Women's Foreign Policy Group Annual Luncheon

Secretary Rice (Dec. 10): "Standing here today, I am deeply aware that I am only the latest in a long line of distinguished women leaders to address this Women’s Foreign Policy Group. I am deeply aware that none of those women, and none of us here today, would have had the opportunities we have had, had it not been for the courageous women advocates for equal opportunity who came before us. And it’s this tradition that the Women’s Foreign Policy Group both embodies and carries forward." Full Text

U.S. Condemns Terrorist Bombings in Algeria

Spokesman Sean McCormack (Dec. 11): "The U.S. condemns the terrorist bombings today in Algeria that killed scores of innocent people, including employees of the UN. There is no justification for these kind of despicable attacks. At this moment, we stand with the government and the people of Algeria as they deal with this unconscionable violence and struggle against a terrorist threat. We are ready to provide assistance to the Algerian Government upon their request and our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families." Full Text

2007 International Human Rights Day Awards Ceremony

Secretary Rice (Dec. 10): "This week, we join in solidarity with nongovernmental groups and other human rights defenders across the globe in marking the 59th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights." Full Text

U.S. Position on UN Framework Convention on Climate Change

Under Secretary Dobriansky (Dec. 6): "We want a successful outcome in Bali. The U.S. is committed to developing a new global post-2012 framework that is environmentally effective and economically sustainable. And toward that end, in Bali we will work with our partners to reach a consensus on a Bali road map that will advance negotiations on a post-2012 framework under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change." Full Text | Climate Change Conference

Fulfilling Security Commitments in Afghanistan

Secretary Rice (Dec. 7): "We talked...about Afghanistan and the importance of fulfilling our security commitments in Afghanistan. Obviously, Afghanistan is the largest mission that the alliance has taken on in its history. It's a very difficult mission, but the allies are performing and performing well." Full Text | More from Travel

Egypt

Primitive tribes lived along the Nile long before the pharaohs. In about 3100 B.C., Egypt was united under a ruler who began the 30 pharaonic dynasties. Now, Egypt is the most populous country in the Arab world and the second-most populous on the African Continent. more | Cairo, Post of the Month [PDF]