[US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has tweeted](https://twitter.com/SecPompeo/status/1082419194895962112) that he is in the Middle East to "send a clear message to our friends and partners that the US is committed to the region, committed to #defeatISIS, and committed to counter Iran's destabilising activities".

On Monday, while en route to the region, he told journalists his message would be that "the United States is still committed to all the missions that we signed up for with them over the past two years".