

Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2017

Statement on the Release of the Boyle-Coleman Family From Captivity in Pakistan
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In 2012, Caitlan Coleman, an American citizen, and her husband Joshua Boyle, a Canadian citizen, were taken captive and held hostage by the Haqqani network, a terrorist organization with ties to the Taliban. Ms. Coleman gave birth to the couple's three children while they were in captivity. Yesterday the United States Government, working in conjunction with the Government of Pakistan, secured the release of the Boyle-Coleman family from captivity in Pakistan.

Today they are free. This is a positive moment for our country's relationship with Pakistan. The Pakistani Government's cooperation is a sign that it is honoring America's wishes for it to do more to provide security in the region. We hope to see this type of cooperation and teamwork in helping secure the release of remaining hostages and in our future joint counterterrorism operations.

NOTE: The statement referred to Jonah, Noah, and Grace Boyle, children of Caitlan Coleman and Joshua Boyle.

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