

The Honorable Ron Wyden, U.S. Senator



Ron Wyden was first elected to Congress in 1980 to represent Oregon's 3rd District. In 1996, he was elected to the U.S. Senate in a special election, becoming the first U.S. Senator to be elected in a vote-by-mail election. He was sworn in on February 5, 1996, to the seat once held by his mentor, U.S. Senator Wayne Morse. Elected to his second full term in 2004, Senator Wyden received more votes over 1.1 million than any other candidate for office in Oregon's history. He was re-elected in 2010. In the U.S. Senate, Senator Wyden serves on the following committees: Finance, Intelligence, Aging, Budget, and Energy and Natural Resources. In November 2011 he introduced a joint resolution limiting the issuance of a letter of offer with respect to a certain proposed sale of defense articles and defense services to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The Honorable Michael H. Posner, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor



Michael H. Posner was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor on September 23, 2009.

Prior to joining State Department, Mr. Posner was the Executive Director and then President of Human Rights First. As its Executive Director he helped the organization earn a reputation for leadership in the areas of refugee protection, advancing a rights-based approach to national security, challenging crimes against humanity, and combating discrimination.

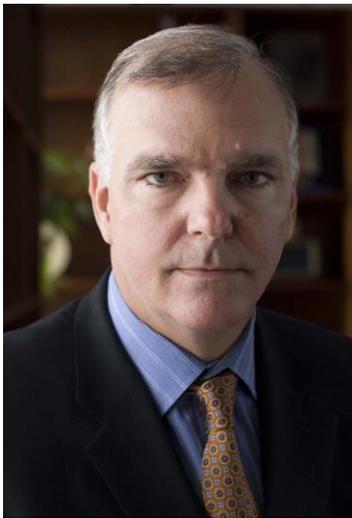
Mr. Posner played a key role in proposing and campaigning for the first U.S. law providing for political asylum, which became part of the Refugee Act of 1980. In 1998, he led the Human Rights First delegation to the Rome conference at which the statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) was adopted.

The Honorable Matar Ebrahim Matar, Former Member of Bahrain's Parliament



Matar Ebrahim Matar is a former MP from Bahrain. He was the youngest MP and represented the largest constituency. He is a political leader and a major spokesman for the opposition during the uprising. He was arbitrarily detained, tortured and ill-treated while in prison. The BICI and many sides including the state department documented his case. While he was acquitted from all charges by court, no official was held accountable for his torture and ill-treatment. Matar supports a gradual transition to democracy with a clear road map through genuine negotiations facilitated by regional and international sides.

Mr. Leslie Campbell, Senior Associate and Regional Director, Middle East and North Africa Programs, National Democratic Institute



Leslie Campbell has 25 years of experience in international development, parliamentary governance and political affairs. He joined NDI in 1994 and has directed the Institute's programs in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region since 1996. As NDI's senior associate and regional director, Mr. Campbell has overseen a vast expansion of NDI's programs in the Middle East with the establishment of offices and programs that furnish assistance with political, civic and governance reform throughout the Arab world.

Mr. Campbell is a frequent guest and commentator on Middle East issues for major news outlets, and has also written a number of articles and papers on the subject of democracy in the Middle East, including an article entitled “Party Building in the Middle East” which appeared in the winter 2010 edition of *International Journal*.

Mr. Tom Malinowski, Washington Director, Human Rights Watch



Tom Malinowski, Washington Director for Human Rights Watch and an expert in United States foreign policy, is responsible for the organization's overall advocacy efforts with the US government. He frequently appears as a radio, television, and op-ed commentator on US human rights policy. Before joining Human Rights Watch, Malinowski was special assistant to President Bill Clinton and senior director for foreign policy speechwriting at the National Security Council. Before working in the White House, he was a speechwriter for Secretaries of State Christopher and Albright and a member of the State Department's policy planning staff. Malinowski holds degrees in political science from the University of California, Berkeley and Oxford University.

Mr. Richard Sollom, Deputy Director, Physicians for Human Rights



Richard Sollom is Deputy Director at Physicians for Human Rights where he has served for five years in various roles, including Senior Program Associate and Director of Research and Investigations. He currently oversees programs on health, emergency response, armed conflict, asylum, and UN advocacy initiatives. Sollom led PHR's health and human rights investigations in Bangkok, Bangladesh, Burma, and Zimbabwe. Over the past two decades, he has investigated human rights violations in 20 countries worldwide. Prior to his work with PHR, Rick served with the United Nations in Haiti, Somalia, and Burundi. He is a former Peace Corps Volunteer, Fulbright Fellow, Albert Schweitzer Fellow, and holds advanced degrees in public international law from The Fletcher School and in global health from Harvard University.