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## **US SECRETARY OF STATE KERRY TRAVELS TO EGYPT QATAR SINGAPORE MALAYSIA & VIETNAM**

**OVER A SPAN OF 8 DAYS**

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**USPA NEWS** - A rare "blue moon" is seen rising over Secretary of State John Kerry's plane beginning a trip around the world to Egypt, Qatar, Singapore, Malaysia and Vietnam over a span of eight days, July 31, 2015.

"Secretary of State John Kerry will be in Cairo, Egypt, on August 2 to co-chair the U.S.-Egypt Strategic Dialogue with Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry. The bilateral dialogue reaffirms the United States' longstanding and enduring partnership with Egypt, and will provide a forum to discuss a broad range of political, economic, security, and cultural issues to address issues of importance to each side and further our common values, goals, and interests.

On August 3, the Secretary will travel to Doha, Qatar, to meet with the Foreign Ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

Next, the Secretary will travel to Singapore on August 4 to meet with Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and Foreign Minister K. Shanmugam to discuss bilateral and regional issues as Singapore marks 50 years of independence. The Secretary will also deliver a speech on the importance of U.S. trade and investment to prosperity in both the East Asia region and the United States. He will then visit Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, August 4-6, to attend the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF). At the ARF, the Secretary will participate in four multilateral meetings including the Lower Mekong Initiative, U.S.-ASEAN, East Asia Summit, and ASEAN Regional Forum ministers meetings.

In Hanoi, Vietnam August 6-8, the Secretary will meet with senior Vietnamese officials, including Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh to discuss bilateral and regional issues. He will also participate in an event marking the 20th anniversary of the establishment of U.S.-Vietnam diplomatic relations."

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