

# Press Releases: Sudan Commits To Strengthening Cooperation and Meaningful Reforms

Press Statement  
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
November 7, 2018

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Yesterday, during bilateral meetings in Washington, D.C., Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan and the Sudanese Foreign Minister Dirdeiry Mohamed Ahmed discussed the launch of the “Phase II” framework for our bilateral engagement. Phase II is designed to expand our bilateral cooperation, facilitate meaningful reforms to enhance stability in Sudan, and achieve further progress in a number of areas of longstanding concern. The United States welcomes Sudan’s commitment to making progress in key areas. Those key areas include expanding counterterrorism cooperation, enhancing human rights protections and practices, including freedoms of religion and press, improving humanitarian access, ceasing internal hostilities and creating a more conducive environment for progress in Sudan’s peace process, taking steps to address certain outstanding terrorism-related claims, and adhering to UN Security Council resolutions related to North Korea. As part of this process, the United States is prepared to initiate the process of rescinding Sudan’s designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism if the determination is made that all of the relevant statutory criteria have been met, and if Sudan makes progress in addressing each of the six key areas of mutual concern prioritized by the Phase II framework. The United States is ready to cooperate with Sudan and to monitor progress as we seek meaningful developments for the benefit of the Sudanese people and the region.

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# Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Meeting With Republic of Cyprus Foreign Minister Nikos Christodoulides

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:□

Yesterday, Secretary Michael R. Pompeo met with Republic of Cyprus Foreign Minister Nikos Christodoulides at the State Department. Secretary Pompeo and Foreign Minister Christodoulides agreed on the importance of enhancing the U.S.-Republic of Cyprus relationship and welcomed the signing by Foreign Minister Christodoulides and Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs A. Wess Mitchell of the Statement of Intent on strengthening and developing the bilateral security relationship. The Statement of Intent will advance shared interests in combatting terrorism, enhancing maritime and border security, and promoting regional stability. The Secretary reaffirmed longstanding U.S. policy on resources in the Republic of Cyprus' Exclusive Economic Zone and also said the United States continues to support Cypriot-led, UN-facilitated efforts to reunify the island as a bizonal, bicomunal federation, which would benefit all Cypriots.

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# [Press Releases: Kingdom of Cambodia's Independence Day](#)

Press Statement  
Michael R. Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
November 7, 2018

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On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I wish to extend congratulations to the people of Cambodia on the 65th anniversary of your independence on November 9.

The strong bond between the U.S. and Cambodian peoples benefits both our countries. Every year, more than 170,000 American tourists experience the beauty and history that Cambodia has to offer, while we in the United States enjoy the many contributions of our Cambodian-American community to the rich and diverse fabric of our society.

We share your hope for the development of a free, prosperous, democratic, and just society.

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# [Press Releases: Meeting With DPRK Officials](#)

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Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo's meeting with officials from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, scheduled for this week in New York, will now take place at a later date. We will reconvene when our respective schedules permit. Ongoing conversations continue to take place. The United States remains focused on fulfilling the commitments agreed to by President Trump and Chairman Kim at the Singapore Summit in June.

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## **[Press Releases: On the Occasion of Diwali](#)**

Press Statement  
Michael R. Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
November 6, 2018

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On behalf of the Department of State, I would like to wish all those

celebrating Diwali a joyous and prosperous holiday.

Also known as the "Festival of Lights," this special occasion celebrates the triumph of light over darkness. Nearly a billion celebrants from around the world will light the *diya*, or lamp, as a reminder that good ultimately overcomes evil, understanding over ignorance, and kindness over animosity. Diwali is also a time of reflection and prayer when observers perform *seva*, or selfless service, without any expectation of reward or payment.

As those celebrating decorate their homes with vibrant lights, I would also like to recognize the achievements of our friends in the United States observing Diwali who make important contributions to our country on a daily basis.

Again, to those celebrating this joyous time I wish you a happy Diwali.

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