

turbulent times of ours, to really further strengthen the relationships.

So thank you so much.

President Obama. Thank you.

Thank you, everybody.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:13 a.m. at the Grand Hyatt Bali hotel.

Remarks Prior to a Meeting With Prime Minister Mohamed Najib bin Abdul Razak of Malaysia in Bali

November 18, 2011

President Obama. Well, I just want to say how much of a pleasure it is to be able to see once again Prime Minister Najib. We just had excellent conversations and consultations at the APEC conference that we hosted in Honolulu. This allows us to expand discussions not only on our bilateral relationship, which is strong, and the cooperation that we've seen on issues like the Trans-Pacific Partnership, but it also allows us to discuss how we can best use the East Asia Summit to assure shared prosperity and shared security across the region.

And so I appreciate the extraordinary cooperation that we've received on a whole range of issues. We want to be a strong partner with Malaysia, and Prime Minister Najib, I think, has shown great leadership not only in continuing to boost Malaysia's economy, but also in showing leadership on a wide range of multi-lateral fora.

So thank you very much, Prime Minister.

Prime Minister Najib. Thank you very much, Mr. President, for your very encouraging words. We believe we have a very, very productive relationship between our two countries. Before this, they've been very strong in the areas of trade and investment.

The United States is our fourth largest trading partner. On a cumulative basis, you're still the largest investor in Malaysia. We certainly look forward to expanding trade and investment linkages. And with the TPP, hopefully, we can meet the deadline next year. We see great prospects in terms of enhancing trade investment between our two countries. And certainly, we look forward to working in other areas as well.

We are very committed to ensuring peace and stability. We're working with you in the area of nuclear nonproliferation. We're doing our part to make sure that Malaysia is not a transit point for illicit goods that can be used for nuclear proliferation, working towards helping you in Afghanistan. And we're looking at new areas of cooperation, including receiving 50 English teachers from United States. They are coming in January.

So I'm excited about the prospects, and I look forward to deepening, strengthening, and enhancing our bilateral ties. And I thank you for your leadership in this.

President Obama. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:04 p.m. at the Grand Hyatt Bali hotel.

Remarks on Burma From Bali

November 18, 2011

Good afternoon, everybody. Throughout my administration and throughout this trip, I've underscored America's commitment to the Asia-Pacific region, but also I've underscored America's commitment to the future of human rights in the region. Today I'm announcing an

important step forward in our efforts to move forward on both these fronts.

For decades, Americans have been deeply concerned about the denial of basic human rights for the Burmese people. The persecution of democratic reformers, the brutality