

July 30, 2002: Commission Chair to Testify on Anti-Semitism in Europe

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WHAT: Felice D. Gaer, Chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, an independent federal agency advising the Administration and Congress, will testify at a briefing of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus on "Anti-Semitism in Europe." **WHEN:** Thursday, August 1, 2002, at 10:30 a.m. **WHERE:** Room 2255, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC. **BACKGROUND:** In the past year a wave of anti-Semitic incidents has occurred across Europe. Individuals have been attacked, places of worship and cemeteries vandalized or firebombed, and anti-Semitic signs posted with booby-traps to injure those who dismantle them. The Commission has publicly deplored acts of anti-Semitism in Belgium and France and continues to closely monitor violations of religious freedom on the continent as a whole.

Felice D. Gaer, Chair

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