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## **SPECIAL ENVOY FOR SAHEL REGION J PETER PHAM TRAVEL TO MAURITANIA FRANCE & NIGER**

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In Mauritania, Special Envoy Pham will meet with Mauritanian officials as well as the G5 Sahel Executive Secretariat. In Niger, Special Envoy Pham will meet with Nigerien officials to discuss both the U.S.-Niger partnership and their roles as both the rotating Presidency of ECOWAS and the Presidency of the United Nations Security Council for September. In France, Special Envoy Pham will meet with French officials to discuss events in Mali and ways to advance support of regional efforts to address the drivers of insecurity, contain the spread of violence, and stabilize the region. Source: US State Department

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