



**Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission (TLHRC)
Hearing**

The Human Rights Crisis in Syria

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

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Please join the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission for a hearing on the human rights crisis in Syria.

Since March 2011, growing numbers of anti-government protests in Syria have been met with a brutal crackdown by the Syrian government, including widespread killings, torture, and indiscriminate shelling of cities. More than 8,000 people have been killed, and over 200,000 people have been displaced. The Syrian government is even using landmines as a deadly tactic to prevent civilians from escaping.

This hearing will examine the systemic and grave human rights abuses by the Syrian government, and the impact of those abuses on the Syrian people.

The following witnesses will testify:

Panel I

- Robert Ford, U.S. Ambassador to Syria

Panel II

- Maria McFarland, Deputy Washington Director, Human Rights Watch
- Suzanne Nossel, Executive Director, Amnesty International USA
- Andrew Tabler, Next Generation Fellow, Washington Institute for Near East Policy
- Radwan Ziadeh, Visiting Scholar, Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University

If you have any questions, please contact the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission at 202-225-3599 or tlhrc@mail.house.gov.

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