

# Press Releases: U.S.-Turkey Joint Statement

Media Note  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
June 4, 2018

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey Mevlüt Çavusoğlu and U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo met on June 4 in Washington, D.C. They reaffirmed that Turkey and the United States remain committed to addressing their common concerns in a spirit of allied partnership.

Minister Çavusoğlu and Secretary Pompeo exchanged views on bilateral and regional issues. They reaffirmed their joint resolve to fight terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

They considered the recommendations of the Turkey-U.S. Working Group on Syria pertaining to the future of our bilateral cooperation in Syria on issues of mutual interest, to include taking steps to ensure the security and stability in Manbij. They endorsed a Road Map to this end and underlined their mutual commitment to its implementation, reflecting agreement to closely follow developments on the ground.

Minister Çavusoğlu and Secretary Pompeo also discussed Turkey-U.S. relations and agreed to hold further meetings of the working group mechanism to resolve current outstanding issues in the bilateral relationship. An initial session of the Working Group on Judicial and Other Issues took place immediately after the meeting of the Minister and the Secretary.

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# [Press Releases: Suicide Bombing on Ulema Council Meeting](#)

Press Statement  
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
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The United States condemns the suicide attack on religious leaders and scholars in Kabul who gathered in the name of peace. Prior to the bombing, Afghanistan's ulema issued a fatwa that rejected any justification for jihad against the Government of Afghanistan, denied the legitimacy of suicide attacks under Islamic law, and called on all parties to halt fighting. Today's attack targeting civilians and those religious leaders working towards peace in Afghanistan exposes the terrorists' inhumanity and contradicts the Islamic principles and legitimacy they claim to defend.

The United States stands by the Afghan government, Afghan security forces, and supports the Afghan ulema in their efforts to bring peace and stability to Afghanistan. We remain committed to supporting the Afghan people's efforts to achieve peace, security, and democracy for their country.

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# [Press Releases: Denmark National Day](#)

Press Statement  
Mike Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
June 4, 2018

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On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I offer congratulations on your Constitution Day on June 5th.

Our countries have maintained diplomatic relations since 1801, and our friendship is robust and deeply rooted in our shared values. In the Arctic, championing human rights, promoting stability, strengthening civil society, and expanding trade and investment, Denmark has been a true and faithful partner. American ties to the Kingdom stretch from Greenland, where American scientists conduct research, to the Faroe Islands where we work together on economic diversification, and to Denmark itself. We value this important relationship and our mutual goals for peace and security so evident in our NATO Alliance.

As you celebrate democracy and the importance of civic responsibility, know that your American partners share those same ideals and wish you happiness in the years to come.

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## **[Press Releases: Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Carl Risch Travels to Russia, Kazakhstan, and the Kyrgyz Republic](#)**

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Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Carl Risch will travel June 3-9 to Russia, Kazakhstan, and the Kyrgyz Republic to participate in a series of meetings with U.S. diplomats and foreign government authorities.

While on this trip, Assistant Secretary Risch will engage in bilateral discussions with counterparts on issues relevant to consular protection and U.S. visas. He will also open a new Consular Section in Moscow.

The United States is committed to long-term engagement with Russia, Kazakhstan, and the Kyrgyz Republic on a variety of consular issues.

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## **[Press Releases: 29th Anniversary of Tiananmen Square](#)**

Press Statement  
Mike Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
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On the 29th anniversary of the violent suppression of peaceful demonstrations in and around Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989, we remember the tragic loss of innocent lives.

As Liu Xiaobo wrote in his 2010 Nobel Peace Prize speech, delivered in absentia, "the ghosts of June 4th have not yet been laid to rest."

We join others in the international community in urging the Chinese government to make a full public accounting of those killed, detained or missing; to release those who have been jailed for striving to keep the memory of Tiananmen Square alive; and to end the continued harassment of demonstration participants and their families.

The United States views the protection of human rights as a fundamental duty of all countries, and we urge the Chinese government to respect the universal rights and fundamental freedoms of all citizens.

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