US Secretary Pompeo to visit Golan, West Bank settlement - November 13, 2020

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo plans to visit the Golan Heights and an Israeli settlement in the occupied West Bank next week in what would be an unprecedented move. Visits would be first by a US secretary of state to two sites, regarded as illegally occupied by international community. The West Bank and Golan Heights have been treated as occupied territory by all US administrations since 1967. Israel unilaterally annexed the Golan Heights in 1981, a move that was not recognized internationally. In March 2019, however, the Trump administration recognized the Golan Heights as part of Israel.