

Development (USAID), and has facilitated cooperation among the U.S. military, civilians, non-government organizations, international organizations, and other militaries throughout the world.

Secretary Esper's proposal to eliminate PKSOI comes with the release of the Stabilization Assistance Review, which examines past challenges the U.S. government has faced in previous stabilization efforts, and aims to streamline U.S. government stabilization efforts and provide a framework for USAID, DoD, and State to better work together in the future.

The letter in defense of PKSOI was signed by over 50 current and former national security professionals, including:

- General David H. Petraeus, U.S. Army (Ret.), former commander of coalition forces in Iraq and Afghanistan and of U.S. Central Command and former director of the Central Intelligence Agency;
- Ambassador (Ret.) Ryan Crocker, former ambassador to Afghanistan (2011–2012), Iraq (2007–2009), Pakistan (2004–2007), Syria (1998–2001), Kuwait (1994–1997), and Lebanon (1990–1993);
- the Honorable Sarah Sewall, former undersecretary of the Bureau for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, U.S. Department of State;
- the Honorable John Herbst, former ambassador to Uzbekistan and Ukraine, and former coordinator for reconstruction and stabilization, U.S. Department of State; and
- Ambassador (Ret.) Ronald Neumann, former ambassador to Afghanistan (2005–2007), Bahrain (2001–2004) and Algeria (1994–1997), and president of the American Academy of Diplomacy.

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DHS creates national cyber risk center

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen announced the creation of the National Risk Management Center on July 31, during her keynote address at the DHS Cybersecurity Summit in New York City.

According to Nielsen, the National Risk Management Center will focus on cybersecurity priorities, and will act as a sort of 911 resource for local, state, federal, and private organizations in cybersecurity crisis. The center will also create a registry of the nation's digital "crown jewels," evaluate critical infrastructure weaknesses, help protect industry supply chains against cyber threats, and offering support to potential targets of foreign interference.

The National Risk Management Center will focus on longer-range projects, such as those listed above, while DHS's National Cybersecurity Communications and Integrations Center (NCCIC) focuses on cyber information sharing between government and industry.

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