Dear Colleagues,

Please find below the ICITAP Huddle for Wednesday, January 17, 2018:

- **Balkans:** On January 16, “Kosovo Serb leader Oliver Ivanovic, who was standing trial over the killings of ethnic Albanians during the 1998-99 war, was shot dead...in what Serbia called an act of terrorism. The killing increased tension between Kosovo and Serbia, and a round of European Union-sponsored dialogue on normalizing relations that was due to take place in Brussels was suspended at Belgrade’s request. The European Union, NATO and the United States urged both sides to remain calm, and Kosovo’s authorities to bring the killers to justice. They also urged Serbia and its former province, which won independence a decade ago, to recommit to establishing normal relations. After an emergency session of Serbia’s National Security Council, President Aleksandar Vucic called the killing “an act of terrorism” and said Belgrade must be included in the investigation. He declined to say whether he believed the killing was ethnically motivated. Ivanovic, 64, was gunned down in front of his party office in Mitrovica, a town bitterly divided between ethnic Serbs and Albanians, shortly after 8 a.m. (0700 GMT). Doctors in hospital failed to revive him.” www.reuters.com/article/us-kosovo-serbs-shooting/kosovo-serb-leader-shot-dead-in-divided-town-of-mitrovica-idUSKBN1F50ZO

- **Canada:** On January 16, U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson met with Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland in Vancouver. Tillerson and Freeland delivered joint remarks at a press availability. To read their complete remarks and/or to view the 29-minute video, go to: www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2018/01/277481.htm

- **Costa Rica:** On January 15, through ICITAP and INL coordination, a delegation from Panama’s National Institute of Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences (IMELCF) began a four-day exchange with Costa Rica’s accredited lab (of the Judicial Investigation Department - OIJ) in San Joaquin de Flores, Heredia. The objectives of the exchange include: 1) Gain a greater understanding of the requirements related to ISO 17025 management; 2) Understand the factors of success and lessons learned from Costa Rica’s experience in the accreditation process; and 3) Improve the channels of
communication between forensic experts from Panama and Costa Rica. ICITAP Panama CAPRI PM Venegas and ICITAP Forensic Advisor Madrigal joined the delegation in Heredia on January 16, following meetings at the U.S. Embassy in San Jose with the INL Director and staff as well as with U.S. Ambassador Sharon Day, who expressed her appreciation for ICITAP’s work in Costa Rica. During his visit at the OIJ lab in Heredia, PM Venegas personally thanked the lab director and his team in Costa Rica for his gracious hospitality. The exchange concludes on January 18. See first attachment for four photos.

- **DOJ:** On January 16, Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand delivered remarks at the Conversation With the Women of America Event in Washington, DC. Her remarks centered around 1) taking criminals off our streets; 2) combatting human trafficking; and 3) stopping sexual assault. "...we are committing to reversing the tide of violent crime that has hit many of our cities....we stand with state and local police officers who are working to keep us safe around the country....We know that a few of the worst offenders commit a disproportionate percentage of all violent crimes, and if we focus our law enforcement resources on them, we can make a big difference for communities terrorized by street violence...." www.justice.gov/opa/speech/associate-attorney-general-rachel-brand-delivers-remarks-conversation-women-america-event

- **FBI:** On January 11, FBI Director Christopher Wray addresses the International Conference on Cyber Security, sponsored by the FBI and Fordham University, in remarks titled “Raising Our Game' to Stay Head of Cyber Threats” – “As the threats from hackers and other cyber criminals grow, the FBI is committed to developing its workforce’s cyber expertise, building partnerships, and punishing cyber criminals who target the United States, FBI Director Christopher Wray said at a major cyber security conference this week. 'Today, we live much of our lives online, and we’re in a situation where just about everything that is important to us lives on the Internet. And that’s a pretty scary thought for a lot of people,' Director Wray said. 'What was once a minor threat—people hacking for fun or bragging rights—has now turned into full-blown nation-state economic espionage and very, very lucrative cyber criminal activity. The threat is now coming at us from all sides.'” www.fbi.gov/news/stories/international-conference-on-cyber-security-2018

- **Foreign Bribery:** On January 16, “an indictment against a former co-president of a Maryland-based transportation company that provides services for the transportation of nuclear materials to customers in the United States and abroad, was unsealed...for his alleged role in a scheme that involved the bribery of an official at a subsidiary of Russia’s State Atomic Energy Corporation. Acting Assistant Attorney General John P. Cronan of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, Acting U.S. Attorney Stephen M. Schenning of the District of Maryland, Principal Deputy Inspector General April G. Stephenson of the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Inspector General (DOE-OIG) and Assistant Director in Charge Andrew W. Vale of the FBI's Washington, D.C. Field Office made the announcement.” www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-president-maryland-based-transportation-company-indicted-11-counts-related-foreign

- **Great Britain:** On January 16, “the gleaming new U.S. Embassy in London opened...with little fanfare and no official ribbon cutting. [POTUS] sparked a furo...last week when he tweeted that he was not coming to open the $1 billion building — the most expensive embassy ever built — because it was a bad real estate deal and in an ‘off location.’ Many neighborhood residents took offense at [POTUS] description of the site — the president had unwittingly inserted himself into the long-running rivalry between Londoners north and south of the River Thames — but others said the former New York real estate mogul had a point. The new embassy is in Nine Elms, a former industrial area along the south bank of the Thames that is being radically redeveloped. The neighborhood is a short walk away from ultraposh Chelsea, and when its upmarket
residential, commercial and leisure spaces are completed, it will be a major extension to central London. Nearby Vauxhall has been gentrifying fast in recent years. In interviews outside the embassy and elsewhere in Nine Elms on Tuesday, it was clear that one person's 'off location' is another person's 'up-and-coming.' Early in the day, the first on which the embassy officially opened to the public, a small queue formed outside the entrance for consular services. " www.washingtonpost.com/world/new-us-embassy--which-trump-mocked-on-twitter--opens-in-london/2018/01/16/b45f671a-fa18-11e7-9b5d-bbf0da31214d_story.html

- India: From January 17 to January 18, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asian Affairs Alice Wells travels to New Delhi, India. She will participate in the Raisina Dialogue conference on global issues, hosted by the Observer Research Foundation in collaboration with the Government of India. PDAS Wells will also meet with Indian government officials and members of the U.S. business community. www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2018/01/277467.htm

- Kazakhstan: On January 16, POTUS met with President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan at the White House. POTUS and President Nazarbayev discussed ways to strengthen and enhance our strategic partnership on regional security issues and economic cooperation. The presidents also discussed Kazakhstan's leadership on several international challenges, particularly Afghanistan, during its presidency of the United Nations Security Council, and the legacy of bilateral partnership between our countries regarding weapons of mass destruction and non-proliferation issues. For full remarks: The White House. For an outline of the framework of the two countries' partnership, go to: "United States and Kazakhstan: An Enhanced Strategic Partnership for the 21st Century"

- La Cosa Nostra: On January 12, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) reported that its New York office "working jointly with the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), U.S. Department of State’s Diplomatic Security Service, the New York City Police Department (NYPD), and the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York (SDNY), 10 individuals are being charges with racketeering and other offenses in connection with the activities of the organized crime families of La Cosa Nostra. The indictment charges eight members of the Bonanno Family...all with racketeering conspiracy involving a wide range of crimes, including extortion, loansharking, wire and mail fraud, narcotics distribution, and conspiracy to commit murder. [A] Genovese Family member...is charged with participating in that conspiracy as well. Several of the defendants and [a] Luchese Family member...are charged with conspiracy to commit extortion....[and] additionally charged with assault resulting in serious bodily injury in aid of racketeering, and aiding and abetting the same." For more details: www.ice.gov/news/releases/acting-boss-bonanno-organized-crime-family-and-9-other-members-la-cosa-nostra-indicted

- Terrorism: On January 16, "the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released a report, revealing that three out of every four, or 402, individuals convicted of international terrorism-related charges in U.S. federal courts between September 11, 2001, and December 31, 2016 were foreign-born. Over the same period, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement removed approximately 1,716 aliens with national security concerns. Further, in 2017 alone DHS had 2,554 encounters with individuals on the terrorist watch list (also known as the FBI’s Terrorist Screening Database) traveling to the United States. This report was required by Section 11 of...Executive Order 13780, Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States, which declared that 'it is the policy of the United States to protect its citizens from terrorist attacks, including those committed by foreign nationals,' directed a series of actions to enhance the security and safety of the American people. The actions directed by Executive Order have raised the baseline for the vetting and

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screening of foreign nationals, prevented the entry of malicious actors, and enhanced the safety and security of the American people." To view the 11-page report:

- **Ukraine:** On January 13, the first class of 52 Patrol Police Cadets graduated in Kyiv, kicking off a big year for the National Patrol Police of Ukraine which will have nearly 3,000 new officers in 2018 with support from ICITAP-Ukraine. Over the course of 2017, ICITAP-Ukraine supported the Patrol Police in recruitment and training of 1,696 new patrol officers. Beyond providing continual logistical support to organize basic training at 15 training sites, ICITAP-Ukraine provided the foundational training and instructor development in 2014 for the nearly 300 Patrol Basic Training instructors specializing in the defensive tactics, firearms, legal and administrative protocols in the four-month curriculum to make this effort possible. A total of 2,497 cadets rang in the new year in patrol basic training and an estimated 500 more will be recruited and complete training in 2018, many of whom will serve the communities they are from. ICITAP-Ukraine simultaneously assists and advises on the establishment of the first National Patrol Police Academy based in Kyiv as the permanent training facility for patrol police officers. See second attachment for four photos from the January 13 graduation.

- **U.S. Border Patrol:** On January 16, the U.S. Border Patrol reported that the USBP Academy "graduated Class #1083 this week, marking an end of an era. Class 1083 is the last to graduate from the long standing 66-day Academy, giving way for the newly-incorporated 117-day curriculum. As part of the former curriculum, new agents were able to test out of the Spanish program enabling the U.S. Border Patrol to quickly deploy agents into the field. As of now, all incoming classes will be part of the freshly-instituted 117-day Academy curriculum. This new curriculum better prepares incoming agents in all facets of training. It will integrate the Spanish language program throughout the entire 117 days, making it possible for the new agents to gain a better working knowledge of Spanish." www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/border-patrol-academy-marks-end-era

- **Uzbekistan:** On January 17, **Under Secretary for Political Affairs Thomas Shannon meets with Uzbekistan Foreign Minister Abdulaziz Kamilov,** at the Department of State at 5 PM. Kamilov began his career as an attaché of the Soviet Embassy in Lebanon from 1973 until 1976. Since that time, he has worked both domestically (Soviet Union and Uzbekistan) and in foreign posts of Ambassador of Uzbekistan to the United States and Canada in 2003 to 2010. In 2012, Kamilov became the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Kamilov has the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and is fluent in Arabic, English, Russian, and Uzbek. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abdulaziz_Kamilov

Have a great Wednesday, everyone!

Regards,
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Dear Colleagues,

Please find below the ICITAP Huddle for Tuesday, January 16, 2018:

- **MLK Day:** On January 16, the Department of Justice will hold its annual commemorative program honoring the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at 11:00 a.m. in the Great Hall, Robert F. Kennedy Main Justice Building. The national theme for this observance is “Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On ... Not a Day Off.” During this program, employees will hear special remarks from Attorney General Jeff Sessions and keynote remarks from former Deputy Attorney General Larry D. Thompson, who currently is the John A. Sibley Chair of Corporate and Business Law at the University of Georgia School of Law. In addition, John M. Gore, Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, will participate in the program. For additional information, please contact Sylvia Price, Justice Management Division (JMD) Equal Employment Opportunity Staff (EEOS), via email at Sylvia.Price@usdoj.gov. To request a reasonable accommodation, please contact Granette Trent, Assistant Director for Affirmative Employment, JMD EEOS, via email at Granette.Trent@usdoj.gov. Please submit requests for reasonable accommodation no later than five business days prior to the event. Employees who wish to receive credit for attending the MLK Commemorative Program should follow the instructions located at https://dojnet.doj.gov/jmd/eeos/events.php. Managers are encouraged to grant employees reasonable official time to attend or to view the program on JTN. Your participation in these programs will help facilitate increased awareness about all segments of the Department’s workforce, and the benefits of diversity and inclusion to the Justice mission.

- **Algeria:** On January 15, ICITAP began a three-day Tactical Medic Course at the Algerian Gendarmerie DSI Training Facility in Algiers. The course is designed to provide 20 attendees with critical life-saving skills to immediately respond in tactical situations where it becomes necessary to stabilize wounded or injured personnel. They will learn how to use the specialized Individual First Aid Kits (IFAKs) specifically designed for emergency responders in tactical situations. The Gendarmerie’s special counter-terrorism unit (Détachement spécial d’intervention – DSI) identified this course as a priority for their organization subsequent to their commanders attending the April 2017 GN DSI Study tour to Alameda County, CA. The course will conclude on January 17.

- **Canada:** From January 15 to January 17, U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson is in Vancouver to co-host the Vancouver Foreign Ministers’ Meeting on Security and Stability on the Korean Peninsula with Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland. The meeting will bring together nations from across the globe to demonstrate international solidarity against North Korea’s dangerous and illegal nuclear and ballistic missile programs. Discussions will focus on advancing and strengthening diplomatic efforts toward a secure, prosperous and denuclearized Korean peninsula. U.S. Secretary of Defense James N. Mattis participated in the ministerial welcome dinner on January 15. www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/appt/2018/01/277452.htm

- **Colombia:** On January 15, ICITAP DAD Mark Mogle traveled from Washington, DC to Bogota, Colombia to engage in joint review of the ICITAP-Colombia forensics program. At the conclusion of the trip, Mr. Mogle and INL will produce a joint report to address pertinent program activities and to discuss future initiatives. This activity will contribute to ICITAP’s objective of assisting the Government of Colombia forensic
laboratories and crime scene units with the analysis of their forensic evidence. DAD Mogle will return to Washington, DC on January 20.

- **CRM:** On February 1, the Criminal Division will host a 90-minute brownbag lunch presentation on the FBI Alabama Hostage Rescue at 12:30 p.m. at the DOJ Conference Center – Room 7411. *"The presentation is an incredible law enforcement success story involving the FBI, state, and local partners. In 2013, Jim Dykes boarded a school bus in rural Alabama and shot the driver. He then abducted an innocent five-year-old boy and took him to his underground bunker where he kept hundreds of law enforcement at bay for seven days. Hear a riveting first-hand account of the events and herculean efforts by law enforcement to save the child. You'll see the dramatic video from the bus, the hostage negotiations, and the heroic resolution. Now open to all Division employees. Seating will be first come, first seated. If interested, please register here. If you have any questions, please contact the OAAG mainline at (202) 514-7200."*

- **D-ISIS:** On January 12, the brother of San Diego man killed fighting for ISIS was sentenced to 10 years for terrorism-related charges and illegal firearms possession. *"Marchello Dsaun McCain, a convicted violent felon and the brother of Douglas McCain, the first known American who died fighting for the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS), was sentenced in federal court today to 10 years in prison for his illegal possession of a cache of firearms and body armor and making false statements to federal agents involving international terrorism...In a related case, the United States unsealed a two-count indictment charging Canadian national and former San Diego resident Abdullahi Ahmed Abdullahi with providing, and conspiring with Douglas and other individuals in the United States and Canada to provide, material support to terrorists engaged in violent activities in Syria, that is, a conspiracy to murder, kidnap and maim persons in a foreign country." www.justice.gov/opa/pr/brother-san-diego-man-killed-fighting-isis-sentenced-10-years-terrorism-related-charges-and*

- **HQ Visit:** On January 16, ICITAP-Macedonia Program Manager Scott Koertje begins a series of meetings in Washington, DC at the Department of Justice and Department of State. POC: Andrea.Simic@usdoj.gov

- **Kosovo:** On January 16, the Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs, accompanied by ICITAP staff, visited the Pristina International Airport, to get familiar with Kosovo Police (KP) efforts to counter narcotics at the airport, to include a presentation from the K9 narcotics unit. KP Acting Station Commander Shpend Maliqi recognized the USG’s support, which has been delivered through a number of trainings and donations; Mr. Maliqi highlighted the equipment for identification of counterfeit documents (ICITAP-donated Projectina Docucenter) and the equipment for identification of drugs and explosives, used in suspicious cases that show an accuracy of 99% (donated by EXBS). According to Mr. Maliqi, beside Frankfurt Airport, the Pristina International Airport is the only airport in the region with this equipment. Related ICITAP/EUCOM-funded trainings include: Managing Major Narcotics Cases (Sept 2015); Narcotics Interdiction Training (June 2014); and a three-month K-9 Currency Detection Training (July-September 2013). ICITAP donations include Contraband Detector Kit (April 2011) and the Projectina Docucenter (June 2010).

- **Pakistan:** On January 15, ICITAP began two courses in Pakistan: 1) The second session of the one-week Leadership Development Course for Islamabad Police Stationhouse Officers; and 2) the second iteration of the Advanced First Aid Course for 22 National Highways and Motorway Police personnel in Kot Ranjit, Pakistan. Both courses are scheduled to conclude on January 26.
• Philippines: On January 15, ICITAP began the following four courses throughout the Philippines: 1) Two-week Instructor Development Course (six concurrent iterations in Quezon City; Taguig City; Tuguegarao City; Magalang, Pampanga; San Fernando City, Pampanga; and San Fernando City, La Union – concludes on January 26. 2) One-week Police Ethics Course in Legazpi City – concludes on January 19. 3) One-week Human Rights Course in Virac – concludes on January 19. 4) One-week Leadership Development Course (two concurrent iterations in Lucena City and in Palo, Leyte – concludes on January 19.

• PWP: On January 12, ICITAP employees received guidance about the mid-year performance reviews for performance work plans (PWP) for rating cycle July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. “The mid-year reviews are required and should be conducted mid-way through the appraisal period and should be completed by January 31, 2018. This is an opportunity for supervisors and employees to discuss current performance, and identify career goals and developmental areas. CRM Administration has provided some additional information about the process below. POC: Barbara.Lee@usdoj.gov

• Qatar: On January 15, POTUS spoke with Emir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani of Qatar to discuss ways to strengthen United States-Qatar bilateral relations on security and economic issues. POTUS “reiterated his support for a strong, united Gulf Cooperation Council that is focused on countering regional threats. The President thanked the Emir for Qatari action to counter terrorism and extremism in all forms, including being one of the few countries to move forward on a bilateral memorandum of understanding. The leaders discussed areas in which the United States and Qatar can partner to bring more stability to the region, counter malign Iranian influence, and defeat terrorism.” Source: The White House.

• Saudi Arabia: On January 12, U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson delivered welcoming remarks in the Treaty Room with Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir before their meeting. “I want to welcome back to the State Department Saudi Foreign Minister Jubeir, and I look forward to our discussions. Obviously, many, many important issues in the region to discuss where we’re working cooperatively on – both in Syria, with the Yemen conflict, stabilizing the entire region, and very broadly counterterrorism, where we have a great partnership underway.” www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2018/01/277442.htm

• Ukraine: On January 15, ICITAP began a three-week SWAT and self-aid medical training to all 54 special operations officers and supervisors in the new National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine (NABU). The special operations officers rarely find time for training, as NABU averages nearly two high-risk arrests every day. NABU is tasked with arresting senior political and government officials, as well as crime figures associated with cases of corruption. This training, delivered in partnership with the Houston Police Department, is part of a larger program to prepare NABU for SWAT operations to protect their investigators in the field, as well as support other high-risk arrest teams. The training is scheduled to conclude on February 2.

Have a great Tuesday, everyone!

Regards,
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Dear Colleagues,

TGIF!!! Please find below the ICITAP Huddle for Friday, January 12, 2018:

- **Algeria**: On January 4, ICITAP Senior Police Advisors, at the invitation of the Special Operations Grouping of the Police (GOSP) Unit of Algeria's Directorate General for National Security (DGSN), visited their training and command facility in Boumerdès. The purpose of the visit was for ICITAP to review this new counter-terrorism unit to assess their capabilities and consult with their command structure on possible future training opportunities which they seek in areas that are relevant to the Unit. During its less than two years' existence, GOSP has received training from the French, Spanish, Germans, Portuguese and Italians. However, this request for ICITAP to review this Unit was based upon their knowledge of what ICITAP has achieved in training and consulting with the Gendarmerie's special counter-terrorism unit (Département spécial d'intervention – DSI). GOSP was created by the DGSN to be utilized for major events and crises occurring in major cities across Algeria. It was formulated to address hostage-taking situations, transnational organized crime, the movement of special detainees, narcotics-trafficking and counter-terrorism operations in urban areas. The GOSP is made up of highly motivated and trained personnel who undergo a rigorous selection process to include physical fitness, firearms training and psychological testing. Once the Unit is at full capacity it will have between 300 and 500 members. See attachment for five photos from the visit.

- **DHS**: On January 11, Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen M. Nielsen released the following statement on Human Trafficking Awareness Day: "Make no mistake, human trafficking is modern-day slavery. Through use of force, fraud, or coercion, people around the world are robbed of their freedom and forced into labor or commercial sex acts. Human traffickers do not discriminate based on nationality, age, gender, or socioeconomic status. Across the world—in rural towns and urban areas alike—innocent men and women are targeted and exploited." www.dhs.gov/news/2018/01/11/statement-secretary-kirstjen-m-nielsen-human-trafficking-awareness

- **DOD**: On January 11, the Pentagon posted an article on their website titled "Pentagon Officials Say Coalition Aims to Defeat ISIS' Brand" — "The physical caliphate of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria is in pieces and operations against ISIS continue in the Euphrates River valley, but the ISIS “brand” remains to be defeated, Pentagon officials said....Remnants of the terror group continue to operate in Iraq, but improved Iraqi security forces are able to manage that threat, chief Pentagon spokesman Dana W. White and Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Kenneth F. McKenzie Jr. told reporters during the weekly Pentagon briefing. McKenzie is the director of the Joint Staff. And, McKenzie denied Russian claims that the United States was responsible for drone attacks on Russian airfields in Syria. 'I can tell you unequivocally that the United States was not involved in any way with the drone attack on the Russian base at any time,' he said." www.defense.gov/News/Article/Article/1414032/pentagon-officials-say-coalition-aims-to-defeat-isis-brand/
• * DOJ: On January 11, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the creation of the Hezbollah Financing and Narcoterrorism Team (HFNT), a group of experienced international narcotics trafficking, terrorism, organized crime, and money laundering prosecutors. HFNT prosecutors and investigators are tasked with investigating individuals and networks providing support to Hezbollah, and pursuing prosecutions in any appropriate cases. The HFNT will begin by assessing the evidence in existing investigations, including cases stemming from Project Cassandra, a law enforcement initiative targeting Hezbollah’s drug trafficking and related operations. Acting Assistant Attorney General John P. Cronan of the Justice Department’s Criminal Division will supervise the HFNT, and will convene a coordination meeting focused on identifying and combatting such support to Hezbollah. The HFNT will coordinate with, among others, investigators from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), including the DEA’s Special Operations Division; Federal Bureau of Investigation; Homeland Security Investigations; Assistant United States Attorneys; and attorneys from the Justice Department’s Criminal Division and National Security Division. www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-sessions-announces-hezbollah-financing-and-narcoterrorism-team

• * Greece: On January 11, “Greek anti-terrorist police...detained four individuals in connection with the attempted firebombing of an anarchist center last August. Reports suggest the four males were headed by a 35-year-old suspect with known far-right connections. The three remaining suspects are in their 20s. The left-wing ‘Favela’ center in Piraeus suffered minor damage in the Aug. 29 incident, and no injuries were reported. The has been a history of violent antagonism between Greece’s extreme left and right in recent years, including the high-profile murder of leftist rapper Pavlos Fyssas AKA Killah P in September 2013.” http://greece.greekreporter.com/2018/01/11/greek-police-arrest-four-over-attack-on-anarchist-center/

• * Haiti: On January 12, 2010, “a magnitude 7.0 earthquake devastates the Caribbean island nation of Haiti. The quake, which was the strongest to strike the region in more than 200 years, left over 200,000 people dead and some 895,000 Haitians homeless. The earthquake hit southern Haiti at 4:53 p.m. local time. The nation’s capital, Port-au-Prince, a densely populated city located about 15 miles from the quake’s epicenter, suffered widespread devastation. Countless dwellings were reduced to rubble, while hospitals, churches and schools collapsed and roads were blocked with debris. Numerous government structures were heavily damaged or destroyed, including the presidential palace, parliament building and main prison. A large-scale, international relief operation was launched soon after the quake hit, with the United States taking charge and sending thousands of military troops to Haiti to deliver supplies, assist with search-and-rescue efforts and help maintain order. Relief efforts initially were hampered by earthquake damage to roads, communication systems and the Port-au-Prince airport and main port.” www.history.com/this-day-in-history/massive-earthquake-strikes-haiti

• * Macedonia: On January 11, “Macedonia’s parliament...adopted a law giving greater status to the Albanian language in the Balkan country, a move that the rightwing opposition claims will endanger national unity. Ethnic Albanians make up around a quarter of Macedonia’s two million people, and Albanian has until now been an official language only in areas where the minority makes up certain numbers. Macedonian is the primary language used across the predominantly Slavic country. Now ethnic Albanians will be able to request nationwide that their language be used in their administrative, health, judicial, police and other such official matters. In parliament, it can be used by their elected representatives.” www.digitaljournal.com/print/article/511866#ixzz53y9kuQyZ

• MS-13: On January 9, “U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the Brackettville Station arrested a Mexican national who had been convicted of aggravated sexual battery. ‘Our agents have thwarted another convicted felon and MS-13 gang member from further entry into the United States,’ said Del Rio Sector Chief Patrol Agent Felix Chavez. ‘The apprehension of this serious offender is a result of our agents' readiness and their commitment to protecting our communities.’ On Jan. 9, Border Patrol agents arrested a Mexican national soon after his illegal entry into the United States, south of Brackettville. During processing at the Brackettville Station, agents discovered that Miguel Dominguez, 40, had been convicted of aggravated sexual battery in Memphis, Tennessee, on June 8, 2005, and was sentenced to serve 10 years in prison. Agents also discovered he was a confirmed MS-13 gang member. Records checks show that Dominguez was deported to Mexico in 2013. Dominguez faces a charge of 8 USC § 1326 — illegal reentry after deportation — which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. His prior order of removal will be reinstated.” www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/del-rio-border-patrol-agents-apprehend-ms-13-gang-member-convicted

• Niger: On January 11, CNN published an article titled “New details about deadly ambush of US troops” – “With the Pentagon's final report into the October ambush of a Green Beret-led team in Niger expected by the end of January, CNN is learning new details about the questions investigators have been asking to determine what led to the deaths of four US soldiers. Two US officials told CNN the military investigation could be followed by administrative action against more than one officer involved in planning and executing the mission. If approved by the Army, reprimands could be issued for failures to follow procedures. US military officials have previously told CNN that the US-led team was traveling with 30 Nigerien soldiers when they were attacked by approximately 50 ISIS-affiliated fighters armed with rocket-propelled grenades, mortars and heavy machine guns. During the subsequent gun battle, which lasted for hours, four US soldiers...were killed and two were wounded. Five Nigeriens were also killed. US-Nigerien forces managed to kill 20 militants during the firefight, a defense official previously told CNN.” www.cnn.com/2018/01/11/politics/niger-ambush-final-investigation/index.html

• Pakistan: On January 12, ICITAP-Pakistan concluded the one-week Leadership Development Course for 20 Islamabad Police Stationhouse Officers. This one-week program was designed specifically for Stationhouse Officers responsible for managing and leading law enforcement personnel. This course was aimed at providing them with
skills that are necessary for them to perform their duties effectively and efficiently. This course included the following modules: 1) Vision, Mission, Core Values and Alignment of Vision with the Goals and Objectives; 2) Professional Ethics & Communications; 3) Changing of Police Culture through Core Values; Supervisory Skills; 4) Interview and Interrogation; 5) EQ Vs IQ; 6) T Skills; 7) Stress Management; 8) Time Management; 9) Police Public & Media Relations; 10) Leadership Role; and 11) Planning.

- **Pakistan**: On January 12, ICITAP-Pakistan concluded the second week of the ten-day Advanced First Aid Course for Frontier Constabulary personnel in Islamabad. This course was designed to teach experienced officers the responsibilities that come with being a First Aid Responder. Presented in this class were the basics of controlling airways for breathing, controlling bleeding and maintaining circulation. Officers were initially presented the necessary knowledge to help victims survive until advanced medical help can be provided. They were then taught how to teach other participants the basics of First Aid. The participants demonstrated skills in a number of classroom scenarios and demonstrated knowledge obtained in practical exercises. This was a course designed for the officers, who will become the trainers of the First Aid Training. The participants were trained in such a way that they can go to their own domains and become a trainer of other officers.

- **Saudi Arabia**: On January 12, U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson meets with Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir, at the Department of State at 4PM. “Adel bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir (born 1 February 1962) is a diplomat who has been Saudi Minister of Foreign Affairs since 29 April 2015. He is the second person not belonging to the House of Saud to hold the office, after Ibrahim bin Abdullah Al Suwaiyel. He previously served as the Saudi Ambassador to the United States from 2007 to 2015, and he was also a foreign policy advisor to King Abdullah.” [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adel_al-Jubeir](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adel_al-Jubeir)

- **Terrorist Designations**: On January 4, the Department of State designated Muhammad al-Ghazali, Abukar Ali Adan, and Wanas al-Faqih as Specially Designated Global Terrorists (SDGTs) under Section 1(b) of Executive Order (E.O.) 13224. “These designations impose strict sanctions on foreign persons determined to have committed, or pose a significant risk of committing, acts of terrorism that threaten the security of U.S. nationals or the national security, foreign policy, or economy of the United States. Among the consequences of these designations, all of their property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in any transactions with them.” Source: [www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2018/01/276848.htm](http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2018/01/276848.htm) A list of State Department-designated FTOs and SDGTs is available here: [www.state.gov/j/ct/rIs/other/des/index.htm](http://www.state.gov/j/ct/rIs/other/des/index.htm).

- **Trafficking in Persons**: On January 10, State’s Bureau of Diplomatic Security posted a piece on DipNote titled “Putting Sex Traffickers Behind Bars” – “The International Labour Organization (ILO) estimated in 2017 that there are at least 24.9 million trafficking victims throughout the world; approximately 4.8 million of those are sex trafficking victims. Human traffickers generate billions of dollars in profits by using force, fraud, or coercion, to compel others into service. The victims are adults and children from nearly every country in the world. To curb the tide of this ubiquitous crime, the State Department’s Diplomatic Security Service (DSS) investigates sex trafficking cases that cross international borders. DSS special agents posted at 275 U.S. embassies and consulates in 170 foreign countries are part of a tight network of federal and international law enforcement partners that collaborate daily on a variety of transnational crimes. A few international sex trafficking cases that DSS has investigated highlight its determination to combat sex trafficking.” [https://blogs.state.gov/stories/2018/01/10/en/putting-sex-traffickers-behind-bars](https://blogs.state.gov/stories/2018/01/10/en/putting-sex-traffickers-behind-bars)
• USMS: On January 11, the U.S. Marshals Service posted a notice that they “are auctioning approximately 3,813 bitcoins in connection with various federal criminal, civil and administrative cases. To register, potential bidders must complete all registration requirements by noon EST Jan. 19.” www.usmarshals.gov/news/chron/2018/011118a.pdf

• White House: On January 11, POTUS announced the Presidential Delegation that will attend the World Economic Forum in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, from January 23 to January 26, 2018. The Honorable Steven Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury, will lead the delegation. Other Members of the Presidential Delegation: The Honorable Rex Tillerson, Secretary of State; The Honorable Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Commerce; The Honorable Alex Acosta, Secretary of Labor; The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary of Transportation; The Honorable Rick Perry, Secretary of Energy; The Honorable Kirstjen Nielsen, Secretary of Homeland Security; The Honorable Robert Lighthizer, United States Trade Representative; The Honorable Thomas Bossert, Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism; The Honorable Jared Kushner, Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor to the President; The Honorable Mark Green, Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development; and The Honorable Scott Gottlieb, Commissioner of Food and Drugs. Source: The White House.

Have a great weekend, everyone!

Regards,
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From: Ducot, Gregory (CRM)
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Subject: ICITAP Huddle - January 11, 2018

Dear Team,

Please find below the ICITAP Huddle for Thursday, January 11, 2018:

• Colombia: On January 10, the top United Nations official in Colombia reported that “Colombia’s peace efforts remain challenged by the task of reintegrating 14,000 former rebel combatants”... he also reported to the Security Council that the UN will 'closely follow' reports of a just-broken ceasefire between the National Liberation Army (ELN) and the Colombian Government. “While the building blocks of stabilization are being put in place, we cannot lose sight of the challenges of reintegration,” Jean Arnault, the Secretary-General’s Special Representative, told the Security Council, presenting the first quarterly report on the activities of the UN Verification Mission in Colombia, which he heads up. The mission, which started its operations on 26 September 2017, was established to verify the commitments of the Government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia-People’s Army (FARC-EP) on reintegrating former FARC-EP members into society, and on ensuring security in territories most affected by the decades-long conflict, which was ended with a peace deal between the two sides in November 2016.” www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=58403
D-ISIS: On January 10, “a federal grand jury returned a six-count indictment against Akayed Ullah, 27, of Brooklyn, New York, in connection with Ullah’s detonation and attempted denotation of a bomb in a subway station near the New York Port Authority Bus Terminal in New York City on Dec. 11, 2017. Three people were injured as a result of the detonation. The Indictment charges Ullah with one count of providing and attempting to provide material support to the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS), a designated foreign terrorist organization; one count of using and attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction; one count of bombing and attempting to bomb a place of public use and a public transportation system; one count of destruction and attempted destruction of property by means of fire or explosives; one count of conducting and attempting to conduct a terrorist attack against a mass transportation system; and one count of using a destructive device during and in furtherance of a crime of violence.” www.justice.gov/opa/pr/akayed-ullah-indicted-terrorism-and-explosives-charges-connection-detonation-bomb-new-york

DOJ: On January 10, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the appointment of James McHenry as the permanent Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) at the Department of Justice. McHenry has served as the Acting Director of EOIR since May 30, 2017. EOIR was created on Jan. 9, 1983, through an internal department reorganization which combined the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) with the immigration judge function previously performed by the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) (now part of the Department of Homeland Security). The Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer (OCAHO) was added in 1987. www.justice.gov/opa/pdattorney-general-sessions-announces-appointment-james-mchenry-director-executive-office

Kazakhstan: On January 16, POTUS will welcome President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan to the White House. “[POTUS] and President Nazarbayev will discuss ways to strengthen and enhance our strategic partnership on regional security issues and economic cooperation. The presidents will also discuss Kazakhstan’s leadership on several international challenges, particularly Afghanistan, during its presidency of the United Nations Security Council, and the legacy of bilateral partnership between our countries regarding weapons of mass destruction and non-proliferation issues.” Source: The White House.

Norway: On January 11, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson meets with Norwegian Foreign Minister Ine Marie Eriksen Søreide, at the Department of State at 11:30 AM. “Ine Marie Eriksen Søreide (born 2 May 1976) is a Norwegian politician who has been Minister of Foreign Affairs since 2017, the first woman to hold the position. Previously, she was the Minister of Defence from 2013 to 2017. She took office in 2013. She is a member of the Conservative Party of Norway. In 2005, she was elected as a Member of the Storting for Oslo. Søreide was appointed Norway's Foreign Minister on 20 October 2017. She succeeded Børge Brende.” https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ine_Marie_Eriksen_S%C3%B8reide

Pakistan: On January 11, “the father of an 8-year-old Pakistani girl whose rape and killing shocked the nation accused the police...of being slow to respond when his daughter went missing in eastern Punjab province. The father, Anees Ansari, who was on a pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia with his wife at the time of his daughter’s disappearance, spoke after meeting with the Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif. Sharif traveled to the city of Kasur to visit the family hours after Ansari returned home from Saudi Arabia to attend his daughter’s funeral Wednesday. The girl, Zainab Ansari, disappeared last week while going to a nearby home for Quranic studies, and her body was found in a Kasur waste-yard Tuesday.” www.voanews.com/a/pakistan-father-girls-rape-killing/4202997.html
Rohingya Crisis: On January 10, Burmese military's commander in chief Min Aung Hlaing admitted in a statement on Facebook that "Burmese troops and villagers were behind the killing of 10 Rohingya Muslims whose bodies were found in a mass grave in Rakhine state's Inn Din village...The admission marks the first time that Burma's powerful military has acknowledged wrongdoing in the violence that gripped Rakhine last year. In just a few months, more than 650,000 members of the Rohingya minority fled across the border into Bangladesh. The crisis was labeled a 'textbook example of ethnic cleansing' by the United Nations' top human rights official." www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2018/01/10/in-a-first-burmese-military-admits-soldiers-killed-rohingya-found-in-mass-grave/

Russia: On January 10, the U.S. Department of State issued a press statement on the detention of Oyub Titiev of Russian NGO "Memorial" – "We are troubled by the news that the head of the local Chechen branch office of the Russian human rights NGO Memorial, Oyub Titiev, has been arrested. This is the latest in a string of reports of alarming recent human rights violations in Chechnya. We call on Chechen authorities to immediately release Mr. Titiev and allow independent civil society to operate free from harassment and intimidation. Given well-founded concerns about potential mistreatment of Mr. Titiev in custody, we urge Russian federal authorities to ensure that Mr. Titiev's rights are protected in accordance with the Russian constitution and Russia's human rights obligations." www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2018/01/276951.htm


Spain: On January 11, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Thomas A. Shannon, Jr. is in Madrid, Spain. He is meeting with senior Spanish officials to discuss bilateral relations, security cooperation, the situation in Venezuela, and other key issues of mutual concern. www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2018/01/276950.htm

State/CT: On January 10, Director Barr led a joint ICITAP-ITFM delegation to meet with the Director of the Bureau of Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism Office of Programs (CT/P) and a 12-person CT team. Held at Main State, the meeting brought together ICITAP and CT to conduct an annual program review of CT-funded, ICITAP-managed projects, covering Albania, Algeria, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Kosovo, Lake Chad Basin Region, the Philippines, and Turkey specifically. The nearly 2.5-hour meeting was extremely productive and constructively reinforced a collaborative tone for 2018. ICITAP was pleased to also have the active participation of the Principal Deputy Coordinator for Counterterrorism for a good 90 minutes of the meeting. The Annual Program Review process is a new best practice implemented by State/CT to ensure solutions-oriented assessments/evaluations of current programs and keep channels of communication open between CT and its partners.
Travel Advisory: On January 10, the U.S. Department of State launched improvements to how we share information with U.S. travelers. These improvements will provide U.S. citizens with clear, timely, and reliable safety and security information worldwide. Under the new system, every country will have a Travel Advisory, providing levels of advice ranging from 1 to 4: Level 1 - Exercise Normal Precautions; Level 2 - Exercise Increased Caution; Level 3 - Reconsider Travel; Level 4 - Do Not Travel. The Travel Advisories for each country replace previous Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts. The revised Travel Advisories will also provide clear reasons for the level assigned, using established risk indicators, and offer specific advice to U.S. citizens who choose to travel there: C - Crime; T - Terrorism; U - Civil Unrest; H - Health; N - Natural Disaster; E - Time-limited Event; O - Other. www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2018/01/276945.htm Special thanks to DAD Whitaker for bringing this important development to ICITAP's attention.

Tunisia: On January 11, Reuters published an article titled “Tunisia deploys army in several cities as violent protests intensify” — “Over 300 protesters were arrested overnight and the army was deployed in several Tunisian cities in violent demonstrations over prices, taxes and unemployment that have swept the country. In Thala, near the Algerian border, troops were sent in after protesters burned down the national security building forcing police to retreat from the town, witnesses told Reuters. Violent anti-government protests have raged in other towns in the North African country since Monday, among them the tourist resort of Sousse, against price and tax rises imposed by government to cut a ballooning deficit and satisfy international lenders.” www.reuters.com/article/us-tunisia-protests/tunisia-deploys-army-in-several-cities-as-violent-protests-intensify-idUSKBN1FOOWJ

Have a great Thursday, everyone!

Regards,
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Dear Colleagues,

Please find below the ICITAP Huddle for Wednesday, January 10, 2018:

AG Support: On January 9, Attorney General Jeff Sessions issued the following statement on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, a day set aside to show support for the brave men and women who have dedicated themselves to protecting our communities: “Serving as a law enforcement officer is an honorable profession that is demanding, dangerous, and all too often unappreciated. Those who have chosen law enforcement as a profession and who work selflessly day and night through the harshest of conditions are a special breed. We owe them our undying gratitude. And, while our gratitude should not be limited to a single day of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate my deep and sincere appreciation to all serving in tribal, local,
state, and federal law enforcement across the country for the daily sacrifices they make to serve and protect our communities." On January 9, the AG also visited the Washington, D.C. Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge with Metropolitan Police Department Auxiliary Police Officers to express his gratitude and support for them and their work. See link for more info and a photo: www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-sessions-celebrates-law-enforcement-appreciation-day

- Anti-Crime: On January 9, InSight Crime published an article titled "Mexico Drug Lord's Brazil Arrest Sheds Light on Regional Anti-Crime Cooperation" — "The arrest of a Mexican drug lord in Brazil sheds new light on the international operations of one of Mexico's most powerful crime groups, and suggests that regional authorities may be ramping up cooperation to tackle the group's growing power and influence. On December 27, 2017, Federal Police in Brazil arrested José González Valencia, alias 'La Chepa,' in a rented beach house in the northeastern city of Fortaleza, where he had joined his family for the holidays. The capture, ordered by Brazil's top court, followed an extradition request by the United States, which is seeking La Chepa on drug trafficking charges and allegations that he belongs to the Jalisco Cartel New Generation (Cartel Jalisco Nueva Generación – CJNG)." www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/mexico-drug-lord-brazil-arrest-sheds-light-regional-anti-crime-cooperation/

- Benin: On January 10, the people of Benin celebrate Fête du Vodoun, and the U.S. Embassy in Cotonou is closed. "Fête du Vodoun (literally Vodoun Festival, also known as Traditional Religions Day) is a public holiday in Benin that celebrates the nation's history surrounding the West African religion of Vodoun. The celebration is held annually on January 10 throughout the country but most notably in the city of Ouidah. Beginning with the slaughter of a goat in honor of the spirits, the festival is filled with singing, dancing and the imbibing of liquor, especially gin. Vodoun was officially declared a religion in Benin in 1996 and the festival has attracted thousands of devotees and tourists to Ouidah to participate in the festivities ever since." https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/F%C3%A9te_du_Vodoun

- CBP: On January 2, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released their FY18-Q1 data on Southwest Border Migration. "CBP has seen an uptick in individuals month-to-month apprehended while trying to enter the country illegally in between the established ports of entry, and an increase in those presenting themselves for entry, without proper documentation, along our Southwest border. The majority of these individuals are single adults, while the largest percentage increases come from family units and unaccompanied children who increased 21 percent and 7 percent respectively compared with the previous month... In December a total of 28,996 individuals were apprehended between ports of entry on our Southwest Border, compared with 29,082 in November and 25,490 in October. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, USBP apprehended 303,916 individuals along our Southwest Border, compared to 408,870 in FY16, 331,333 in FY15, and 479,371 in FY14." For more information to include graphs: www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration

- Cuba: On January 9, Reuters posted an article titled "U.S. probing if 'viral' attack sickened diplomats in Cuba" — "U.S. investigators are looking at a range of theories, including the possibility of a "viral" attack, to explain what may have sickened some American diplomats who were stationed in Havana, the State Department said on [January 9]. U.S. experts have yet to determine who or what was behind the mysterious illnesses that began occurring in late 2016 and heightened tensions between the old Cold War foes. They have seen no evidence it was 'an episode of mass hysteria' among the 24 affected U.S. personnel and family members, a senior State Department medical officer told a Senate hearing." www.reuters.com/article/us-cuba-usa/u-s-probing-if-viral-attack-sickened-diplomats-in-cuba-official-idUSKBN1EY1PX
- **DNI**: On January 9, POTUS issued a Presidential Memorandum for the Director of National Intelligence (DNI). “The Director of National Intelligence shall, within 30 days of the date of this memorandum, issue and release publicly a policy requiring that each element of the Intelligence Community (IC) develop and maintain procedures for responding to requests from Federal, State, local, tribal, or territorial government officials for non-public identity information concerning known unconsenting United States persons that was originally omitted from disseminated intelligence reports.” [www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/presidential-memorandum-director-national-intelligence/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/presidential-memorandum-director-national-intelligence/)

- **DOJ**: On January 9, the Washington Post published an article concerning the state of the Justice Department’s confirmations for senior leadership positions. “…the department had a dearth of Senate confirmed nominees in leadership positions. While the top three posts are filled, the National Security Division, Criminal Division, Civil Rights Division, Tax Division, the Drug Enforcement Administration and others lack confirmed presidential appointees. A Justice Department official said the delays have been frustrating, particularly in the criminal and national security divisions. ‘We desperately need them; we desperately need those two in particular,’ the official said. ‘We need them here, like, yesterday.’ [www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/the-justice-department-lacks-key-leaders-and-a-republican-senator-is-threatening-to-keep-it-that-way/2018/01/06/86d00e35-f1a0-11e7-b3bf-ab90a706e175_story.html?utm_term=.ce5b5831df54](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/the-justice-department-lacks-key-leaders-and-a-republican-senator-is-threatening-to-keep-it-that-way/2018/01/06/86d00e35-f1a0-11e7-b3bf-ab90a706e175_story.html?utm_term=.ce5b5831df54)

- **Earthquake**: On January 9, “an earthquake of magnitude 7.6 that struck near remote islands belonging to Honduras...was felt across northern Central America, prompting a tsunami warning for parts of the Caribbean. The quake rattled windows in the Honduran capital of Tegucigalpa roughly 323 miles (519 km) to the east and was felt at least as far north as the Mexican state of Quintana Roo, but no damage was immediately reported. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center said a tsunami advisory was in effect for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands after the earthquake and warned of possible waves up to 1 meter (3 feet) above tide level.” [www.voanews.com/a/quake-strikes-off-central-america-/4201172.html](http://www.voanews.com/a/quake-strikes-off-central-america-/4201172.html)


- **IAC**: On January 5, DAAG Swartz chaired the monthly DOJ International Affairs Committee (IAC) Meeting in the Criminal Division’s AAG Conference Room. Representatives from the Antitrust Division, ATF, the Civil Division, DEA, the DAAG Office, the Environmental and Natural Resources Division (ENRD), FBI, ICITAP, INTERPOL, the Justice Management Division (JMD), the Office of Foreign Litigation (OFL), OIA, OPDAT, the National Security Division (NSD), the Tax Division, and USMS. ICITAP covered the following items: the March 2019 Central American Regional Forensic Leadership Symposium; ICITAP’s 32nd Anniversary on January 6; Field Staffing Transitions; ICITAP Detail to State/CT; and ICITAP’s February Regional Meeting in Thailand.

- **INL**: On January 8, INL posted on their Facebook page a piece on their new partnership with the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Foreign Office) to train UN Police under the International Police Peacekeeping Operations Support Program (IPPOS). “This year, two UK officers will join U.S. IPPOS training teams to provide expertise in
public order management training. IPPOS helps build the skills and capacity of police officers in UN Missions to safely conduct their duties to patrol neighborhood and refugee camps, protect civilians, and quickly and appropriately respond to emergencies. United Nations Peacekeeping U.S. Mission to the United Nations

www.facebook.com/StateINL/posts/10155611615478780

• **Pakistan**: On January 9, “a suicide bomber targeting a police truck in Pakistan killed six people and wounded 17...Abdur Razzaq Cheema, the police chief of the city of Quetta, where the attack took place, said four of those killed and most of the wounded were policemen. The Pakistani Taliban claimed the attack, saying a suicide bomber targeted a police contingent returning from duty at the provincial assembly building.”
  

• **U.S. Embassy**: On January 10, police said that “a Danish bomb squad is searching the area around the U.S. Embassy in Copenhagen...Police have cordoned off the embassy after they found a 'suspicious object,' they told Reuters. The police have not confirmed if they have found any explosives.”
  

• **Washington, DC**: On January 9, the District of Columbia Council passed the Boris Nemtsov Plaza Designation Act to rename the street in front of Russia's embassy after slain Russian opposition leader Boris Nemtsov. "The city initiative renames the block of Wisconsin Avenue that is home to the Russian Embassy in honor of Nemtsov, a reformist politician and fierce critic of President Vladimir Putin who was shot dead on a bridge near the Kremlin in 2015....At a public hearing in Washington in December, Nemtsov's daughter Zhanna Nemtsova told the city council that Putin's government wanted to 'eradicate the memory' of her father.”
  
  www.rferl.org/a/russia-us-embassy-name-changed-nemtsov-plaza/28966776.html

Have a great Wednesday, everyone!

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Dear Colleagues,

Please find below the ICITAP Huddle for Tuesday, January 9, 2018:

• **Automation**: On January 8, ICITAP implemented an automated process for the ICITAP conference/training approval requirement. As per Director Barr, “all conference and training requests are going ‘paperless,’ which means they will need to be submitted electronically via email, using [a]...‘fully electronic’ Training Request Form. This electronic submission process will save immensely on toner, folders, paper, and
most importantly, your our valuable time. A key benefit of this process is the ability of all stakeholders to track the status of the approval process. A very special thanks to Ken Arbo for painstakingly automating the [approval] form and for organizing a training session on the efficient use of the form, which [was] held on Monday, January 8th. Thank you in advance for your cooperation as we claw our way into the 21st Century.

- **Burma:** On January 2, U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson released a press statement to observe Burmese (Myanmar) National Day. “On behalf of the United States of America, I offer congratulations to President Htin Kyaw and the people of Myanmar on the occasion of Myanmar’s Independence Day on January 4, 2018. For decades, the United States has stood with the people of Myanmar in their pursuit of peace, freedom, and justice. We remain committed to helping advance Myanmar’s democratic transition, and continue to support the civilian government in efforts to end decades of conflict; strengthen respect for human rights, transparency, and rule of law; and foster inclusive economic development. At the same time, we urge authorities to take further steps to ensure everyone has full and equal access to the opportunities and the benefits of a democratic society. We wish all of Myanmar’s people peace, security, and prosperity in the coming year.” www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2018/01/276828.htm

- **Caribbean:** On January 8, the White House sent its nomination to the U.S. Senate for the position of U.S. Ambassador to Barbados. Leandro Rizzuto, of New Jersey, “a prominent businessman, is past Chairman of the Professional Beauty Association (PBA). He has been Director of North American Beauty Events since 2005, the producer of Cosmoprof NA—America’s largest B2B Beauty Show—creator and publisher of ‘Style Source Magazine.’ For over 30 years, he helped build his family’s business, Conair, into one of the largest private companies in the United States, with offices in Asia, Europe, Australia, and Latin America. At Conair, he was Senior Vice President for Professional Global Business Units and had increased sales from $25 million to $300 million and was credited with over 25 United States patents. Mr. Rizzuto attended Arizona State University, where he majored in marketing.” The U.S. Ambassador to Barbados serves concurrently as U.S. Ambassador to the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Source: The White House.

- **Chile:** On January 8, the White House sent its nomination to the U.S. Senate for the position of U.S. Ambassador to Chile. Andrew M. Gellert, “President of Gellert Global Group in Elizabeth, New Jersey, is a prominent American businessman. He leads an enterprise consisting of many North American food importing companies, including Atalanta Corporation, the largest privately held food importer in the United States. He has served as Chairman of the Association of Food Industries (AFI), which is part of a coalition of food importing associations pursuing the mutual trade interests of overseas suppliers and United States importers before the FDA, and within the food legislation arena. In addition, he is a member of the Young Presidents Organization and a Board member of the Elizabeth Development Corporation. Mr. Gellert earned a B.S. from Cornell University.” Source: The White House.

- **CVE:** On January 17, the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP) Applied Conflict Transformation Center will host a 90-minute event titled “Religion and Countering Violent Extremism: How to Engage Religious Leaders and People of Faith?” – “Both research and experience make clear that the spread of violent extremism is driven not by religion but by poor governance, injustices, and the radicalization of people who see no future for themselves. But extremists use religious ideas—whether from the traditions of Christianity, Islam, Buddhism or other faiths—as tools to encourage radicalization and violence. How can policymakers and practitioners working to counter violent extremism best ally with religions, their institutions and their people? This forum will offer recommendations from a recent USIP Special Report on this question.” For more...
information and to register:  www.usip.org/events/religion-and-countering-violent-extremism

- **DAG Remarks:** On January 8, Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein delivered remarks at the American Correctional Association's Winter Conference in Orlando, FL. "As we work to reduce violent crime, we also are fighting another frightening trend, the rise in drug overdoses. There were about 8,000 overdose deaths in 1990. But in 2016, authorities estimate that 64,000 Americans died of drug overdoses. Drug overdose is now the leading cause of death for Americans under the age of 50. Synthetic opioid drugs such as fentanyl are fueling the epidemic. Fentanyl and its analogues are often mixed with heroin. Because of its potency, fentanyl can be transported in smaller quantities and is easier to smuggle across borders or into prisons....fentanyl is 30 to 50 times more deadly than heroin. It can be lethal to ingest an amount as small as two milligrams, the equivalent of a few grains of table salt....To combat the threat, our Department participates in a working group with the Department of Homeland Security and other stakeholders. The group focuses on technological developments that may help prevent drugs from entering our facilities. The DEA recently gave official notice that it will use its legal authority to schedule fentanyl and all of its analogues. That will permit the DEA to recognize the threat that fentanyl poses to our communities and to change the existing legal framework as a result." www.justice.gov/opa/speech/deputy-attorney-general-rosenstein-delivers-remarks-american-correctional-associations

- **El Salvador:** On January 8, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen M. Nielsen announced her determination that termination of the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation for El Salvador was required pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act. "To allow for an orderly transition, she has determined to delay the termination for 18 months. The designation will terminate on Sept. 9, 2019. The decision to terminate TPS for El Salvador was made after a review of the disaster-related conditions upon which the country's original designation was based and an assessment of whether those originating conditions continue to exist as required by statute. Based on careful consideration of available information, including recommendations received as part of an inter-agency consultation process, the Secretary determined that the original conditions caused by the 2001 earthquakes no longer exist. Thus, under the applicable statute, the current TPS designation must be terminated." www.dhs.gov/news/2018/01/08/secretary-homeland-security-kirstjen-m-nielsen-announcement-temporary-protected

- **Leadership:** On January 8, ICITAP-Pakistan began the one-week Leadership Development Course for 20 Islamabad Police Stationhouse Officers. This one week program is designed specifically for Stationhouse Officers responsible for managing and leading law enforcement personnel. This course is aimed at providing them with skills that are necessary for them to perform their duties effectively and efficiently. This course includes the following modules: 1) Vision, Mission, Core Values and Alignment of Vision with the Goals and Objectives; 2) Professional Ethics & Communications; 3) Changing of Police Culture through Core Values; Supervisory Skills; 4) Interview and interrogation; 5) EQ Vs IQ; 6) T Skills; 7) Stress Management; 8) Time Management; 9) Police Public & Media Relations; 10) Leadership Role; and 11) Planning. Two iterations of this one-week course will be delivered and will conclude on January 19.

- **MCC:** On January 8, the White House sent its nomination to the U.S. Senate for the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC). Sean Cairncross, of Minnesota, "currently serves as a Deputy Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor to the Chief of Staff. Before joining the White House, Mr. Cairncross served as the Chief Operating Officer of the Republican National Committee for the 2016 election cycle. If confirmed, Mr. Cairncross will lead the MCC, an independent U.S. Government agency working to reduce global poverty through

- Nigeria: On January 8, Nigeria’s Premium Times published an article titled “Police attack, tear-gas Shiites in Abuja” – “Police have clashed with hundreds of Shiites in the central area of Abuja, teargassing the demonstrators as they made attempt to enter the National Assembly. Members of the Shia group, Islamic Movement in Nigeria, have been campaigning the release of their leader, Ibraheem El-Zakzaky, detained since 2015. The group’s members arrived the National Assembly main gate at about noon Monday, and attempted to forcefully enter the compound, but were resisted by security. A police reinforcement, supported by the Civil Defence, later fired tear gas at the protesters and chased fleeing demonstrators into the neighbouring federal secretariat as they struggled for air. The chase, headed towards the national mosque, created pandemonium as people scampered for safety.” www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/254806-police-attack-tear-gas-shiites-in-abuja.html

- Pakistan: On January 8, ICITAP-Pakistan began the second week of the ten-day Advanced First Aid Course for Frontier Constabulary personnel in Islamabad. This course is designed to teach experienced officers the responsibilities that come with being a First Aid Responder. Presented in this class are the basics of controlling airways for breathing, controlling bleeding and maintaining circulation. Officers are initially presented the necessary knowledge to help victims survive until advanced medical help can be provided. They are then taught how to teach other participants the basics of First Aid. The participants will demonstrate skills in a number of classroom scenarios and will demonstrate knowledge obtained in practical exercises. This is a course designed for the officers, who will become the trainers of the First Aid Training. The participants are being trained in such a way that they can go to their own domains and become a trainer of other officers. The course will conclude on January 12.

- State/ECA: On January 8, the White House sent its nomination to the U.S. Senate for the position of Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). “Marie Royce, of California, is nominated be an Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs) to replace Evan Ryan. Ms. Royce, a businesswoman and former professor, has been the CEO and Principal of Marie Royce, LLC in Fullerton, California since 2016. She has more than 30 years of experience in the private sector with Fortune 500 companies and as a small business owner, creating and launching start-ups and new initiatives and serving as a key business liaison to 80 countries. As a former educator and full-time university professor, Ms. Royce led an international grant program between two universities. She is a private sector appointee on the Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy (ACICIP) at the Department of State and has served on two U.S. Cultural Exchange Boards. She served as an American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) delegate to Hungary & Poland.” Source: The White House.

- State/IO: On January 8, the White House sent its nomination to the U.S. Senate for the position of Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of International Organizations Affairs (IO). “Kevin Edward Moley of Virginia, a prominent businessman, Federal Government official and former Ambassador, was a private investor in Scottsdale, Arizona, and Williamsburg, Virginia, from 2006-present and 1998-2001. From 2001-2006 he was Representative of the United States to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland, with the rank of Ambassador. Previously, he was a senior executive in the health care industry and served the Federal Government as Deputy Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (1992-1993), Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget,

- Sudan: On January 1, U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson released a press statement to recognize Sudan National Day. “Please accept my best wishes as the people of Sudan celebrate the 62nd anniversary of Sudan’s independence. The United States looks forward to another year of growth in the U.S.-Sudan relationship, and we wish the people of Sudan a joyous celebration and a peaceful year ahead.” [www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2018/01/276814.htm](http://www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2018/01/276814.htm)

Have a great Tuesday, everyone!

Regards,

Greg

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From: Ducot, Gregory (CRM)
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Dear Colleagues,

Please find below the ICITAP Huddle for Monday, January 8, 2018:

- **Anniversary:** On January 6, ICITAP celebrated its 32-year anniversary. As a result of Congress passing legislation in 1985 to expand a waiver to Section 660 to include “programs to enhance investigative capabilities conducted under judicial or prosecutorial control,” Section 534(b)(3) of the Foreign Assistance Act authorized the establishment of ICITAP in 1986. The program was funded at $1.52 million for its first year, which was originally located in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to help gain prosecution in key human rights cases in El Salvador and to bolster the criminal investigative capacity of Latin American security forces. For the remainder of that decade, ICITAP provided training in criminal investigation, forensics, police management and combating violent crime to established law enforcement agencies in Central and South America. Since 1986, ICITAP has provided law enforcement training and technical assistance in over 100 countries worldwide. For more information: [www.justice.gov/criminal-icitap](http://www.justice.gov/criminal-icitap)

- **Bosnia-Herzegovina:** On January 8, ICITAP began a two-week Field Training Officer Training in Mostar for the Herzegovina-Neretva and West Herzegovina Cantons (Mostar and Ljubuski). This training represents a milestone in developing a seamless transition between the academy training and the practical application of police work. By introducing
the “Mentor Program for Probationary Police Officers” course, new police officers will have the opportunity to have their daily activities monitored for the first time in Bosnia and Herzegovina history by newly certified mentors. The 16 officers participating from Herzegovina-Neretva Canton Mol and the four officers participating from West Herzegovina Canton Mol will be introduced to advanced theoretical and practical methodology of training the new police officers. Once they become certified mentors, they will apply the skills and knowledge acquired during this course in training recent graduates from the Academy within their Mol, monitoring each and every segment of their daily police work. This course, which concludes on January 19, will contribute to better cooperation between the Sarajevo and the Mostar academies by engaging joint teams composed of staff from the both academies. The academy staff will be supported by six certified FTO instructors from Zenica Doboj Canton Mol. Upon the completion of the training in Mostar, this initiative will continue to be conducted throughout BiH under the auspices of ICITAP.

- **Criminal Division:** On January 8, the Criminal Division highlighted ICITAP (twice) in its newsletter “This Week in the Criminal Division” – 1) **ICITAP Supports Efforts to Address the Rohingya Refugee Crisis in Bangladesh:** From December 18–21, the International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program’s (ICITAP) Bangladesh Program Manager Karl Clark and Program Management Specialist traveled to Cox’s Bazar to support U.S. efforts to address the Rohingya refugee crisis. They escorted two Bangladeshi policewomen with experience managing Victim’s Support Centers in Dhaka to present orientation sessions on Victim Assistance and Protection to 42 Cox’s Bazar police assigned to the Rohingya Camp area. 2) **ICITAP Recognized by Kosovo National Police General Director:** On December 21, the Kosovo Police held their end-of-year award ceremony. In a speech emphasizing the successes of the Kosovo Police in 2017, the Kosovo Police general director thanked local and international partners for their contributions and expressed gratitude to ICITAP for its assistance over the years, giving particular thanks to ICITAP Program Manager Kimberly Riffe.

- **France:** On January 6, POTUS spoke with President Emmanuel Macron of France “to provide an update on developments on the Korean Peninsula, and to underscore American, South Korean, and international resolve to achieve the complete denuclearization of North Korea. The Presidents also agreed that the widespread demonstrations in Iran were a sign of the Iranian regime’s failure to serve its people’s needs by instead diverting the nation’s wealth to fund terrorism and militancy abroad.” Source: The White House.

- **Iran:** On January 5, the State Department’s DipNote blog included an article titled “On the Continuing Protests in Iran” – “The United States continues to monitor closely the protests and violence in Iran. This week, Vice President Mike Pence affirmed the United States’ support for the people of Iran in his Washington Post opinion piece and during an interview with Greta van Susteren. The Vice President said, ‘We stand with the proud people of Iran because it is right, and because the regime in Tehran threatens the peace and security of the world.’ During an interview with Elise Labott of CNN on January 5, Secretary of State Rex W. Tillerson said, ‘...the Iranian people have suffered under this regime. Very little good has happened for the Iranian people. Ever since this regime has taken power, they have suffered under economic sanctions because of this regime’s destabilizing activities in the region.’ The Secretary continued, ‘We are supportive of the Iranian people achieving their aspirations for a better quality of life, for greater freedom. We believe they deserve that.’” https://blogs.state.gov/stories/2018/01/05/en/continuing-protests-iran

- **Israel:** On January 8, “Israel’s Security Agency, the Shin Bet, revealed...that it arrested two female citizens accused of collaborating with ISIS in order to carry out a deadly terror attack inside Israel. According to a statement released by the
agency, the two 19-year-old Israeli citizens, who live in the Beduin village of Lakia, are accused of planning a terror attack against Israeli Jews, including one during New Year’s celebration. The investigation revealed that [the two women] pledged allegiance to the leader of the Islamic State group, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, and published articles praising the Islamic State group as well as content inciting terror attacks against Jews and Israelis. The two are suspected of being in contact with ISIS handlers abroad and made plans to leave the country and join the Sunni terror group.”

www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/Israeli-Beduin-women-arrested-on-suspicion-of-planning-attacks-for-ISIS-533118

- Mexico: On January 7, “violent clashes involving gunmen, a community police force and state police killed 11 people in the troubled southern state of Guerrero…, while a separate series of shootouts the previous night left seven dead in the northern Mexico beach resort of San Jose del Cabo. Guerrero state security spokesman Roberto Alvarez said eight people were initially killed when gunmen ambushed community police before dawn in the town of La Concepcion, near the resort city of Acapulco. Two of the dead were from the community force. Later in the morning, state police arrived to disarm the local agents, and another shootout erupted in which three people were killed. Alvarez said he did not know how they died, but local media said they were community police.”

http://time.com/5092349/mexico-11-killed-guerrero-cabo/


- Pakistan: On January 4, ICITAP completed a three-day Police Media Engagement Workshop for 37 participants in Islamabad. This workshop is designed to enhance the knowledge of police officers about the media and its role. This training also develops participants’ skills to effectively and positively interact with the public via media. This training includes the following modules: Introduction to Media; Media Policy; Police and Media; SOPs; Code of Conduct-Police; Code of Conduct-Media. This training will also help investigation officers to use the media more effectively and positively for reporting. It trains many to speak publicly and use media positively. Minister of Interior Ahsan Iqbal came up with the idea for this course, and thanked INL for supporting it, underscoring his commitment to a more professional police force. Participants learned about police-media relations, media engagement in Pakistan, civil crimes, covering terrorism, and areas for police management.

- State of the Union: On January 8, 1790, President George Washington delivered the first State of the Union address to the assembled Congress in New York City.
“Washington’s address gave a brief, but excellent, outline of his administration’s policies as designed by Alexander Hamilton. The former commander in chief of the Continental Army argued in favor of securing the common defence [sic], as he believed preparedness for war to be one of the most effectual means of preserving peace. Washington’s guarded language allowed him to hint at his support for the controversial idea of creating a standing army without making an overt request.” www.history.com/this-day-in-history/president-george-washington-delivers-first-state-of-the-union

- **Senegal**: On January 6, “thirteen youths were killed...by ‘armed elements’ in the Casamance region of southern Senegal, an area ravaged by armed conflict for more than three decades, a security source said. The victims were out collecting wood in the Bayotte forest, 20 kilometres (12 miles) from the regional capital Ziguinchor, ‘when they were attacked by an armed band of 15 people,’ army spokesman Abdou Ndiaye told AFP. A source in Ziguinchor said that ‘thirteen were killed and two were able to escape,’ with Ndiaye adding that seven others were injured in the attack. The attackers would have passed the buffer zone separating the positions of the Senegalese army from those of the MFDC (Movement for Democratic Forces in Casamance), the armed independent rebellion,’ the Senegalese Press Agency (APS) said.” www.france24.com/en/20180106-senegal-gunmen-kill-least-13-southern-casamance-region

- **Tanzania**: On January 8, ICITAP began two weeks of DNA Training and Mentoring to the Government Chemist Laboratory Agency (GCLA) in Dar Es Salaam. ICITAP will monitor and mentor the development of the GCLA’s new DNA SOPs. In addition, ICITAP will review the analysis used by the GCLA for validation studies and assist them with testing new evidence. The training will also help increase GCLA’s ability to use all the tools in the genetic analyzer software for data interpretation. This two-week visit is a follow-on training to ICITAP’s June 2017 visit. The GCLA is in the process of ensuring materials and standards are met in order to apply for accreditation. This two-week session will conclude on January 19.

- **United Nations**: On January 6, UPI reported that “the United Nations is investigating a deadly attack in the Democratic Republic of Congo last month that left 15 U.N. peacekeepers dead...To lead the investigation, U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed Dmitry Titov of Russia, a former U.N. assistant secretary-general, according to the statement released [on January 6]. The killings, considered the deadliest single assault on a U.N. mission in nearly a quarter century, happened Dec. 7 in the Beni territory of North Kivu province. The attack also left 43 peacekeepers wounded and another missing. The investigation team, which also includes two military officers from Tanzania, will travel to Congo early this month, also visiting relevant countries in the African Great Lakes region.” www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2018/01/06/UN-probes-DRC-attack-that-killed-15-peacekeepers/9841515270169/

Have a safe week, everyone.

Regards,
Greg

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Dear Colleagues,

Please find below the ICITAP Huddle for Friday, January 5, 2018:

- **Farewell:** On January 5, ICITAP Section Security Officer Jason Lowery concludes his 12-year tenure with ICITAP. Mr. Lowery has accepted a new assignment as an Inspections and Compliance Specialist at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Per DAD Nicole Whitaker: “We are very proud of Jason and of his journey here at ICITAP as he started in 2006 as a program assistant providing support to the forensics unit. Today, he leaves us as the ICITAP section security officer. We are fortunate to have seen such a wonderful person grow here at ICITAP, but now it is time for him to spread his wings...I know everyone in the ICITAP family will miss Jason and are very appreciative of his work.” See attachment for some wonderful photos displayed by Irene Cousar on her door.

- **Anniversary:** On January 6, ICITAP celebrates its 32-year anniversary!! As a result of Congress passing legislation in 1985 to expand a waiver to Section 660 to include “programs to enhance investigative capabilities conducted under judicial or prosecutorial control,” Section 534(b)(3) of the Foreign Assistance Act authorized the establishment of ICITAP in 1986. The program was funded at $1.52 million for its first year, which was originally located in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to help gain prosecution in key human rights cases in El Salvador and to bolster the criminal investigative capacity of Latin American security forces. For the remainder of that decade, ICITAP provided training in criminal investigation, forensics, police management and combating violent crime to established law enforcement agencies in Central and South America. Since 1986, ICITAP has provided law enforcement training and technical assistance in over 100 countries worldwide. **Happy Birthday, ICITAP!!** For more information: www.justice.gov/criminal-icitap

- **Afghanistan:** On January 4, “a suicide bomber in the Afghan capital caused dozens of casualties...after blowing himself up close to a group of security personnel who were carrying out an operation against illegal drugs and alcohol dealing, officials said. Islamic State, which has claimed a series of attacks in Kabul over the past two years, issued a statement on its Amaq news agency saying it was responsible. It said a suicide bomber targeting a group of police and intelligence service personnel had detonated an explosive vest, killing or wounding around 80 of them. Wahid Majroh, a spokesman for the ministry of public health, said 11 dead and 25 wounded had been brought to city hospitals after the blast in an area of the city not far from the U.S. Embassy and other foreign missions.” www.reuters.com/article/us-afghanistan-attack/blast-hits-police-in-afghan-capital-kabul-dozens-of-casualties-idUSKBN1ET22Z

- **Benin:** On January 3, the Special Advisor on Homeland Security to the President of the Republic of Benin was named Director General of the newly minted Republican Police. Benin Web TV reported that General Nazaire Hounnonkpê, former Deputy Director General of National Police and former Commander of the Anti-Crime Brigade (BAC) will head the Republican Police, the new force created out of the merging of police and gendarmerie. Hounnonkpê’s deputy will be Colonel Soumaïla Yaya, who also served as Special Advisor to the President and First Rapporteur of the commission in charge of studying the conditions of creation of the republican police. Yaya served as Colonel in the gendarmerie. *(Sources: Benin Web TV, Fraternité). ICITAP-Benin PM*
DeGenova has worked very closely with General Hounnonkpê for the past two and a half years and has taken him to three International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) conferences in the U.S. (Chicago, San Diego, and Philadelphia) as well as on the FBI Study Tour in D.C. this past year.

- **CBP:** On January 4, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) reported that the “U.S. Border Patrol and the Puerto Rico Police Department apprehended 10 undocumented aliens from the Dominican Republic during two separate incidents [on January 3] in the island’s west coast. On Jan.3, Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Ramey Border Patrol Station responded to 2 maritime smuggling events reported in the towns of Añasco and Cabo Rojo. Border Patrol Agents, CBP Air and Marine Operations assets, along with Puerto Rico Police Joint Forces for Rapid Action (FURA, for its Spanish acronym) officers searched the immediate areas of both landings and located a total of 10 undocumented aliens, all claiming to be citizens of the Dominican Republic. The illegal maritime smuggling ventures arriving to Puerto Rico from the Dominican Republic are ordinarily transported in rustic, homemade wooden vessels commonly referred to as ‘yolas.’ A typical ‘yola’ is an unsafe vessel, generally underpowered with a single outboard motor, and overloaded with a large number of passengers and without life vests." [www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/10-aliens-dominican-republic-found-after-landing-puerto-rico](http://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/10-aliens-dominican-republic-found-after-landing-puerto-rico)

- **Counterterrorism:** On January 2, Ambassador-at-Large and State’s Coordinator for Counterterrorism Nathan A. Sales published an article in DipNote titled “Counterterrorism Diplomacy – Ten Highlights of 2017” — “Throughout 2017, the Counterterrorism Bureau (CT) led the State Department’s diplomatic efforts to defeat ISIS, al-Qa’ida, Hizballah, and other global terrorist groups. We did this by strengthening bilateral and multilateral counterterrorism partnerships, building the capacity of frontline states, improving information sharing and border security to stanch the flow of foreign terrorist fighters returning from Syria and Iraq, opposing Iranian-supported terrorism, designating more terrorists and cutting off their funding, and countering terrorist ideology and recruitment.” The highlights included: 1) UNSCR 2396; 2) North Korea; 3) Terrorism Designations; 4) Terrorist Travel; 5) Rewards for Justice; 6) Countering Hizballah; 7) GCTF Initiatives; 8) Capacity Building; 9) Crisis Response; and 10) Countering Violent Extremism. [https://blogs.state.gov/stories/2018/01/02/en/counterterrorism-diplomacy-ten-highlights-2017](https://blogs.state.gov/stories/2018/01/02/en/counterterrorism-diplomacy-ten-highlights-2017)

- **D-ISIS:** On January 4, “a federal grand jury returned a two-count indictment against [a California man], charging him with attempting to provide material support to the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS), a designated foreign terrorist organization, and distribution of information relating to destructive devices. The announcement was made by Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Acting Assistant Attorney General for National Security Dana J. Boente, U.S. Attorney McGregor W. Scott for the Eastern District of California and Special Agent in Charge Sean Ragan of the FBI’s Sacramento Field Office. [www.justice.gov/opa/pr/california-man-indicted-attempting-provide-material-support-terrorist-organization](http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/california-man-indicted-attempting-provide-material-support-terrorist-organization)

- **Explosion:** On January 4, “eight people were killed in the southern Philippines when a rusty mortar bomb they thought was an iron canister with gold inside exploded as they tried to pry it open with a hammer, police said. . . .Senior Supt. Raul Tacaca said by telephone that five other people were wounded by the powerful blast. . . .Late Wednesday in a far-flung mountain village of Sirawai, a town in Zamboanga del Norte province. The explosion happened inside a bunkhouse for workers of a plywood company. . . .Some villagers believed the mortar bomb may have been a relic of the Second World War, but Tacaca said it appeared to have been a leftover of clashes between government forces
and Muslim rebels in more recent years.” www.cbc.ca/news/world/philippines-mortar-explosion-1.4472854

• HRSP: On January 18, the Criminal Division will host a presentation by Eli M. Rosenbaum of the Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section (HRSP) in the AAG Conference Room (Rm. 2107) at noon. “Eli Rosenbaum served for nearly 25 years in the Division’s former Office of Special Investigations (OSI) – which was created in 1979 by Attorney General Order to identify, investigate and take appropriate law enforcement action against participants in WWII-era Nazi-sponsored acts of persecution who immigrated to this country after the war. Serving first as a trial attorney, then as deputy director, principal deputy director and, beginning in 1995, as Director of OSI, he led the investigation and litigation of some of the highest-profile civil denaturalization and removal cases ever brought by the U.S. government. OSI also partnered with OIA on extradition cases involving Nazi criminals and conducted investigations of alleged U.S. intelligence links to Nazi criminals and the whereabouts of fugitive Nazis. In 2004, OSI’s mission was expanded to include some persons who participated in post-WWII human rights violations. In 2010, OSI was merged with the Domestic Security Section, to create HRSP, headed by Teresa McHenry. Eli Rosenbaum joined the Criminal Division through the Department’s Honors Program. He holds a J.D. degree from Harvard Law School and an M.B.A. in Finance from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Now open to all Division employees. Seating will be first come, first seated. If interested, please register http://crmln05.crm.doj.gov:7778/portal/page?  pageid=93,347222&_dad=portal&_schema =PORTAL&p=i,13018,TrainingDatabase

• Pakistan: On January 5, the Washington Post published an article titled "Pakistan official accuses U.S. of betrayal after suspension of military aid” – “Amid loud opposition calls for retaliation, Pakistani officials on Friday decried ‘arbitrary deadlines’ and ‘unilateral pronouncements’ after the Trump administration suspended an estimated $1 billion in military assistance. In one of the harshest actions in years between the troubled allies, the [White House] moved to block the military aid at the end of a contentious week that began with the president accusing the Pakistanis of years of ‘lies & deceit.’ State Department officials said they are holding back the aid as an incentive for Pakistan to take ‘decisive action’ to rid its lands of terrorist safe havens. It also placed country on a watch list of countries failing to protect religious freedom.” www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/pakistan-slams-us-suspension-of-military-aid-accuses-it-of-betrayal/2018/01/05/fb566c92-f1bc-11e7-95e3-eff284e71c8d_story.html

• Religious Freedom: On January 4, the U.S. Department of State released a press statement on “Designations Under the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998” – “In far too many places around the globe, people continue to be persecuted, unjustly prosecuted, or imprisoned for exercising their right to freedom of religion or belief. Today, a number of governments infringe upon individuals’ ability to adopt, change, or renounce their religion or belief, worship in accordance with their religion or beliefs, or be free from coercion to practice a particular religion or belief. In accordance with the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, the Secretary of State annually designates governments that have engaged in or tolerated systematic, ongoing, and egregious violations of religious freedom as ‘Countries of Particular Concern’. Today, the Department of State announces that the Secretary of State re-designated Burma, China, Eritrea, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan as Countries of Particular Concern on December 22, 2017. The Secretary also placed Pakistan on a Special Watch List for severe violations of religious freedom.” www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2018/01/276843.htm

• WebTA: On January 5, time and attendance for pay period 26 (12/4/17 – 01/06/18) is due by noon (DC time). Reminders: 1) Leave – All leave requests and premium pay
requests MUST be submitted into the system; 2) **Comp Time/Premium Pay** – Please provide hard copies of your request for comp time and premium pay along with any supporting documentation to the timekeeper; 3) **Field Staff** – Please remember to note in the remarks section whether you are at post or away from post; 4) **Post Differential** – WebTA will not allow post diff coded as a default; therefore, you have to enter code 46 begin foreign post diff each pay period. Please click on the link in order to access your account: https://doj.wta.nfc.usda.gov/doj/

Have a great weekend, everyone!

Regards,
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Dear Colleagues,

Please find below the ICITAP Huddle for Thursday, January 4, 2018:

- **Counternarcotics**: On January 3, **U.S. Customs and Border Protection Air and Marine Operations (AMO)** reported the detection of multiple drug-smuggling vessels with approximately 4735 pounds of cocaine as part of Operation Full Court Press in the Caribbean Sea with interagency partners. The estimated wholesale value of the drugs is $61.7 million. CBP Air and Marine Operations mission is to serve and protect the American people. CBP Air and Marine Operations aircrews from Miami Air and Marine Branch and Caribbean Air and Marine Branch used sophisticated maritime surveillance equipment to detect multiple drug-smuggling vessels as part of multi-agency operations around the holidays. On Dec. 21, a CBP Air and Marine Operations DHC-8 Maritime Patrol Aircraft crew located a suspicious go-fast vessel south of the Dominican Republic and worked with interagency partners to intercept. The Dominican Navy recovered 17 bales and seized over 1760 pounds of cocaine. www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-air-and-marine-operations-interagency-partners-intercept-4735

- **DHS**: On January 3, “**select DHS employees received notification letters that they may have been impacted by a privacy incident related to the DHS Office of Inspector General (OIG) Case Management System**. The privacy incident did not stem from a cyber-attack by external actors, and the evidence indicates that affected individual’s personal information was not the primary target of the unauthorized unauthorized transfer of data….This privacy incident involved the release of personally identifiable information (PII) contained in the DHS OIG case management system and affects two groups of individuals. The first group consists of approximately 247,167 current and former federal employees that were employed by DHS in 2014 (the ‘DHS Employee Data’). The second group is comprised of individuals (i.e., subjects, witnesses, and complainants) associated with DHS OIG investigations from 2002 through 2014 (the...
• DOJ: On January 3, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the appointment of 17 federal prosecutors as Interim United States Attorneys pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 546. In a number of United States Attorney’s Offices across the country, First Assistant United States Attorneys are currently serving as Acting United States Attorneys under the Vacancies Reform Act. However, on Jan. 4, 2018, some of those Acting United States Attorneys will have served the maximum amount of time permitted under the Act. The appointments announced by the Attorney General today fill these vacancies. The 17 federal districts are as follows: 1) Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands; 2) Southern District of New York; 3) District of Minnesota; 4) District of New Jersey; 5) District of Rhode Island; 6) Eastern District of New York; 7) District of Nevada; 8) Eastern District of Louisiana; 9) Western District of Missouri; 10) Central District of California; 11) Eastern District of Washington; 12) Northern District of New York; 13) Middle District of Florida; 14) District of Hawaii; 15) Eastern District of Michigan; 16) District of the Virgin Islands; 17) Western District of Louisiana. For more information, including the individuals tapped to serve as Interim U.S. Attorneys, go to: www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-sessions-appoints-17-current-and-former-federal-prosecutors-interim-united

• Fallen Officers: On December 28, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund released preliminary data on law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 2017. The preliminary report revealed that 128 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers died in the line of duty this year, decreasing 10 percent over the 143 officers killed in 2016. Forty-seven officers were killed in traffic-related incidents this year, decreasing 13 percent, compared to 54 traffic-related deaths last year. Firearms-related fatalities were the second-leading cause of officer deaths, with 44 officers shot and killed in 2017. This represents a 33 percent decrease from the 66 officers killed in firearm-related incidents during 2016. To read the report: www.nleomf.org/assets/pdfs/reports/fatality-reports/2017/2017-End-of-Year-Officer-Fatalities-Report_FINAL.pdf

• Haiti: On December 29, U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson issued a press statement to observe Haiti National Day. “On behalf of the U.S. government, I extend best wishes to the people of Haiti as you celebrate the 214th anniversary of Haiti’s independence. The United States and Haiti share a long history of close relations, and our futures are even more closely linked through the nearly one million Haitian Americans who contribute to both American prosperity and the economic growth of Haiti. We acknowledge the tremendous strides Haiti has made over the last year. The inauguration of President Moïse in February, and the work Haiti is undertaking to stabilize its electoral system going forward, can reaffirm the Haitian people’s commitment to democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. We also note significant progress in security, and commend Haiti’s efforts to develop its agricultural sector. As a longstanding friend and partner, the United States remains committed to supporting Haiti as it strives to increase economic growth and investment, unlocking its full potential.”
www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2017/12/276799.htm

• Human Trafficking: On January 3, the National Criminal Justice Reference Service published an article titled “Special Feature: Human Trafficking.” – “Human trafficking is a fundamental human rights violation. It robs individuals of their freedom and dignity, splinters families, and threatens public safety and national security. Responding to a crime as complex and as devastating as human trafficking is neither simple nor straightforward. The Department of Justice has supported the development of multidisciplinary task forces across the United States to investigate and prosecute traffickers, support victims, and educate the public. Through their websites, the Office for
Victims of Crime and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention highlight news, resources, and more related to human trafficking and the efforts of agencies to prevent incidents of trafficking and to support services to victims. Additionally, the National Institute of Justice, through the funding of rigorous research, is working to advance understanding of the nature and extent of human trafficking: how to improve the detection, investigation, and prosecution of traffickers, and how to address the needs of victims and provide needed services. www.ncjrs.gov/humantrafficking/

- **Kenya:** On January 3, officials reported that “five Kenyan police officers are dead after their vehicle was attacked by members of the Somalia-based al-Shabab militant group... Officials say three police reservists and two senior officers were killed as they were traveling in the northern county of Mandera, near the shared border with Somalia. Al-Shabab has launched a series of attacks in Kenya since 2011, in revenge for Kenya deploying its troops in Somalia to drive them out of the capital, Mogadishu, as part of a team of African Union peacekeepers and Somali security forces. Al-Shabab remains active in Somalia trying to overthrow the government and install a strict form of Islam. It has deployed bomb attacks against government, military and civilian targets.” www.voanews.com/a/five-kenyan-policemen-killed-in-ambush-blamed-on-al-shabab/4190321.html

- **MLK Day:** On January 16, the Department of Justice will hold its annual commemorative program honoring the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at 11:00 a.m. in the Great Hall, Robert F. Kennedy Main Justice Building. The national theme for this observance is “Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On ... Not a Day Off.” During this program, employees will hear special remarks from Attorney General Jeff Sessions and keynote remarks from former Deputy Attorney General Larry D. Thompson, who currently is the John A. Sibley Chair of Corporate and Business Law at the University of Georgia School of Law. In addition, John M. Gore, Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, will participate in the program. For additional information, please contact Sylvia Price, Justice Management Division (JMD) Equal Employment Opportunity Staff (EEOS), via email at Sylvia.Price@usdoj.gov. To request a reasonable accommodation, please contact Granette Trent, Assistant Director for Affirmative Employment, JMD EEOS, via email at Granette.Trent@usdoj.gov. Please submit requests for reasonable accommodation no later than five business days prior to the event. Employees who wish to receive credit for attending the MLK Commemorative Program should follow the instructions located at https://dojnet.doj.gov/jmd/eeos/events.php. Managers are encouraged to grant employees reasonable official time to attend or to view the program on JTN. Your participation in these programs will help facilitate increased awareness about all segments of the Department’s workforce, and the benefits of diversity and inclusion to the Justice mission.

- **Opioid Crisis:** On January 2, FedManager published an article titled “DOJ Looks to ‘Early Detection’ in Opioid Crisis” – “With recent data indicating that 2016 was the highest year yet for overdose rates in an ongoing national opioid abuse crisis (with opioids accounting for more than 42,000 deaths in 2016 alone, or 66% of all drug overdoses), the Department of Justice has announced it is shifting its focus to increased ‘early detection’ measures aimed at intervening earlier in the process. Much of the discussion surrounding the increase in deaths tied to opioids involves stemming the tide of unnecessary, but legal prescriptions, in addition to combating the spread of unregulated substances such as heroin and fentanyl. Specifically, according to the Associated Press, “the department is providing a trove of data to the Opioid Fraud and Abuse Detection Unit, which draws together authorities in 12 regions across the country, that shows which doctors are prescribing the most, how far patients will travel to see them and whether any have died within 60 days of receiving one of their prescriptions, among other information.” www.fedmanager.com/featured/2920-doj-looks-to-early-
• South America: On January 3, POTUS spoke with President-elect Sebastián Piñera of Chile to congratulate him on his victory in the Chilean presidential runoff election. “[POTUS] emphasized his desire to work closely with President-elect Piñera on issues of mutual interest. The two leaders also discussed the deteriorating situation in Venezuela and their desire to see democracy restored for the Venezuelan people.” Source: The White House.

• State Department: On January 3, the White House submitted its nomination to the U.S. Senate for the position of Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). Marie Royce of California, a businesswoman and former professor, has been the CEO and Principal of Marie Royce, LLC in Fullerton, California since 2016. She has more than 30 years of experience in the private sector with Fortune 500 companies and as a small business owner, creating and launching start-ups and new initiatives and serving as a key business liaison to 80 countries. As a former educator and full-time university professor, Ms. Royce led an international grant program between two universities. She is a private sector appointee on the Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy (ACICIP) at the Department of State and has served on two U.S. Cultural Exchange Boards. She served as an American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) delegate to Hungary & Poland. Ms. Royce earned a B.S. and B.A. at California State Polytechnic University and an M.B.A. at Georgetown University. She speaks Spanish. Source: The White House.

• United Nations: On January 3, “the top United Nations human rights official...urged the Iranian authorities to handle the protests that have taken place around the country ‘with great care’ so as not to further inflame violence and unrest. ‘I am deeply disturbed by reports that more than 20 people, including an 11-year-old boy, have died and hundreds have been arrested during the recent wave of protests in Iran,’ said UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein, in a separate statement that urged the authorities to investigate all deaths and serious injuries that have occurred so far. He said the Iranian authorities must respect the rights of all demonstrators and detainees, including their right to life, and guarantee their safety and security. Calling for thorough, independent and impartial investigations of all acts of violence that have taken place, the UN rights chief said there must be a concerted effort by the authorities “to ensure that all security forces respond in a manner that is proportionate and strictly necessary, and fully in line with international law.” www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=58377

• U.S. Peace Corps: On January 3, the White House submitted its nomination to the U.S. Senate for the position of Director of the United States Peace Corps. Josephine Olsen of Maryland is senior lecturer at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and has served for the past eight years as a visiting professor at the School of Social Work and Director, Center for Global Education Initiatives. She has taught on issues of international health and social services, and has authored numerous articles and spoken frequently at academic conferences on teaching and studying abroad. Before joining the faculty, Ms. Olsen was Deputy and Acting Director of the Peace Corps from 2001 – 2009. She was also a Peace Corps volunteer in Tunisia, a country director, a regional director, and agency chief of staff. She received her Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Utah and both her M.S.W. and Ph.D. from the University of Maryland. Source: The White House.

• WebTA: On January 5, time and attendance for pay period 26 (12/4/17 – 01/06/18) is due by noon (DC time). Reminders: 1) Leave – All leave requests and premium pay requests MUST be submitted into the system; 2) Comp Time/Premium Pay – Please
provide hard copies of your request for comp time and premium pay along with any supporting documentation to the timekeeper; 3) Field Staff – Please remember to note in the remarks section whether you are at post or away from post; 4) Post Differential – WebTA will not allow post diff coded as a default; therefore, you have to enter code 46 begin foreign post diff each pay period. Please click on the link in order to access your account: https://doj.wta.nfc.usda.gov/doj/

Have a great Thursday, everyone!

Regards,
Greg

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## SCHEDULING PROPOSAL FORM

**TODAY’S DATE:** May 18, 2017

**TO:**
Marcy Brodsky  
Office of Scheduling & Advance  
Secretary John F. Kelly

**FROM:**
Alaina Clark  
Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Partnership & Engagement (OPE)

**REQUEST:**
Governor Rick Scott will host the 2017 Latin American Summit and has extended an invitation to Secretary Kelly to participate in a panel with Governor Scott, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, and Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross. Following the Summit, there will be a reception and private dinner with select Latin American officials, business leaders, federal officials and Governor Scott.

**PURPOSE:**
The overall objective of the Summit is to demonstrate via panel discussions and keynote speakers that Latin American nations who embrace human rights and democracy thrive in a global economy, particularly as it relates to Florida. The objective of the panel is to reinforce the overall mission of the Summit via discussions with United States Officials about the importance of human rights and democracy in Latin American countries as it relates to relations with the U.S. This could be an opportunity for Secretary Kelly to highlight Department efforts regarding human trafficking, immigration policy, visas, drug demand reduction and the newly created Victims of Illegal Immigrant Crime (VOICE) office.

**PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION:** Secretary Kelly spoke with Governor Scott on May 11 to discuss the potential extension or termination of Haiti’s Temporary Protected Status (TPS). This would be Secretary Kelly’s first opportunity to participate in a panel discussion, as well as, interact and engage with Governor Scott and Secretaries Tillerson and Ross on topics of mutual interest.
DATE AND TIME: Monday, October 2, 2017
Panel Discussion: 4:30 pm
Reception: 5:30 pm
Private Dinner: 7:30 pm

DURATION:
Panel Discussion: 1 hour
Reception: 2 hours
Private Dinner: 1 hour

BRIEFING TIME: Pre-brief required with the Secretary

LOCATION: Miami, Florida – InterContinental Miami
100 Chopin Plaza
Miami, Florida 33131

PARTICIPANTS:
Panel:
Governor Rick Scott, Florida

Secretary Rex Tillerson, U.S. Department of State (Invited)

Secretary Wilbur Ross, U.S. Department of Commerce (Invited)

Audience:
About 400 business leaders and policy makers from the United States and Latin America.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: TBD

REMARKS REQUIRED: TBD (based on panel format)

MEDIA COVERAGE: TBD