

Buried Human Rights, Global Geopolitics and Regional Repercussions: **Balochistan in the Shadows**

20 March 2015, 15:00-17:00
Room XXI, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Opening Remarks

Mehran Baluch, Baloch Representative to the United Nations
Susann Nowack, Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization
Noordin Mengal, Baloch Human Rights Activist

Introductory (video) statement by Jean Lambert, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the Delegation for relations with the countries of South Asia

Moderation by: Paulo Casaca, South Asia Democratic Forum and former MEP

Panel 1: The Human Rights Situation in Balochistan - An Overview

- Burning Balochistan: Bombay Blowback and Pakistani Perfidy
Burzine Waghmar, Senior Teaching Fellow and Academic Member, South Asia Institute and Centre for the Study of Pakistan, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), United Kingdom
- Disappearance in Balochistan
T. Kumar, International Advocacy Director, Amnesty International USA, United States
- Press Freedom and Threats to Journalists in Balochistan
Abubakar Siddique, Senior Correspondent for Afghanistan-Pakistan, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Czech Republic

Panel 2: Balochistan's Security Dimension: National and Regional Challenges

- Hard Choices in Defending the Rights of National Minorities
Athar Hussain, Director of the Asia Research Centre, London School of Economics, United Kingdom
- Rule of Law, Respect for Rights: The Keys to Peace
Russ Hiebert, Member of the Canadian Parliament, Canada
- Balochistan: Pakistan's Forgotten War
Peter Chalk, Senior Political Scientist, RAND Cooperation, United States
- Balochistan: Reporting against All Odds
Karlos Zurutuza, Freelance Journalist for Al Jazeera, Deutsche Welle, Vice, The Middle East Eye, Spain

Questions and Answers
Closing Remarks