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# **US Executive Branch Update – August 22, 2022**

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This report provides a snapshot of the U.S. Executive Branch priorities via daily schedules and the prior day's press releases.

#### POTUS' Schedule\*

The President has no public events scheduled | Biden Residence, Wilmington, Delaware

#### **VPOTUS' Schedule\***

The Vice President has no public events scheduled.

\*The U.S. President (POTUS) and Vice President's (VPOTUS) daily schedules are subject to change, as is the White House press briefing schedule.

#### Recap of Friday-Sunday, August 19-21, 2022

Note: All colored text denotes hyperlinks.

#### The White House

#### August 21

Readout of President Joe Biden's Call with President Emmanuel Macron of France,
 Chancellor Olaf Scholz of Germany, and Prime Minister Boris Johnson of the United Kingdom

#### August 20

<u>Statement</u> by President Joe Biden Marking Slavery Remembrance Day

#### August 19

<u>Statement</u> by President Biden on State Unemployment Rates

- Statement by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. on World Humanitarian Day
- <u>Fact Sheet</u>: The Inflation Reduction Act Supports Workers and Families
- <u>Fact Sheet</u>: How the Inflation Reduction Act Helps Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Communities
- <u>Readout</u> of White House Meeting with State Legislative Leaders on Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) Legislation
- Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
- Nominations: President Biden Announces Key Nominees
- Appointments: President Biden Announces Key Appointments to Boards and Commissions
- Blog: United We Stand | Countering Hate-Fueled Violence Together
- <u>Statement</u> by Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre on The White House "United We Stand" Summit
- Proclamation on National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week, 2022

#### **Department of Defense (DOD)**

#### August 19

- Transcript: Senior Defense Official Holds a Background Briefing
- Press Release: \$775 Million in Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine
- Article: Additional Defensive Weapons to be Shipped to Ukraine, Official Says
- Press Release: JADC2 Tactical Capabilities Go International During Bold Quest 22
- Contracts for August 19, 2022

#### **Department of State**

Daily Schedule | Monday, August 22

#### Asia-Pacific

- August 19: Readout | Secretary Blinken's Call with Republic of Korea Foreign Minister Park
- August 19: <u>Advisory</u> | East Asian and Pacific Affairs Assistant Secretary Daniel J. Kritenbrink's Travel to Ulaanbaatar and Seoul

#### Europe, Ukraine, Russia

- August 19: <u>Statement</u> | \$775 Million in Additional U.S. Military Assistance for Ukraine
- August 20: Statement | Second Anniversary of the Poisoning of Aleksey Navalny
- August 19: <u>Statement</u> | Hungary's National Day

#### Middle East

- August 21: Statement | Ninth Anniversary of the Ghouta, Syria Chemical Weapons Attack
- August 19: <u>Advisory</u> | Senior Official for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs Allen Travels to Amman, Beirut, the West Bank, Jerusalem, and Tel Aviv

#### Western Hemisphere

 August 19: <u>Advisory</u> | Assistant Secretary Robinson's Travel with ONDCP and USAID Leadership to Colombia (Aug. 21-25)

#### Africa

• August 20: <u>Statement</u> | Terrorist Attack in Mogadishu

#### Other Matters

- August 21: <u>Statement</u> | Advisory | Under Secretary Fernandez's Travel to Charlotte, North Carolina
- August 19: Statement | On the Occasion of World Humanitarian Day
- August 19: <u>Advisory</u> | Assistant Secretary Lee Satterfield to Deliver Remarks at the Ukrainian Freedom Orchestra Concert at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Aug. 20)

#### **U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)**

#### August 19

• Press Release: Commemorating World Humanitarian Day

### U.S. Mission to the United Nations (UN)

#### August 19

• Statement by Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield on World Humanitarian Day

#### **Department of the Treasury**

#### August 19

- Readout: Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Wally Adeyemo's Meeting with Deputy Finance Minister of Türkiye Yunus Elitas
- Readout: Under Secretary Brian Nelson's Visit to Brazil
- <u>Press Release</u>: Treasury Approves Four Additional State Plans to Support Underserved
  Entrepreneurs and Small Business Growth Through the State Small Business Credit Initiative
- <u>Sanctions List Updates</u>: Counter Narcotics Designations Removals; Transnational Criminal Organizations Designations Removals; Issuance of Russia-related General Licenses

#### **Department of Justice**

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) | Daily Press Releases

#### August 19

- <u>Statement</u> by Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco on the Sentencing of El Shafee Elsheikh
- <u>Press Release</u>: ISIS 'Beatle' Sentenced to Life Imprisonment for Hostage-Taking Scheme that Resulted in the Deaths of American, British, and Japanese Citizens
- <u>Press Release</u>: Jamaican National Pleads Guilty to Defrauding Elderly Americans Through a Jamaica-Based Lottery Scam
- Speech: Acting Director Allison Randall of the Office on Violence Against Women Delivers Virtual Remarks at 2022 National Sexual Assault Conference
- <u>Press Release</u>: Department of Justice Announces \$35.7 Million in Grants for States to Support Victims of Sexual Assault
- <u>Press Release</u>: Former Senior U.S. Navy Employee Convicted for Bribery Conspiracy and Lying to Investigators
- Press Release: District Court Enjoins Illinois Pharmaceutical Manufacturer from Making and Selling Adulterated Drugs
- Press Release: Brooklyn Hospital Dietician Indicted for Fraudulent Refund Scam
- Press Release: El Paso Property Management Company to Pay \$107,000 to Resolve Alleged Violations of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act

- Press Release: Waukegan Man Sentenced to Prison for Identity Theft and Mail Fraud
- Press Release: Florida Power Company Sentenced in Worker Death Case

# Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)/Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

#### August 19

- Readout: DHS and Law Enforcement Partners host the 2022 Intelligence Summit
- <u>Press Release</u>: CISA and Election Security Partners Hold Tabletop the Vote Exercise in Preparation for 2022 Midterm Elections
- Press Release: CBP Officers Seize 14 Pounds of Cocaine at the Ysleta Port of Entry (Texas)
- <u>Press Release</u>: CBP Officers Seize over \$80K in Cocaine and Methamphetamine at the Hidalgo International Bridge (Texas)
- Press Release: Dangerous Migrants Arrested in the RGV this Week (Texas)
- Press Release: Unaccompanied Child Imposters Identified in El Paso (Texas)
- Press Release: Three Smuggling Interdictions Lead to the Arrest of 15 Subjects (Texas)
- <u>Press Release</u>: CBP Officers Help Save Man's Life at Point Roberts Port of Entry (Washington State)

#### Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

<u>Link</u> to daily press releases

#### **Federal Trade Commission (FTC)**

#### August 19

 Press Release: Federal Trade Commission Sends More than \$822,000 to Students Deceived by Student Advocates' Debt Relief Scam

#### **Federal Communications Commission (FCC)**

#### August 19

Press Release: FCC Reminds Visitors of Updated COVID-19 Safety Protocols

#### **Department of Energy (DOE)**

#### August 19

 <u>Press Release</u>: Biden-Harris Administration Launches \$28 Million Program to Advance Hydropower for Clean Energy

#### **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

#### August 19

- <u>Press Release</u>: EPA Proposes Stronger Regulations to Protect Communities from Chemical Accidents
- Link to other EPA press releases

#### **Department of Transportation**

#### August 19

 <u>Press Release</u>: Secretary Buttigieg to Visit Six States on Building a Better America Tour (Florida, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Ohio, Nevada, New Hampshire; Aug. 23-26)

#### **Department of Labor**

#### August 19

- <u>Press Release</u>: U.S. Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Treasury issue final rules to clarify federal process to protect against surprise billing
- <u>Press Release</u>: U.S. Department of Labor, New Jersey agencies renew alliance to promote workplace safety, health among employers, workers

#### **Department of Education**

#### August 19

- <u>Press Release</u>: U.S. Department of Education Terminates Federal Recognition of ACICS,
  Enhances Federal Aid Program Participation Requirements for ACICS-accredited Colleges
- <u>Press Release</u>: Department of Education Makes \$8 Million in New Grants Available to Help Colleges Strengthen and Diversify the Teacher Workforce

#### Food & Drug Administration (FDA)

## August 19

• Press Release: FDA Roundup | August 19, 2022

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