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## **UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS WENDY R. SHERMAN TO TRAVEL TO INDONESIA, INDIA AND BANGLADESH**

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Under Secretary for Political Affairs Wendy R. Sherman will travel to Indonesia, India, and Bangladesh from May 21 to May 28.

Under Secretary Sherman will travel to Indonesia May 21-23 to participate in the U.S.-Indonesia Global Policy Dialogue, and will meet with senior Indonesian government officials to discuss bilateral, regional, and global issues. The Global Policy Dialogue is a key component of the U.S.-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership launched by Presidents Obama and Yudhoyono in 2010, and is a long-term commitment to elevate bilateral relations by intensifying cooperation.

From Indonesia, Under Secretary Sherman will travel to New Delhi, India from May 24-25, where she will meet with External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid, Foreign Secretary Ranjan Mathai, and other Indian officials to discuss a full range of bilateral and regional issues and preparations for the June U.S.-India Strategic Dialogue. She will then travel to Hyderabad, India on May 25 to engage with private sector leaders on furthering U.S.-India economic cooperation and innovation.

Under Secretary Sherman will then travel to Dhaka, Bangladesh from May 26-28, where she will lead the U.S. delegation to the Second U.S.-Bangladesh Partnership Dialogue and plans to meet Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, and the leader of the opposition, Khaleda Zia. The Partnership Dialogue is the premier forum for further expanding and deepening bilateral cooperation on a wide range of bilateral and regional issues, including development, civil society and governance; trade and investment; security and countering violent extremism; science

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and technology; women's empowerment and gender equality. The Under Secretary will also lead a roundtable with labor, industry, and government officials to discuss standards in the garment sector in the aftermath of the Rana Plaza tragedy.

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