

# [Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Meeting With Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa](#)

Readout  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
October 3, 2018

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:□

Secretary Michael R. Pompeo met today in Washington with Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa. The Secretary thanked the Foreign Minister for Bahrain's strong partnership with the United States. The Secretary commended the Foreign Minister for Bahrain's achievements in reducing human trafficking and its upgrade to Tier 1 status in the 2018 Trafficking in Persons Report. The Secretary and the Foreign Minister continued discussions from the September 28 GCC+2 Ministerial on establishing a Middle East Strategic Alliance, anchored by a united GCC, to advance prosperity, security, and stability in the region. The Secretary and the Foreign Minister also discussed U.S.-Bahrain counterterrorism cooperation, countering the Iranian regime's malign influence in the region, and other bilateral and regional issues.

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Press Statement  
Michael R. Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
October 3, 2018

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I welcome passage of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development (BUILD) Act of 2018 by Congress with strong bipartisan support today. The BUILD Act implements President Trump's vision for our development finance institutions. We are enabling them to mobilize private sector investment to accelerate development and move societies forward. The Act provides opportunities for American companies to compete overseas and create jobs here at home, a critical component of the President's national economic strategy. BUILD strengthens the U.S. government's development finance capacity, offering a better alternative to state-directed investments and advancing our foreign policy goals.

I look forward to chairing the board of the new U.S. International Development Finance Corporation created by the BUILD Act and to working with allies and partners to advance its goals.

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# Travel to Tokyo, Pyongyang, Seoul, and Beijing

Press Statement  
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
October 2, 2018

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Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo will travel to Tokyo, Japan; Pyongyang, DPRK; Seoul, Republic of Korea; and Beijing, China from October 6-8.

In Tokyo, October 6-7, the Secretary will meet with Prime Minister Abe and Foreign Minister Taro Kono.

In Pyongyang, October 7, the Secretary will meet with Chairman Kim Jong Un.

In Seoul, October 7-8, the Secretary will meet with President Moon Jae-in, and Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha.

In Beijing, October 8, the Secretary will meet with his Chinese counterparts to discuss bilateral, regional, and global issues.

Throughout the Secretary's trip he will reiterate the Administration's continued focus on the final, fully verifiable, denuclearization of the DPRK, and longstanding commitment to our alliances and partnerships in the region.

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# Press Releases: First Annual U.S.- Australia Energy Security Dialogue

Media Note  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
October 2, 2018

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The U.S. Department of State hosted the first annual U.S.-Australia Energy Security Dialogue in Washington, D.C. on October 2, 2018. Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Energy Resources (ENR) Frank R. Fannon and Australia's Department of Environment and Energy Deputy Secretary Rob Heferen led the discussions. Officials from the U.S. Departments of Energy and Interior participated in the dialogue along with an Australian delegation from the Departments of Environment and Energy; Industry, Innovation, and Science; and Foreign Affairs and Trade; the Australian Trade and Investment Commission; the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, and the Embassy of Australia in Washington, D.C.

The Energy Security Dialogue is an outcome of the February 23, 2018 meeting of President Trump and former Prime Minister Turnbull where the leaders announced the U.S.-Australia Strategic Partnership on Energy in the Indo-Pacific. This partnership aims to promote regional energy infrastructure and cooperation, open and competitive energy markets, and improved rules and standards in the Indo-Pacific. The concept was broadened to include energy security at the 2018 Australia-U.S. Ministerial consultations held in Palo Alto, California in July.

At today's Dialogue, officials signed a Memorandum of Understanding to enhance the existing framework for bilateral cooperation and to strengthen areas of mutual interest in the energy sector, to include promoting regional energy security, encouraging open and competitive markets, facilitating bilateral energy trade and investment, and advancing clean energy technology policies to promote research, development, and deployment of innovative energy technologies. Officials also shared best practice approaches and lessons learned to address shared challenges domestically in energy and resources.

Today's Energy Security Dialogue builds upon the commitment to foster an Indo-Pacific region where international trade is rooted in market-based principles, private sector-led development, and good economic governance.

Australia will host the next Energy Security Dialogue in 2019.

For further information, contact Vincent Campos, Spokesperson for the Bureau of Energy Resources, at [CamposVM@state.gov](mailto:CamposVM@state.gov) or visit [www.state.gov/e/enr](http://www.state.gov/e/enr). You can also find information on Twitter at [@EnergyAtState](https://twitter.com/EnergyAtState).

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## **Press Releases: Germany National Day**

Press Statement  
Michael R. Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
October 2, 2018

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On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I congratulate the people of Germany as you celebrate the Day of German Unity on October 3.

Germany is one of the United States' closest allies and an indispensable leader in Europe. As we approach the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, we remember the significance of that event not only for German reunification but also for democracy and freedom across the globe. On this day we celebrate the spirit of unity and Germany's place as a beacon of light for a Europe that is whole, free, and at peace.

German culture and traditions are indelible aspects of the American experience. More than 45 million Americans claim German ancestry. Our shared values, deep people-to-people ties, and common interest in creating a prosperous and secure world underpin the solid foundations of our relationship.

As you gather in Berlin and across Germany on this 28th anniversary of German

reunification, I wish you continued prosperity and thank you for your contributions to the unbreakable U.S.-German relationship. We truly are "Wunderbar Together."

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