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Eid Adha Mubaraka and Happy Thanksgiving

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President Obama: “Michelle and I would like to send our best wishes to all those performing Hajj this year, and to Muslims in America and around the world who are celebrating Eid-ul-Adha. The rituals of Hajj and Eid-ul-Adha both serve as reminders of the shared Abrahamic roots of three of the world’s major religions.” [Read Full](#)

Daniel Rubinstein to the Palestinian People

رسالة القنصل العام للشعب الفلسطيني



Thanksgiving Day a Time for Reflection, Gratitude, Sharing



Washington — Thanksgiving Day in the United States is possibly the premier U.S. family celebration — typically celebrated at home or in a community setting and marked with a substantial feast. Thanksgiving provides an occasion for reunions of friends and families, and it affords Americans a shared opportunity to express gratitude for the freedoms they enjoy as well as food, shelter and other good things. [Read at America.Gov](#)

Also read: [Presidential Proclamation for Thanksgiving Day 2009](#)

Muslim Americans Prepare for Hajj



Washington — Edgar Castillo is one of an estimated 10,000 to 12,000 American Muslims participating in this year’s Hajj.

The number of Americans making the trip is down from previous years, according to tour operators who specialize in offering travel packages for the Hajj as well as Umrah trips to the sacred cities of Mecca and Medina, which can take place throughout the year. [Read at America.Gov](#)



President Obama: "Our overarching goal remains the same: to disrupt, dismantle, and defeat al Qaeda in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and to prevent its capacity to threaten America and our allies in the future." [Read Full Speech](#)

الرئيس أوباما: "وقد وضعت هدفا عرف تعريفا محكما على أنه
"تعطيل وتفكيك وإحاق الهزيمة بالقاعدة وحلفائها المتطرفين
وتعهدت بتنسيق مجهودنا العسكري والمدني على نحو أفضل."
[اقرأ الخطاب كامل](#)

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OUR MISSION: The President's speech reaffirms the March 2009 core goal: to disrupt, dismantle, and eventually defeat al-Qa'ida and to prevent their return to either Afghanistan or Pakistan. To do so, we and our allies will surge our forces, targeting elements of the insurgency and securing key population centers, training Afghan forces, transferring responsibility to a capable Afghan partner, and increasing our partnership with Pakistanis who are facing the same threats.

Read more: <http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov/pdfs/6805-fact-sheet.pdf>

بيان حقائق

مهمتنا: يكرر خطاب الرئيس التأكيد على الهدف الأساسي المعلن في آذار/مارس 2009 وهو: تعطيل وتفكيك، وفي نهاية المطاف، إحاق الهزيمة بالقاعدة والحيلولة دون عودتها إلى أفغانستان أو باكستان. ولكي نفعل نحن وحلفاؤنا ذلك، علينا أن نحقق طفرة في عديد قواتنا ونستهدف عناصر التمرد ونؤمن المراكز السكانية الرئيسية ونعمل على تدريب القوات الأفغانية ونقل المسؤولية إلى شريك أفغاني مقتدر وزيادة علاقة الشراكة بيننا وبين الباكستانيين الذين يواجهون نفس المخاطر.

اقرأ المزيد: http://arabic.jerusalem.usconsulate.gov/pdfs/1201afpakfs_arabic.pdf

On-The-Record Briefing by Special Envoy for Middle East Peace George Mitchell



As I said earlier, while they fall short of a full freeze, we believe the steps announced by the prime minister are significant and could have substantial impact on the ground. For the first time ever, an Israeli Government will stop housing approvals and all new construction of housing units and related infrastructure in West Bank settlements. That's a positive development. The Israelis have said that the only exception will be a small number of public buildings, such as schools and synagogues, within existing settlements. Under the moratorium, those buildings already under construction will be completed. But the number of buildings under construction will decline since, as each new building is completed, there will not be a new building started.

So implementation of the moratorium could mean much less settlement construction than would occur if there is no moratorium.

As to Jerusalem, United States policy remains unaffected and unchanged. As has been stated by every previous administration which addressed this issue, the status of Jerusalem and all other permanent status issues must be resolved by the parties through negotiations.

The United States also disagrees with some Israeli actions in Jerusalem affecting Palestinians in areas such as housing, including the continuing pattern of evictions and demolitions of Palestinian homes. The United States has not accepted and disagrees with any unilateral action by either party which could have the effect of preempting negotiations. As we and others have said many times, the way to move forward is to enter negotiations without preconditions and reach agreements on the two-state solution: a Jewish state of Israel living side by side in peace and security with an independent, contiguous, and viable Palestinian state. [Read Full Statement](#)

Read Also: [Remarks by Secretary Clinton on Israel's Announcement Regarding Settlements \(November 25, 2009\)](#)



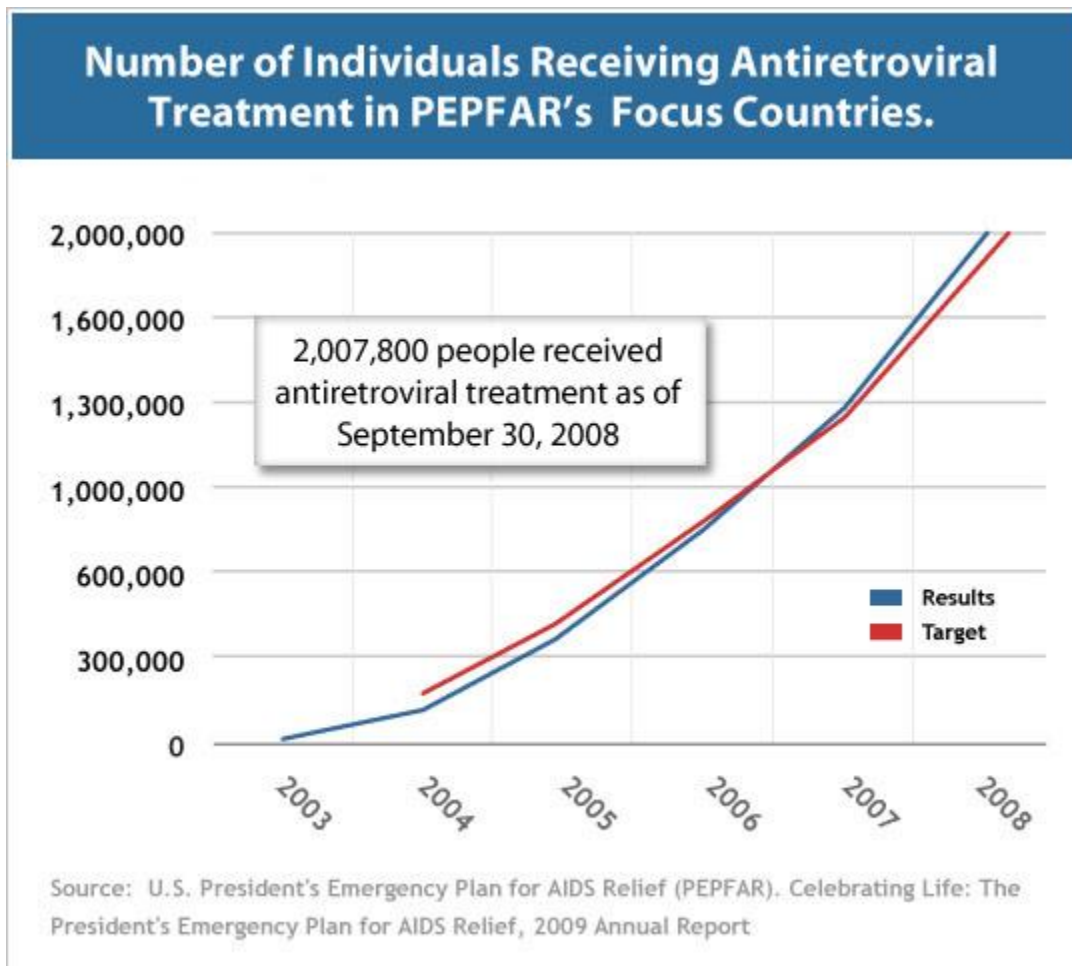
Administration's Efforts on HIV/AIDS

Secretary Clinton: "We have to continue to seek a global solution to this global problem. On World AIDS Day, let us renew our commitment to ensuring that those infected and affected by HIV—the woman on treatment who is supporting her family, the child who dropped out of school to care for sick parents, the doctors and nurses without adequate resources— that all those who have joined together to fight this pandemic will someday live in a world where HIV/AIDS can be prevented and treated as a disease of the past." [Read Full Remarks](#)

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America is committed to making sure global health investments are lasting. To achieve this end, the U.S. is placing a renewed emphasis on supporting partner country ownership of AIDS programs and ensuring the sustainability of local efforts. This emphasis will also maximize our development efforts and expand opportunity to more people in more places around the world.

Read More: <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/132982.pdf>



Video Contest

U.S. Department of State Launches Second Annual ExchangesConnect Video Contest to Amplify U.S. Public Diplomacy: "Change Your Climate, Change Our World"



Change Your Climate, Change Our World.

What do you do to make your community a better place?

Office of the Spokesman
Washington, DC
November 17, 2009

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton today launched the Department of State's second annual ExchangesConnect Video Contest, "Change Your Climate, Change Our World," with a video message on the ExchangesConnect social network at <http://connect.state.gov>.

The contest is a call to action for global citizens around the world to engage in cross-cultural community building and mutual understanding. The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State launched ExchangesConnect social network in October 2008 and it has attracted over 14,000 members.

People all over the world, ages 14 and older, are invited to submit their 2-minute videos to ExchangesConnect at <http://connect.state.gov>. Two international and two American winners (one in each of the two age categories: 14-17 and 18 and older) will receive one of four Grand Prizes: an all-expense-paid two-week international exchange program. Last year's contest drew over 8,400 new ExchangesConnect members from 170 countries and the winners were featured at <http://exchanges.state.gov/news/ovc.html>.

Video submissions will be accepted November 17, 2009 through January 12, 2010. The ExchangesConnect community will vote on video entries and an expert panel of judges, all ECA exchange program alumni, will rank the "top 40" videos based on originality, creativity, effectiveness and production quality.

[Read more...](#)



Explore America

Episode1: Springville, Utah











Educational Exchanges

Deadlines:

-  The 2010 Study of the United States Institutes Summer Programs | **Wednesday, January 13, 2010**
-  The AY 2010 NESA Non-Degree Undergraduate Exchange Program | **Friday, January 15, 2010**

Selected E-Docs

-  **HAPPINESS AND AGE CYCLES – RETURN TO START...? ON THE FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUBJECTIVE WELL-BEING AND AGE.** Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Justina A.V. Fischer. November 18, 2009.
-  **ETHANOL AND A CHANGING AGRICULTURAL LANDSCAPE.** U.S. Department of Agriculture. Scott A. Malcolm et al. November 18, 2009.
-  **PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF SEASONAL INFLUENZA WITH VACCINES.** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Anthony E. Fiore et al. July 24, 2009.
-  **WOMEN AT RISK: WHY MANY WOMEN ARE FORGOING NEEDED HEALTH CARE.** Commonwealth Fund. Sheila D. Rustgi et al. May 11, 2009
-  **DO ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS HELP OR HINDER MEDICAL EDUCATION?** PLoS Medicine. Jonathan U. Peled et al. May 12, 2009.
-  **Solving the Puzzle: Researching the Impacts of Climate Change Around the World.** [National Science Foundation]. May 2009.
-  **Trade Policy in a Time of Crisis: Suggestions for Developing Countries.** [Centre for Economic Policy Research]. May 2009.
-  **SAVING THE NEWS: TOWARD A NATIONAL JOURNALISM STRATEGY.** Free Press. Victor Pickard et al. May 12, 2009.