

Trump fires Tillerson as Secretary of State - to be replaced by Pompeo from CIA

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UBO: It is unclear how this switch might impact on US-Ukraine relations since there is no evidence that Mike Pompeo has any particular knowledge or background on Ukraine's situation as the main front line state facing Russian aggression. Photo: Rex Tillerson (left) and Mike Pompeo

WASHINGTON, Mar 13, 2018: President Donald Trump has fired Rex Tillerson as U.S. secretary of state – effectively the country's top foreign policy administrator – which seems to suggest that an already confused situation with major international issues heating up might become even more chaotic. "Mike Pompeo, Director of the CIA, will become our new Secretary of State. He will do a fantastic job!" Trump tweeted Tuesday. "Thank you to Rex Tillerson for his service! Gina Haspel will become the new Director of the CIA, and the first woman so chosen. Congratulations to all!" Pompeo's favored status in the West Wing for months led administration officials to view him as [Tillerson's likely replacement](#). Haspel, who Trump said would replace Pompeo, became deputy director of the CIA last year. Read more: <https://www.politico.com/story/2018/03...secretary-of-state-458353>