

“Bringing Americans Home 2022: Assessing Hostage & Detainee Policy Reforms”

Nizar Zakka: “Action needs to be taken to get all our hostages back by whatever means available and then serious measures need to be put in place against countries who take hostages again.”

Wednesday, September 28th, 2022 — Hostage Aid Worldwide participated in the virtual event, “Bringing Americans Home 2022: Assessing Hostage & Detainee Policy Reforms” organised by the James W. Foley Legacy Foundation in partnership with New America.

The event hosted a wide range of experts including among others, Mrs. Diane Foley, President and Founder of James W. Foley Legacy Foundation, Mr. Ali Soufan, Chairman and CEO of The Soufan Group, Mr. Jared Genser, Managing Director of Perseus Strategies, Ms. Neda Sharghi, sister of current hostage in Iran Emad Shargi, and Mr. Nizar Zakka, a former hostage in Iran and President of Hostage Aid Worldwide. The panel was moderated by Ms. Amna Nawaz, chief correspondent at PBS NewsHour.

The event’s main aim was to discuss the results of the James W. Foley Legacy Foundation’s annual research report, “Bringing Americans Home” and to assess the current state of U.S. efforts to bring Americans held hostage abroad home, in addition to various recommendations for the U.S Government’s hostage enterprise.



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