

Robert Ford, U.S. Ambassador to Syria



Ambassador Robert S. Ford is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, holding the rank of Minister Counselor. He most recently served with the State Department's Office of the Inspector General (OIG). He has previously served as the U.S. Ambassador to Algeria. Prior to that he served as the Political Counselor and then as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad. He has also served as the Deputy Chief of Mission in Bahrain. He has received numerous State Department awards, including the 2005 James Clement Dunn Award for Excellence in mid-level officers. He speaks Arabic and French.

Maria McFarland, Deputy Washington Director, Human Rights Watch



As Human Rights Watch's Deputy Washington Director, Maria McFarland conducts advocacy before the US government on a wide array of global human rights issues, including, in particular, matters related to the Middle East and North Africa, South Asia, and Central Asia. McFarland has conducted extensive advocacy before the governments of the United States, Canada, and European and Latin American countries; has authored and edited numerous Human Rights Watch reports; has testified before the US Congress and Canadian Parliament, and is a frequent voice in the media.

Suzanne Nossel, Executive Director, Amnesty International USA



Suzanne Nossel became the Executive Director of Amnesty International USA this January. Suzanne Nossel served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations, where she was responsible for multilateral human rights, humanitarian affairs, women's issues, public diplomacy, press and Congressional relations. Prior to that she served as Chief Operating Officer for Human Rights Watch where she was responsible for organizational management and spearheaded a strategic plan for the global expansion of the organization.

Andrew Tabler, Next Generation Fellow, Washington Institute for Near East Policy



Andrew J. Tabler is a Next Generation fellow in the Program on Arab Politics at The Washington Institute, where he focuses on Syria and U.S. policy in the Levant. The cofounder and former editor-in-chief of *Syria Today*, Syria's first private-sector English-language magazine, Mr. Tabler achieved unparalleled long-term access to Bashar al-Asad's Syria. During fourteen years of residence in the Middle East, Mr. Tabler served, most recently, as a consultant on U.S.-Syria relations for the International Crisis Group and as a fellow of the Institute of Current World Affairs, writing on Syrian, Lebanese, and Middle Eastern affairs. His articles and opinion pieces on Syrian and Lebanese affairs and U.S. foreign policy have appeared in the *New York Times*, the *New York Times Magazine*, the *International Herald Tribune*, *Newsweek*, and *Foreign Policy*.

Radwan Ziadeh, Visiting Scholar, Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University



Radwan Ziadeh is a Senior Fellow at the U.S Institute of Peace in Washington D.C, and Fellow at the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU) in Washington D.C.

Since the Syrian uprising started in March 15, 2011 he was involved in documenting all the human rights violations and testifying at the UN Human rights council in Geneva twice, also he involved in the opposition activities where he elected in October as director of Foreign relation office for the Syrian National Council SNC the main umbrella for the Syrian opposition.