

Readout of Secretary Carter's Meeting with British Secretary of State for Defense Michael Fallon and French Minister of Defense Jean-Yves Le Drian

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Pentagon Press Secretary Peter Cook provided the following readout:

Secretary of Defense Ash Carter met with British Secretary of State for Defense Michael Fallon and French Minister of Defense Jean-Yves Le Drian today on the sidelines of the NATO Defense Ministerial in Brussels, Belgium.

Secretary Carter and his counterparts discussed the latest progress in the counter-ISIL campaign in Iraq and Syria. The Secretary thanked Secretary Fallon and Minister Le Drian for their countries' generous contributions to the counter-ISIL campaign, while emphasizing that all coalition partners must continue to accelerate their efforts in Iraq and Syria. The ministers also discussed recent progress against ISIL in Libya, and agreed on the importance of supporting the Government of National Accord.

Secretary Carter thanked Secretary Fallon and Minister Le Drian for their words of condolence in the wake of the tragedy in Orlando.