

## May 22, 2001: Commission to Testify on its 2001 Annual Report Before HIRC

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**WHAT:** The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom will testify before the House International Relations Committee on its 2001 Annual Report. Former Commission Chairman Elliott Abrams, former Commissioner Laila Al-Marayati, former Commissioner David Saperstein, and Commissioner Nina Shea will testify. (The Commissioners' terms expired on May 14; Commissioner Shea has been reappointed to another term.) **WHEN:** Thursday, May 24, 2001 at 11:30 a.m. **WHERE:** Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2172 **BACKGROUND:** The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom issued its second Annual Report on May 1 containing policy recommendations to the President, Secretary of State, and Congress. The Annual Report addresses religious-freedom issues in almost two dozen countries, with individual recommendations on the following: China, India, Indonesia, Iran, North Korea, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russia, Sudan, Vietnam, access to U.S. capital markets, and U.S. foreign assistance. An Addendum to the Annual Report, issued May 14, addresses Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Hon. Elliott Abrams, Chair

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