Coptic Solidarity 6th Annual Conference

100 Years Later: Middle Eastern Christians Face Another Genocide


AGENDA
(Actual)

POLICY DAY - Thursday June 11 - Capitol HVC 201

9:00  Registration
9:15  Introductory Remarks - Adel Guindy, Coptic Solidarity president
9:30  Session-1  Chair: Dr. Walid Phares
      Rt. Hon. Baroness Elizabeth Berridge - Chair, All Party Group on Intl. Religious Freedom (APPG) - UK House of Lords
      Hon. Michael Mukasey - United States 81st Attorney General
      Hon. Alberto Fernandez - Vice-President, MEMRI
      Q&A
11:00  Statements by Members of U.S. Congress
      Rep. Jim McGovern  (MA-D) - Co-Chair TLHRC
      Rep. Ted Poe  (TX-R)
      Rep. Dave Trott  (MI-R)
      Rep. Trent Franks  (AZ-D)
      Rep. Brad Sherman  (CA-D)
12:30  Lunch (snacks offered on site)
13:30  Statements by Members of U.S. Congress
      Rep. Albio Sires  (NJ-D)
      Sen. James Lankford  (OK-R)
      Rep. Diane Black  (TN-R)
      Rep. Louis Gohmert  (TX-R)
      Rep. Joe Pitts  (PA-R) - Co-Chair TLHRC
14:45  Special Session: International Views on Situation of Middle East Minorities
Dr. Katrina Lantos-Swett - Chair, US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)
Amb. David Saperstein - U.S. Ambassador-At-Large for International Religious Freedom
Q&A

15:45  Session: Apathy of International Community Amidst Genocide - Chair: Mr. Raymond Ibrahim
Hon. Bob Dechert - Member, House of Commons, Canada
Dr. Herb London - President London Center for Policy Research
Mr. Raymond Ibrahim - Writer, Author of "Crucified Again"
Q&A

17:00  End

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**DINNER - Thursday June 11 - The Capitol Republican Club**
300 First Street S.E., Washington, DC 20003

17:30  Cocktail
18:30  Dinner

*Guest foreign diplomats:*
- Ambassadors of Slovenia; Deputy Chief of Mission of Cyprus, Armenia
- Embassy Ministers/Counselors of: Russia, Belgium, Greece, Canada, Italy

*Guest Speaker: Dr. Zuhdi Jasser - President, American Islamic Forum for Democracy*
Received the Coptic Solidarity Leadership Award for 2015

21:30  End

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**CONFERENCE - Friday June 12 - Key Bridge Marriott Hotel**
1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA, 22209-1201

9:00  Session-1 MECHRIC in Action at UNSC - Chair: Dr. Walid Phares
Mr. Khalid Haidar - Representative of Yazidi Human Rights Organization International
JD Caroline Doss Esq. - VP Coptic Solidarity
Ms. Soona Samsami - Iranian NCRI’s representative in the U.S.

Mr. William Youmaran - President of Assyrian American National Federation
Mr. David William Lazar - Chairman, American Mesopotamian Organization (AMO)
Mr. Loay Mikhail - Director Foreign Relation, The Chaldean Syriac Assyrian Popular Council
Mr. Magdi Khalil - Coptic Solidarity
Mr. John Hajjar - Melkite Committee
Mr. Tom Harb - General Secretary MECHRIC and President of American Maronite Union
Coptic Solidarity posthumous Pioneer Award to the Name of Dr. Helmy Guirguis

11:00  *Break*

11:30  **Session-2: Multiple Approaches to Combat Apathy** - Chair: JD Ann Buwalda, Executive Director of Jubilee Campaign USA

*Dr. Faten Morris* - Prof. English Literature, Polk State Univ., Florida
*JD Mark Shalaby, Esq.* - General Counsel, a multinational co., Coptic Solidarity Board Member
*Dr. Thibaut Gress* - Lecturer, Higher Institute of Philosophy Studies, Paris, France

13:00  *Break*

14:15  **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Judge Jeanine Pirro** (FoxNews Analyst)

*Q&A*

15:00  **Session-3: Civil Society: The Fight for Remembrance and Truth** - Chair: Lindsay Vessey

*Mr. Gary Lane* - Anchor, CBN
*Mr. Kenneth Hachikian*, Chairman Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA)
*Mr. Johnnie Moore*, Author of "Defying ISIS,"
*Dr. Jamie Glazov*, Managing Editor of FrontPage Magazine, Anchor of "Glazov Gang"

16:30  **Session-4: Moving Forward: Practical Actions to Save Indigenous Christians in ME** - Chair: Dr. George Gurguis, VP, Coptic Solidarity

*Dr. William Weessa* - Editor, MCN
*Mr. Matthew Elmaraghi* - JD Candidate, SF Univ. (Intl. Human Rights Law)

17:30  *End*

*Parallel activities during the day:*

** Art exposition "Oriental Colorful Inspirations" - Dr. Essam Eskander
** Books sales

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**Coptic Solidarity General Assembly - Key Bridge Marriott**

*Members Only*

9:00  Activity Report
     Resolutions
     Elections

13:00  *End*

14:00  Joint Meeting of the Executive Committee & The Advisory Council

17:00  *End*