

“Investigation of Protection Payments for Safe Passage along the Afghan Supply Chain”

On **Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. in 2154 Rayburn**, the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs will conduct a hearing on the Subcommittee's findings that Afghan warlords and insurgents are extorting protection payments from the American contractors who transport goods and materials to U.S. troops throughout Afghanistan.

The findings were explained in an 80-page report released this morning by Chairman Tierney entitled [Warlord, Inc. Extortion and Corruption Along the U.S. Supply Chain in Afghanistan](#). The report culminates a six-month Subcommittee investigation into the Department of Defense's (DoD) \$2.16 billion Afghan Host Nation Trucking (HNT) contract, which is funded by taxpayer dollars and delivers more than 70 percent of the food, water, ammunition, weapons, and fuel to more than 200 U.S. military forward operating bases and combat outposts throughout the country.

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WITNESSES:

First Panel

- **Lieutenant General William Phillips**, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, U.S. Army; and
- **Gary Motsek**, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Program Support, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics, Department of Defense; and
- **Brigadier General John Nicholson**, Director of the Pakistan/Afghanistan Coordination Cell, The Joint Staff, Department of Defense.

Second Panel

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- **Moshe Schwartz**, Specialist in Defense Acquisition, Congressional Research Service;
- **Carl Forsberg**, Research Analyst, Institute for the Study of War;
- **Colonel T.X. Hammes**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University; and
- **S. Frederick Starr, Ph.D.**, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University.

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*****Witness Testimonies and opening statements will be uploaded at the conclusion of the hearing*****

Opening Statement of Chairman John F. Tierney

Prepared Statement of Lieutenant General William Phillips

Prepared Statement of Gary Motsek

Prepared Statement of Brigadier General John Nicholson

Prepared Statement of Moshe Schwartz

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