

# [Press Releases: Secretary Tillerson's Call with Jordanian Foreign Minister Safadi](#)

Readout  
Office of the Spokesperson

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

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson spoke by phone yesterday with Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi. Secretary Tillerson and the Foreign Minister discussed continued strong U.S. support for Jordan, our two countries' interest in maintaining the de-escalation area in southern Syria, support for the upcoming UN-sponsored Syrian political talks in Geneva, as well as the importance of addressing humanitarian needs in Syria.

The Secretary and Foreign Minister Safadi also discussed important regional issues including the latest developments in Lebanon. The Secretary reaffirmed the United States' support for Lebanese independence, sovereignty, and stability.

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## [Press Releases: Entrepreneurs and](#)

# Investors Selected for the 2017 Global Entrepreneurship Summit

Media Note

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The United States and India are proud to announce the selection of the 1,500 individuals who will participate in the 2017 Global Entrepreneurship Summit, which will be co-hosted by the United States and India in Hyderabad, India, November 28-30.

Advisor to the President Ivanka Trump will lead the U.S. contingent to the summit, which will highlight the theme of “Women First, Prosperity for All” and focus on supporting women entrepreneurs and fostering economic growth globally.

Participants at this year’s GES represent four key industry sectors: Energy and Infrastructure, Healthcare and Life Sciences, Financial Technology and Digital Economy, and Media and Entertainment. Approximately one third of the entrepreneurs are from the United States, one third are from India, and one third are from other countries around the globe. The 1,500 participants include nearly 300 investors and ecosystem supporters who will catalyze investment and networking at the Summit. Here are a few key facts on this impressive, diverse group.

- Women will represent 52.5 percent of entrepreneurs, investors and ecosystem supporters at GES 2017. This is the first time that women have been the majority of participants at a GES.
- Women from 127 countries are participating. 10+ countries will be represented by an all-female delegation, including Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, and Israel.
- Overall, participants hail from 150 countries and territories across the world.
- The American entrepreneurs, investors, and ecosystem supporters come from 38 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.
- Indian entrepreneurs from the length and breadth of the country will join GES and connect with entrepreneurs and investors from around the world.
- 31.5 percent of entrepreneurs at GES are 30 years old or younger.
- The youngest entrepreneur is 13 and the oldest entrepreneur is 84.

For more information on the Global Entrepreneurship Summit, please visit [www.ges2017.org](http://www.ges2017.org) and follow @ges2017 on Twitter and ges2017 on Instagram. Media inquiries about the Summit should be sent to [summitmedia@state.gov](mailto:summitmedia@state.gov).

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## **Press Releases: Deputy Secretary John J. Sullivan's Meeting with Libyan Prime Minister al-Sarraaj**

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The following is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Deputy Secretary Sullivan met with Libyan Prime Minister Fayez al-Sarraaj today in Tunis to affirm the United States' continued partnership with Libya and the Government of National Accord, and the United States' commitment to helping the Libyan people realize a more stable, unified, and prosperous future. The Deputy Secretary thanked Prime Minister al-Sarraaj for his leadership and efforts to advance political reconciliation in Libya and for his stalwart partnership in countering terrorism and defeating ISIS.

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## **Press Releases: On the Occasion of Sovereign Prince's Day in Monaco**

Press Statement  
Rex W. Tillerson

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
November 18, 2017

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On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I would like to congratulate the people of Monaco as you celebrate La Fête du Prince.

Monaco has been a trusted partner of the United States since 1866, and our government values the warm relations and enduring friendship between our two countries. By maintaining this partnership, we can continue to advance our joint interests in maintaining peace and expanding prosperity on both sides of the Atlantic.

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## **Press Releases: On the Occasion of**

# Latvia's National Day

Press Statement  
Rex W. Tillerson

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
November 17, 2017

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On behalf of the United States government, I congratulate the people of Latvia on the 99th anniversary of your independence.

The relationship between the United States and Latvia is strong. This strength is anchored in our shared commitment to upholding democratic values and the unity of our transatlantic community. Latvia is a valuable partner and a vital NATO Ally. In 2017, our two countries shared many successes, including two meetings between Vice President Pence and Latvian President Vējonis. Vice President Pence underscored the United States' ironclad commitment to NATO and collective defense under Article 5 of the Washington Treaty. Our relationship is strong across many fields, including security and defense, trade, entrepreneurship and innovation, and cultural and academic exchanges, and will continue to broaden through the deep connections between our people.

As you begin to light your candles in Riga and across Latvia to celebrate 99 years of independence, I also want to wish you a great start to your centennial independence celebrations in the New Year. The United States is looking forward to celebrating with you in 2018 as you mark your 100th anniversary.

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