

celebrating the contributions of Muslim Americans around the country, including one of our finest, the People's Champion, Muhammad Ali, to whom we bade farewell this Ramadan. Later this month, Michelle and I

will host an Eid celebration at the White House, and we look forward to welcoming Americans from around the country to celebrate the holiday. From our family to yours, *Eid Mubarak*.

Statement on Congressional Passage of the Global Food Security Act of 2016 *July 6, 2016*

Seven years ago, just a few months into my Presidency, I came together with counterparts from some of the world's most powerful nations and committed to improving the lives of rural poor people around the globe through investments in more productive agriculture and better nutrition. Today I'm proud to see that Congress has passed S. 1252, the Global Food Security Act of 2016, an overwhelmingly bipartisan piece of legislation that will put Feed the Future, our global hunger and food security initiative, into law.

I want to thank the co-sponsors of the legislation, Senators Isakson and Casey and Representatives Smith and McCollum, for their steadfast commitment to strengthening global food security, and also recognize the leaders of the Foreign Affairs and Agriculture Commit-

tees for their extraordinary leadership to ensure that these efforts are enduring.

This game-changing development initiative—the first of my administration—has helped increase economic growth and stem the tide of global hunger, poverty, and malnutrition over the span of just a few years. While we've already accomplished so much through this collaborative global partnership, I know that with the continued effort and support that this legislation provides, we can achieve what was just a few years ago the unimaginable: We can end global poverty and hunger within our lifetimes.

NOTE: The statement referred to Rep. Christopher H. Smith.

Remarks on the Deaths of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile From Warsaw, Poland *July 8, 2016*

Good evening, everybody.

I know we've been on a long flight, but given the extraordinary interest in the shootings that took place in Louisiana and Minnesota, I thought it would be important for me to address all of you directly. And I want to begin by expressing my condolences for the families of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile.

As I said in the statement that I posted on Facebook, we have seen tragedies like this too many times. The Justice Department, I know, has opened a civil rights investigation in Baton Rouge. The Governor of Minnesota, I understand, is calling for an investigation there as well. As is my practice, given my institutional role, I can't comment on the specific facts of

these cases, and I have full confidence in the Justice Department's ability to conduct a thorough and fair inquiry.

But what I can say is that all of us as Americans should be troubled by these shootings, because these are not isolated incidents. They're symptomatic of a broader set of racial disparities that exist in our criminal justice system. And I just want to give people a few statistics to try to put in context why emotions are so raw around these issues.

According to various studies—not just one, but a wide range of studies that have been carried out over a number of years—African Americans are 30-percent more likely than Whites to be pulled over. After being pulled