

# **Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Meeting With Dutch Foreign Minister Blok**

Readout  
Office of the Spokesperson

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Secretary Mike Pompeo met with Dutch Foreign Minister Stef Blok on May 18, in Washington, DC. During the meeting, Secretary Pompeo thanked Foreign Minister Blok for Dutch support in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Mali, and for the Netherlands' leadership as a member of the UN Security Council.

Secretary Pompeo and the foreign minister also discussed other issues of bilateral and global concern, including developments with North Korea, Russia, and Venezuela.

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# **Press Releases: Remarks With Dutch Foreign Minister Stephanus Blok Before Their Meeting**

Remarks

Mike Pompeo

Secretary of State

Treaty Room  
Washington, DC  
May 18, 2018

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**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Good afternoon. I just want to say welcome. We're thrilled to have you here. It's good to see you. I look forward to a productive afternoon talking to you.

**FOREIGN MINISTER BLOK:** Thank you.

**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Thank you. Good to see you.

**FOREIGN MINISTER BLOK:** It's a pleasure to be here. As you no doubt know, the Netherlands was the first country to recognize newly independent United States.

**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Yeah, a couple years ago. (Laughter.)

**FOREIGN MINISTER BLOK:** Well, and I can tell you we never regret it.

**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Thank you, sir. Thank you. Good afternoon.

**QUESTION:** Mr. Secretary, are you confident the North Korea summit's still

happening?

**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Thanks, thanks for coming.

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## [Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Meeting With UN Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen Martin Griffiths](#)

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo met today with UN Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen Martin Griffiths in Washington, DC. The Secretary thanked the Special Envoy for his dedication to renewed peace talks among all parties to the Yemen conflict. The Secretary committed to supporting the Special Envoy's efforts and urging international partners to do the same. The Secretary and the Special Envoy agreed on the urgency of de-escalation and dialogue. The Secretary and the Special Envoy expressed hope that all sides can work toward a comprehensive political agreement that brings peace, prosperity, and security to Yemen.

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## **Press Releases: Cameroon National Day**

Press Statement  
Mike Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
May 18, 2018

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On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I offer congratulations to the people of the Republic of Cameroon as you celebrate your National Day on May 20, 2018.

The United States values the ties that bind the American and Cameroonian people. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Cameroon as we strengthen regional security, fight violent extremism in the Lake Chad Basin region, and collaborate to improve health outcomes. Our goal is to work together for a peaceful, democratic, and an abundant future.

On behalf of the American people, I am honored to extend my best wishes to all Cameroonians on this joyous occasion.

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# Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Call With Brazilian Foreign Minister Aloysio Nunes Ferreira

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Today Secretary Pompeo spoke with Foreign Minister of Brazil Aloysio Nunes Ferreira.

The Secretary and Foreign Minister reaffirmed the strong bilateral relations between the two countries and the importance of the U.S.-Brazil economic partnership. They discussed our joint economic growth agenda, security cooperation, and global issues. The Secretary also thanked Foreign Minister Nunes for his leadership in advocating for a peaceful, transparent, and democratic resolution to the crisis in Venezuela, and stressed the importance of working together on broader international efforts to expand humanitarian assistance to the Venezuelan people.

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