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U.S ACTING DEPUTY SEC. NULAND'S TRIP TO NIGER TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER THE PUTSCH

U.S.A CALL FOR RELESEAS OF PRES. BAZOUM

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USPA NEWS - The Acting Deputy Secretary met with Nigerien civil society and separately with members of the group asserting power in Niger to explain what is at stake if Niger does not respect its own constitutional order. The below is attributable to Spokesperson Matthew Miller: Acting Deputy Secretary of State Victoria Nuland traveled to Niamey to express our grave concern regarding developments in Niger and our resolute commitment to supporting democracy and constitutional order. The United States continues to call for the immediate release of President Mohamed Bazoum, his family, and all those detained as part of the extra-constitutional attempt to seize power. The Acting Deputy Secretary met with Nigerien civil society and separately with members of the group asserting power in Niger to explain what is at stake if Niger does not respect its own constitutional order. This includes the potential loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in economic and security support for the people of Niger. Given our concerns about the negative political developments, the United States has decided to pause certain assistance for the Government of Niger while situation remains fluid. We publish the statement

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The Acting Deputy Secretary attended a town hall with our Embassy and thanked the American and local staff for their hard work and dedication to promoting democracy and stability in the Sahel, as well as their assistance in facilitating today's visit." Source: U.S Department of State, ECOWAS

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