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HANOI - Secretary Clinton expressed concern over Vietnam's arrests of dissidents, attacks on religious groups and curbs on Internet freedom, but said the countries remained friends. The United States and Communist-run Vietnam marked 15 years of diplomatic ties this month and Clinton said the two countries had "learned to see each other not as former enemies but as actual and potential partners, colleagues and friends. We have consistently moved in the direction of engagement and cooperation, even on those issues where we disagree." Clinton spoke during a two-day visit to Hanoi for the Asia-Pacific region's biggest security dialogue.