



U.S. Embassy Kyiv, Ukraine

July 2025

## STATE OIG LEADERS TRAVEL TO KYIV



Acting Inspector General Arne B. Baker with Ambassador Julie Davis at Embassy Kyiv.

Acting Inspector General Arne B. Baker and OIG senior leaders traveled to Embassy Kyiv last week to assess the progress of Department-administered foreign assistance in Ukraine. During the visit, they met with Ambassador Julie Davis and other embassy officials to discuss OIG’s continuing oversight of Department programs

and operations. To see a list of ongoing and completed oversight work in Ukraine, please visit our [Ukraine Response Oversight](#) page.

## PRIORITIZING FOREIGN ASSISTANCE OVERSIGHT IN UKRAINE



Acting IG Baker examines medical supplies during a visit to the Kyiv Regional Specialized Medical Center.

In Ukraine, Acting IG Baker and OIG senior leaders conducted a site visit to Kyiv Regional Specialized Medical Center, where U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) funds administered through the Department are intended to provide life-saving HIV medications and services to patients in need. OIG’s oversight of foreign assistance programs like these ensures that US tax dollars are being used efficiently and effectively. To learn more, please visit our [Foreign Assistance Oversight](#) page.

## RECOMMENDATIONS STATUS\*

as of July 31, 2025

1,117\*\*

Open Recommendations

72\*\*\*

Recommendations Closed During July

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\* OIG delivers monthly SBU/classified recommendation reports to congressional committees of jurisdiction.

\*\* Includes 53 recommendations associated with the U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC).

\*\*\* Includes 7 recommendations closed on OIG’s classified network.

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## WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION

On July 30, OIG joined the IG community in recognizing National Whistleblower Appreciation Day. OIG published an [informational flyer](#) on our [Foreign Assistance Oversight](#) page to help raise awareness of whistleblower protections and related resources pertaining to foreign assistance.

OIG has oversight responsibility for all foreign assistance programs and operations administered by the Department, including programs and activities recently integrated into the Department’s operations. Individuals with information about fraud, waste, abuse or mismanagement, as well as other crimes or violations of federal laws, rules, and regulations relating to foreign assistance programs and operations at the Department are encouraged to report this information to the [State OIG Hotline](#).

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

In the October 2024 Report, *Audit of the Disposition of Sensitive Security Assets at U.S. Embassies Kabul, Afghanistan, and Kyiv, Ukraine* ([AUD-GEER-25-01](#)), OIG recommended that the Bureau of Administration, in coordination with the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, reevaluate the Vehicle Allocation Methodology and update the criticality scoring system to eliminate retention bias toward armored vehicles in high-threat environments. In response, the Department set minimum use standards for armored vehicles which will go into effect in October 2025. Armored vehicles that do not meet the new standards will be flagged for elimination. OIG believes that implementation of this recommendation will help overseas posts maintain the appropriate number of vehicles, better enabling them to remove or destroy vehicles in advance of suspensions of operations and preventing use by hostile forces.

In the December 2021 report, *Inspection of the U.S. Mission to the Dutch Caribbean* ([ISP-I-22-04](#)), OIG recommended that the mission review all unliquidated obligations without activity for more than 1 year, and deobligate those which are no longer valid in accordance with Department standards, so funds of up to \$400,000 could be put to better use. In response to the recommendation, the mission provided documentation that it reviewed and deobligated its invalid unliquidated obligations, resulting in \$397,320 in funds put to better use.

## INVESTIGATIVE RESULTS

In July 2025, a former Voice of America (VOA) employee was [indicted and arrested](#) for threatening U.S. Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene and her staff, and their families. Together with the U.S. Capitol Police, OIG investigators determined that the employee made threatening phone calls from various phone lines connected to

studios and control rooms at VOA headquarters. State OIG investigators quickly identified the suspect and obtained an admission leading to the indictment and arrest.

## NOTABLE OPEN RECOMMENDATION

Property-related control deficiencies continue to be a significant deficiency for the Department. In the *Inspection of Embassy N'Djamena, Chad* ([ISP-I-20-02](#)), OIG recommended that the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations, in coordination with Embassy N'Djamena and the Bureau of African Affairs, should develop and implement a strategy that prioritizes the disposal of Embassy N'Djamena's excess real property, in order to put funds estimated at \$7.1 million to better use.

## NEW WORK STARTED

Check out OIG's new [Ongoing Work](#) web page to see a comprehensive list of current projects at OIG. Data is searchable and sortable by office, division, and bureau.

- *Audit of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, U.S. Section's Efforts to Mitigate Environmental Challenges at the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant*
- [Evaluation of Department of State Administration of Foreign Assistance Programs Transferred from the U.S. Agency for International Development](#)
- *Audit of Selected Property Disposals and Lease Terminations at the U.S. Agency for Global Media*
- *Audit of the Department of State's Efforts To Manage the Withdrawal of U.S. Agency for International Development From the International Cooperative Administrative Support Services Program*

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# REPORT RECAP



July 2025

The following reports were issued by the Department of State Office of Inspector General (OIG) in July 2025:

## [\*Evaluation of the Department's 2023 Evacuation of Embassy Khartoum \(ESP-25-02\)\*](#)

In April 2023, U.S. Embassy Khartoum, Sudan, suspended its operations and ordered the departure of U.S. direct-hire employees and their dependents due to the continued threat from armed conflict in Sudan. In reviewing this evacuation, OIG found that the Department has generally improved its crisis preparedness policies, infrastructure, and training in response to embassy evacuations. However, Embassy Khartoum did not incorporate some lessons learned from previous evacuations that were reflected in challenges the embassy faced in the evacuation. For example, the embassy's emergency planning did not incorporate regional coordination with appropriate U.S. embassies. In addition, the emergency planning did not account for the significant amount of SBU materials that required destruction prior to the evacuation. Finally, OIG found the Department could not provide a definitive accounting of the passports and other documents in Embassy Khartoum's possession that were destroyed prior to the evacuation.

## [\*Lead Inspector General for Operation Inherent Resolve | Quarterly Report to the United States Congress | April 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025\*](#)

The 42nd quarterly report submitted by the Lead Inspector General for Operation Inherent Resolve summarizes the quarter's key events and oversight of the U.S. mission to defeat ISIS and train, advise, and

assist local partners—including the Iraqi Security Forces, Peshmerga Forces, and Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF)—to improve regional stability.

## [\*Audit of Department of State Efforts To Counter Iran-Backed Groups in the Middle East \(AUD-GEER-25-25\)\*](#)

This report contains information that is classified and is not available for public viewing.

## [\*Targeted Review of the Bureau of Consular Affairs' Remote Processing Division \(ISP-I-25-24\)\*](#)

This report contains information that is classified and is not available for public viewing.

## [\*Classified Inspection of Embassy Riga, Latvia \(ISP-S-25-20\)\*](#)

This report contains information that is classified and is not available for public viewing.

## [\*Classified Inspection of Embassy Port of Spain, Trinidad \(ISP-I-25-19\)\*](#)

This report contains information that is classified and is not available for public viewing.

## [\*Classified Inspection of Embassy Maputo, Mozambique \(ISP-S-25-17\)\*](#)

This report contains information that is classified and is not available for public viewing.

## [\*Classified Inspection of Embassy Ankara and Constituent Posts, Türkiye \(ISP-S-25-09\)\*](#)

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