



Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Briefing

Briefing Series on Syria

Five Years of War in Syria: Health Care Under Attack

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1:00 – 2:00 PM

2261 Rayburn House Office Building

Panelists



Dr. Lina Murad is a member of the Board of Directors of the Syrian American Medical Society. She is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Nephrology. She has been on multiple medical relief and training missions inside Syria and neighboring countries. Dr. Murad has co-authored multiple papers on the "Care of dialysis Patients At The Time Of armed Conflict" and how to use scarce resources to sustain

lives. She is a member of the Syrian National Kidney Foundation. The mission of the Foundation is to work with doctors in besieged areas to develop alternative methods to dialysis using the limited supplies available in these areas to save patients lives."



Widney Brown is the Director of Programs at Physicians for Human Rights where she oversees the organization's research, documentation, and training projects. She writes extensively on human rights issues, most recently publishing a briefing paper on justice for Syria. Previously Widney was the Senior Director for International Law and Policy at the Secretariat of Amnesty International in London where she was responsible for the organization's legal analysis, policy development, and advocacy. Widney held a variety of positions, including deputy program director for Human

Rights Watch from 1997 through 2005.



Jason Mills has spent the last twelve months in Turkey, on the Syrian border, as head of mission overseeing Médecins Sans Frontières' operations in Syria. Jason has worked with MSF since 2007 and has held project coordinator and head of mission roles in South Sudan, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Sudan and Chad. Jason earned his BA from Marquette University and his Masters in International Relations from the University of Kent at Canterbury: Brussels School for International Studies (BSIS). Before starting his career at MSF, Jason worked in publishing, and at the OSCE on the monitoring of elections.