

U.S. Executive Branch Update – May 18, 2023

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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*

2:00 a.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT receives the Presidential Daily Briefing

3:05 a.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT arrives to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni

3:20 a.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT greets troops stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni

4:05 a.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT departs Hiroshima Heliport Landing Zone, Hiroshima, Japan en route to Rihga Royal Hotel Hiroshima, Hiroshima, Japan

4:40 a.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT arrives to the Rihga Royal Hotel Hiroshima, Hiroshima, Japan

5:00 a.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT participates in a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Kishida Fumio of Japan

- [Readout](#) of President Biden's Meeting with Prime Minister Kishida of Japan
- [Remarks](#) by President Biden and Prime Minister Kishida Fumio of Japan Before Bilateral Meeting
- [Readout](#) of President Joe Biden's call with Prime Minister James Marape of Papua New Guinea

VPOTUS' Schedule*

12:40 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT will participate in a virtual briefing to provide updates on the Biden-Harris Administration's efforts to prevent default

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- [Fact Sheet](#): Biden-?Harris Administration Announces New Initiative to Tackle Unsheltered Homelessness
 - [Fact Sheet](#): Biden-?Harris Administration Announces New Actions to Tackle Nation's Mental Health Crisis

*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 Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Note: All colored text denotes hyperlinks.

The White House

- [Remarks](#) by President Biden on Preventing a First-Ever Government Default
- [Remarks](#) by President Biden at Medal of Valor Ceremony
- [Remarks](#) by First Lady Jill Biden at an Investing in America Event in Alaska, as Prepared for Deliv
- [Transcript](#): Press Gaggle by Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre and National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan En Route Anchorage, Alaska
- [Statement](#) from President Joe Biden on International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia
- [Appointments](#): President Biden Announces Key Appointments to Boards and Commissions
- [Press Release](#): What They Are Saying | Biden-?Harris Administration Announces Largest Investment in Rural Electrification Since the New Deal

Office of Management & Budget (OMB)

- [Statement of Administration Policy](#): S.J. Res. 18 – A joint resolution disapproving of the rule submitted by the Department of Homeland Security relating to “Public Charge Ground of Inadmissibility”
- [Statement of Administration Policy](#): H.R. 2494 – Protect Our Law Enforcement with Immigration Control and Enforcement (POLICE) Act
- [Statement of Administration Policy](#): H.R. 3091 – Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act

Department of Defense (DOD)

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- [Statement](#) by Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III on the Upcoming Departure of Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Colin Kahl
 - [Readout](#) of the 17th U.S. – India Defense Policy Group
 - [Press Release](#): Technology Readiness Experimentation 2023 to Showcase Cutting-Edge Military Technologies
 - [Article](#): DLA Energy Korea Commander Honors His Heritage
 - [Contracts](#) for May 17, 2023

Department of State

[Daily Schedule](#) | Thursday, May 18, 2023

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken joins President Biden on travel to Japan.

Middle East

- May 17: [Readout](#) | Deputy Secretary Sherman's Meeting with Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director General Levi
- May 17: [Statement](#) | Joint Statement on the U.S.-Egypt Joint Economic Commission

Africa

- May 17: [Statement](#) | Attack on U.S. Convoy in Nigeria

Europe

- May 17: [Statement](#) | Norway National Day

Other Matters

- May 17: [Statement](#) | On the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia, and Transphobia

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

- [Statement](#): Condemning the Brutal Attack Against a U.S. Convoy in Nigeria
- [Press Release](#): USAID and Mars, Incorporated, Announce Donation of \$4 Million to Support Urgent Healthcare Needs in Ukraine

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- [Press Release](#): USAID Provides an Initial \$450,000 in Additional Humanitarian Assistance in Response to Tropical Cyclone Mocha in Burma and Bangladesh

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

- [Readout](#) of Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield's Meeting with Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal
- [Transcript](#): Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield's Interview with Kay Burley of Sky News
- [Readout](#) of Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield's Meeting with Council of Europe Secretary General Marija Pejčinović Burić
- [Remarks](#) by Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield at the Fourth Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe
- [Readout](#) of Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield's Meeting with Icelandic Prime Minister Katrín Jakobsdóttir
- [Readout](#) of Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield's Meeting with Icelandic Foreign Minister Thórdís Kolbrún Reykfjörð Gylfadóttir
- [Readout](#) of Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield's Meeting with Republic of Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides
- [Remarks](#) at a UN Security Council Briefing on Yemen

Office of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI)

- [Press Release](#): IARPA Pursuing Breakthrough Biointelligence and Biosecurity Innovations | May 16, 2023

Department of the Treasury

- [Readout](#): Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Wally Adeyemo's Meeting with Bank Policy Institute
- [Readout](#): Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Wally Adeyemo Meets with Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Small Business Owners to Discuss Access to Capital
- [Remarks](#) by Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Wally Adeyemo at the National Asian / Pacific Islander American Chamber of Commerce and Entrepreneurship 2023 Business Summit
- [Press Release](#): Publication of South Sudan Sanctions Regulations
- [Press Release](#): Settlement Agreements between the U.S. Department of the Treasury's

Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC)

- [Press Release](#): SEC Proposes Rule Amendments and New Rule to Improve Risk Management and Resilience of Covered Clearing Agencies

Department of Justice (DOJ)

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) | [Daily Press Releases](#)

- [Speech](#): Attorney General Merrick B. Garland Delivers Remarks at the Medal of Valor Ceremony
- [Press Release](#): Justice Department Leadership Honors Service and Sacrifice of Nation's Law Enforcement for Police Week
- [Readout](#) of Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta's Meeting with Members of European Parliament to Discuss Women's Rights
- [Speech](#): Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke Delivers Remarks on Agreement with Cumberland County Addressing Mental Health Care, Suicide Prevention and Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opiate Withdrawal at the Cumberland County Jail
- [Press Release](#): Judge Imposes Eight Consecutive Life Sentences Plus 260 Years in Prison for ISIS-Inspired 2017 Murder of Eight Victims and Attempted Murder of 18 Others in NYC Truck Attack
- [Press Release](#): Gangster Disciple Member Pleads Guilty to Racketeering Conspiracy Involving Firebombing and Drug Distribution
- [Press Release](#): Justice Department and EPA Announce Settlement to Reduce Hazardous Air Emissions at BP Products' Whiting Refinery in Indiana
- [Press Release](#): Justice Department Secures Agreement with Cumberland County Addressing Mental Health Care, Suicide Prevention and Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opiate Withdrawal at the Cumberland County Jail
- [Press Release](#): Justice Department Files Proposed Amended Complaint and Consent Decree with Fourth Poultry Processor, Further Addressing Long-Running Conspiracy to Suppress Workers' Compensation
- [Press Release](#): Justice Department Secures Agreement with IT Staffing and Services Company for Posting Discriminatory Job Advertisements
- [Press Release](#): Federal Court Permanently Shuts Down New York Tax Preparer

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

- [CBP Press Release](#): CBP Releases April 2023 Monthly Operational Update (Washington, D.C.)
- [CBP Press Release](#): Port of Champlain CBP Officers Discover Stolen Vehicle Valued at More Than \$100,000 (New York)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- [Link](#) to daily press releases

Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR)

- [Press Release](#): ICYMI | “An Administration That Looks Like America”: Ambassador Katherine Tai Joins Congressman Jim Clyburn for a Conversation on AA and NHPI Heritage Month

Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

- [Press Release](#): Ovulation Tracking App Premom Will be Barred from Sharing Health Data for Advertising Under Proposed FTC Order
- [Press Release](#): FTC Deepens Inquiry into Prescription Drug Middlemen
- [Press Release](#): FTC Announces Refund Claims Process for Fashion Nova Customers Affected by Deceptive Review Practices
- [Press Release](#): FTC to Host Workshop Examining Issues Related to Proposed Changes to the Funeral Rule

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

- [Press Release](#): FCC Protecting Integrity & Success of Affordable Connectivity Program
- [Press Release](#): FCC Reinstates License of FM Translator DW253AF
- [Press Release](#): Deletion of Item from May 18, 2023 Open Meeting

Department of Energy (DOE)

- [Press Release](#): Biden-Harris Administration Invests \$251 Million to Expand Infrastructure to Support CO2 Transport and Storage

Department of the Interior (DOI)

- [Press Release](#): Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee Convenes First In-Person Meeting

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- [Press Release](#): U.S. EPA's ENERGY STAR Program Develops Energy-Saving Guidance for Co-Location Data Centers in Collaboration with Equinix and Iron Mountain
- [Press Release](#): EPA Announces Latest Action to Protect Communities from Coal Ash Contamination
- [Link](#) to other EPA press releases

Department of Transportation (DOT)

- [Press Release](#): Air Travel Consumer Report | January 2023 Airline Complaint Data

Department of Labor (DOL)

- [Readout](#): First Lady Jill Biden, White House officials help kick off three-day U.S. Department of Labor national workforce development event
- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Labor will make \$15M in funding available to support training needed to access good jobs in high-demand careers
- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Labor announces \$1.5M funding availability to support policy development to expand employment of disabled youth
- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Labor welcomes 98 new Apprenticeship Ambassadors to promote, expand, diversify Registered Apprenticeship
- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Labor places New Jersey manufacturer in Severe Violator Enforcement Program after worker suffers serious, preventable amputation
- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Labor finds contractor exposed workers to trench hazards after investigation into 23-year-old worker's fatality in Aurora
- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Labor, Permaswage reach agreement to resolve gender pay discrimination, disability discrimination at Gardena, California, facility
- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Labor finds Colorado contractor exposing workers to trench cave-ins, including one that caused teenager's fatal injuries
- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Labor, Shipbuilders Council of America renew alliance to

promote safe, healthful workplaces in Mid-Atlantic shipyard industry

- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Labor recovers \$167K for Oregon farmworkers whose employer misused exemption to deny overtime pay
- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Labor recovers \$186K in back wages for 52 workers denied overtime pay by Bismarck security services provider
- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Labor fines Topgolf USA Oregon location for allowing minor-aged employees to work on prohibited tasks

Education Department

- [Press Release](#): Department of Education Releases Proposed Rules on Accountability for Certificate and For-Profit Programs and Transparency into Unaffordable Student Debt

Health & Human Services (HHS)

- [Press Release](#): Biden-Harris Administration Takes Action to Help Schools Deliver Critical Health Care Services to Millions of Students | May 18, 2023
- [Press Release](#): HHS Announces Additional \$200 Million in Funding for 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
- [Press Release](#): Joint Press Release on the Launch of the EU-U.S. Health Task

Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

- [Press Release](#): Federal Housing Administration Finalizes Policies to Expedite Claims Processing for Home Equity Conversion Mortgages

General Services Administration (GSA)

- [Press Release](#): New Electric Vehicle Suitability Assessment tool helps agencies transition fleets

Government Accountability Office (GAO)

- [Report](#): FEMA | Opportunities to Strengthen Management and Address Increasing Challenges
- [Report](#): K-12 Education | Additional Guidance Could Improve the Equitable Services Process for School Districts and Private Schools

- [Report](#): Aviation Workforce | Current and Future Availability of Airline Pilots and Aircraft Mechanics
- [Report](#): Sustainable Aviation Fuel | Agencies Should Track Progress Toward Ambitious Federal Goals [Reissued with Revisions May 17, 2023]
- [Report](#): Priority Open Recommendations | Department of Health and Human Services
- [Report](#): Priority Open Recommendations | Department of Justice
- [Report](#): Priority Open Recommendations | Department of State
- [Report](#): Priority Open Recommendations | Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- [Report](#): Priority Open Recommendations | Office of Science and Technology Policy

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