarian facilities and movements.

The Deputy Secretary endorsed UN Special Envoy Martin Griffiths' efforts to avoid an escalation in fighting by brokering a compromise over the management of the port. The Deputy Secretary observed that this initiative could reinvigorate a political process towards a political settlement. He underscored the U.S. commitment to a political solution. In addition, he indicated that the United States has been clear with Saudi and Emirati officials that the destruction of critical infrastructure or disruption of the delivery of vital humanitarian aid and commercial goods is unacceptable. He reinforced that Hudaydah remains the essential gateway for humanitarian relief and commercial imports. He agreed that the port is critical to efficient delivery of humanitarian assistance to the majority of Yemen's population.

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Heather Nauert  
Spokesperson

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TRANSCRIPT:

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3:18 p.m. EDT

**MS NAUERT:** Hi, everybody. Hi. Hi. Good to see you. A couple announcements to start out with – actually, several announcements. So get comfortable, as I say when we have a lot to go over.

First off, I'd like to wish all of you a Happy International Yoga Day. Last year I recall we had forgotten it, and so where are our friends here who practice yoga?

**QUESTION:** Goyal is the one who does yoga.

**MS NAUERT:** Goyal, yeah. Okay, there we've got one person in the back. (Laughter.)

Okay. Well, Happy International Yoga Day, everyone. It is celebrated around the world to recognize yoga's many benefits to the mind and the body. The observance was launched by the United Nations in 2015 with U.S. support thanks to the initiative of Indian Prime Minister Modi.

Today we're also celebrating another significant achievement with our Indian friends. I'm pleased to announce today that the United States will hold its India 2+2 Dialogue with the United States. It will be held here at the State Department on July the 6th. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis will host the Indian external affairs minister along with the minister of defense for meetings that will focus on strengthening the strategic and defense cooperation as the United States and India jointly address challenges in the Indo-Pacific region and also beyond.