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**MIDDLE EAST TRIP CUT SHORT, SECRETARY SCHEDLER
AND OTHERS EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Secretary of State Tom Schedler, fellow secretaries of state and Federal Voting Assistance Program staff are en route to Washington, D.C. after their trip was cut short due to the unrest in the Middle East. U.S. officials are currently assessing the situation, and immediate action to return to the states was necessary.

The trip included stops in Kuwait, Qatar and Bahrain to discuss military and overseas voting with servicemen and women. Secretary Schedler was among five other secretaries of state invited by the National Association of Secretaries of State to go on the trip which was paid for by the Department of Defense.

FVAP administers the federal responsibilities of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. For more information about the Secretary of State's Office, call 225.922.2880 or visit www.sos.la.gov.

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