

Press Releases: On the Occasion of Ramadan

Press Statement
Rex W. Tillerson

Secretary of State

Washington, DC
May 26, 2017

On behalf of the United States Department of State, Renda and I sincerely wish Muslims around the world a peaceful and blessed Ramadan.

Ramadan is a month of reverence, generosity, and self-reflection. Most importantly, it is a cherished time for family and friends to gather and give charity to those who are less fortunate. This time reminds us all of the common values of harmony and empathy we hold dear.

I wish all those celebrating a very happy *Ramadan Kareem*

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Press Releases: Guyana Independence Day

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On behalf of the United States of America, congratulations to the people of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana on their 51st anniversary of independence.

The United States and Guyana are committed to working together to create a more secure and prosperous future. Guyana's leadership role in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) is a testament to its vision to building a brighter future, not only for the citizens of Guyana, but for all people in the broader Caribbean region.

The United States remains a steadfast partner as we strive to achieve mutually beneficial goals and objectives. We wish all Guyanese people a happy Independence Day celebration.

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Press Releases: Secretary Tillerson Official Travel to London

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Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC
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U.S. Secretary of State Rex W. Tillerson will make his first official visit to London on Friday, May 26th, to meet with Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson and extend condolences for the May 22 terrorist attack in Manchester on behalf of the American people to the British people and Her Majesty's Government. The Secretary will reaffirm America's commitment to the Special Relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom and our solidarity in defeating terrorism in every part of the world.

During the visit, Secretary Tillerson and the Foreign Secretary will sign the book of condolence for victims of the Manchester attack after which they will deliver short statements to media.

Follow Secretary Tillerson's travel to London via @StateDept on Twitter and visit the State Department's Flickr account for the latest trip photos. Stay connected at <https://blogs.state.gov/engage> and keep track of all of the Secretary's travels at <https://www.state.gov/secretary/2017travel/index.htm>.

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Press Releases: Meeting of the Advisory Committee on International Law

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Office of the Spokesperson

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A meeting of the Department of State's Advisory Committee on International Law will take place on Monday, June 5, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the George Washington University Law School, Michael K. Young Faculty

Conference Center, 716 20th St. NW, 5th Floor, Washington, D.C.

Acting Legal Adviser Richard C. Visek will chair the meeting, which will be open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room. It is anticipated that the meeting will include discussions on the interagency process for addressing questions of international law, the development and use of sanctions, the Department's efforts regarding the intersection between social media and countering violent extremism, and the situation in Syria.

Members of the public who wish to attend should contact the Office of the Legal Adviser by June 1 at heathjb@state.gov or 202-776-8315 and provide their name, professional affiliation, address, and phone number. A valid photo ID is required for admission to the meeting.

Attendees who require reasonable accommodation should make their requests by May 29. Requests received after that date will be considered but might not be possible to accommodate.

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Press Releases: United States and Argentina Strengthen Partnership on Cyber Policy

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On Tuesday, May 23, the United States and Argentina further deepened their joint commitment to an open, interoperable, reliable, and secure cyberspace during the inaugural meeting of the newly established Cyber Policy Working

Group.

The meeting focused on key cybersecurity initiatives including implementing national cyber policy frameworks, protecting networks, developing a cyber workforce, and managing cyber incidents. Officials also discussed policy coordination, information sharing and the protection of critical infrastructure, with an emphasis on public-private cooperation. The dialogue reaffirms our ongoing partnership on cybercrime and cyber defense matters; and facilitates our engagement on cyber issues in relevant international fora.

Mr. Christopher Painter, Coordinator for Cyber Issues, U.S. Department of State, led the U.S. government interagency delegation that included other representatives from the Department of State, as well as representatives from the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, the National Security Council, the Department of Defense and the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Mr. Jose Hirschson, Under Secretary for Technology and Cybersecurity, Argentine Ministry of Modernization, led the initiative for the Government of Argentina, in partnership with representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Security, and Ministry of Defense.

The U.S.-Argentina Cyber Policy Working Group was announced during President Mauricio Macri's April 27, official working visit to Washington. The working group will serve as a policy-level channel for identifying cyber issues of mutual concern and developing new joint initiatives. It will also strengthen and help protect the economic and security interests of both countries.

For updates, follow Coordinator Painter at [@State_Cyber](#) on Twitter. Please send interview requests to SCCI_Press@state.gov.

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