

# [Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Call With Foreign Minister Taro Kono of Japan](#)

Readout  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
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The following is attributable to Deputy Spokesperson Robert Palladino:

Secretary Michael R. Pompeo spoke with Foreign Minister Kono of Japan on March 1 to discuss President Trump and Chairman Kim's meetings during the U.S.-DPRK summit in Hanoi. Secretary Pompeo described next steps on DPRK engagement, and the two sides reaffirmed their commitment to the denuclearization of the DPRK. Secretary Pompeo and Foreign Minister Kono said that they looked forward to the U.S.-Japan Security Consultative Committee ("2+2") meeting later this year to strengthen bilateral security and defense cooperation.

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# [Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Call With Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-hwa of the Republic of Korea](#)

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The following is attributable to Deputy Spokesperson Robert Palladino:

Secretary Michael R. Pompeo spoke today with Foreign Minister Kang of the Republic of Korea. Secretary Pompeo and Foreign Minister Kang discussed the U.S.-DPRK summit in Hanoi. The two sides agreed to continue to closely coordinate on the denuclearization of the DPRK.

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## **[Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Call With Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China Yang Jiechi](#)**

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The following is attributable to Deputy Spokesperson Robert Palladino:

Secretary Michael R. Pompeo spoke with Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party and Director of the Chinese Communist Party Foreign Affairs Office Yang Jiechi on March 1. Secretary Pompeo provided Politburo Member Yang insights into the discussions in Hanoi between President Trump and Chairman Kim. He confirmed that the United Nations sanctions related to the DPRK remain a central pillar of the world's effort to see a peaceful, stable, non-nuclear DPRK. They also discussed elements, including trade, of the bilateral relationship between the United States and China.

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## [Press Releases: Joint Statement on Libya](#)

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The text of the following statement on Libya was released by the Governments of the United States of America, France, Italy, and the United Kingdom.

*Begin Text:*

The governments of France, Italy, the United Kingdom, and the United States reiterate their strong support to the ongoing efforts of UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) Ghassan Salamé and the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) to de-escalate tensions in Libya and help the Libyan people chart a path toward credible and secure elections. We welcome UN leadership in convening Prime Minister al-Sarraj and LNA Commander Haftar on February 27 and commend the efforts of the Government of the United

Arab Emirates to facilitate this discussion. We welcome the announcement by UNSMIL that a political agreement could be reached on the need to end the transitional stages in Libya through holding general elections, and on ways to maintain stability in the country and unify its institutions. Mindful that there is no military solution in Libya, we call on all Libyans to work constructively with SRSB Salamé and seize this vital opportunity to realize a stable and unified government that can deliver security and prosperity for all Libyans.

We also welcome the announcement by the Government of National Accord that parties have agreed to resume oil production at the al-Sharara field. All sides should promptly implement this agreement in order to allow the National Oil Corporation (NOC) to resume its vital work for the benefit of all Libyans. These Libyan resources must remain under the exclusive control of the NOC and sole oversight of the Government of National Accord, as outlined in UN Security Council Resolutions 2259 (2015), 2278 (2016), and 2362 (2017).

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## **Press Releases: The United States Revokes U.S. Entry of Maduro-Aligned Individuals and Family**

Press Statement  
Robert Palladino

Deputy Spokesperson

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As Special Representative for Venezuela Elliott Abrams announced earlier

today, the United States has imposed visa restrictions on individuals responsible for undermining Venezuela's democracy. We are applying this policy to numerous Maduro-aligned officials and their families. On February 28, we revoked the visas of 49 individuals.

Maduro supporters that abuse or violate human rights, steal from the Venezuelan people, or undermine Venezuela's democracy are not welcome in the United States. Neither are their family members who enjoy a privileged lifestyle at the expense of the liberty and prosperity of millions of Venezuelans.

The United States will continue to take appropriate action against Maduro and the corrupt actors and human rights violators and abusers who support him.

The United States urges all nations to step up economic pressure on Maduro and his corrupt associates, as well as restrict visas for his inner circle. Now is the time to act in support of democracy, and in response to the desperate needs of the Venezuelan people.

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