

NATIONAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING

“U.S. Contributions to the Response to Pakistan’s Humanitarian Crisis: The Situation and the Stakes”

WASHINGTON, DC – On June 16, 2009, the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs continued its extensive oversight of U.S. efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan by conducting a hearing on the situation of the almost three million Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Pakistan’s North West Frontier Province. The hearing featured witnesses from the International Crisis Group, Refugees International, and a member of the Pakistani National Assembly who is also a former member of the Pakistani Cabinet. Two of these witnesses testified live from Pakistan. The Subcommittee also received a briefing from the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

WITNESS LIST: The hearing featured two panels.

The first panel included:

Dr. Samina Ahmed, South Asia Project Director for the International Crisis Group
Ms. Sherry Rehman, Former Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Member National Assembly, Pakistan Peoples Party
Mr. Kenneth Bacon, President, Refugees International

NOTE: Dr. Ahmed and Ms. Rehman testified via video link from the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad.

The second panel was a briefing by:

Mr. Michel Gabaudan, Regional Representative to the United States and Caribbean for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Documents and Links

- [Testimony of Dr. Samina Ahmed](#)
- [Testimony of The Honorable Sherry Rehman](#)
- [Testimony of Mr. Kenneth Bacon](#)