

On Thursday February 12, 2009, the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs will conduct a hearing on U.S. efforts to train and equip the Afghan army and police. The hearing coincides with the release of a report from the Government Accountability Office's (GAO's) on-the-ground investigation into the accountability of weapons provided to the Afghan army and police, and will also explore broader strategic concerns with the U.S. and international efforts to strengthen the Afghan police.

The hearing, which will be the first of the Subcommittee's extensive oversight of U.S. efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan during the 111th Congress, comes a week after Chairman Tierney and several other Subcommittee members returned from a Congressional delegation trip to Pakistan and Afghanistan that included meetings with Afghan President Hamid Karzai; Afghanistan's new Minister of Interior Mohamad Hanif Atmar; General David McKiernan, Commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan; and Major General Richard Formica, Commander of the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan (CSTC-A). CSTC-A has significant responsibility for training and equipping the Afghan army and police.

The hearing will be held in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building and will also be webcast live.

## **Witness List**

**Mr. Charles Michael Johnson**, Director of International Affairs and Trade, U.S. Government Accountability Office

**Mr. Thomas Gimble**, Principal Deputy Inspector General, U.S. Department of Defense

**Mr. Mark Schneider**, Senior Vice President, International Crisis Group

**Documents and Links**

- [Charles Johnson GAO Statement](#)
- [Mark Schneider ICG Statement](#)
- [Thomas Gimble's DOD IG Statement](#)