

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

**Carnahan To Hold Foreign Affairs Subcommittee
Hearing
on Alarming Rise In Anti-Semitism**

***Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and
Oversight Will Examine Efforts to Reverse Growing Trend of Anti-
Semitism Worldwide***

SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14 AT 2:00 P.M. ET

(WASHINGTON, DC) – Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-03) will hold a Foreign Affairs subcommittee hearing Wednesday, April 14 to examine what is being done in the U.S. and worldwide to stem a rising trend of global anti-Semitism.

Carnahan, chairman of the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, will receive testimony from State Department officials and representatives from key anti-defamation and human rights organizations about the rise in anti-Semitism worldwide, and to hear recommendations about what actions can help reverse this trend.

“Anti-Semitism is not just rhetoric; it is a violation of human rights,” said Carnahan. **“Last Sunday, nearly 1,000 St. Louisans came together to commemorate Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day. Even as we mark this solemn occasion, we must redouble our efforts to reverse the alarming rise in incidents of anti-Semitism worldwide.”**

According to the Roth Institute for the Study of Contemporary Anti-Semitism and Racism at Tel Aviv University, violent attacks against Jews worldwide more than doubled last year. In 2009 there were 1,129 anti-Semitic incidents; this figure, up from 559 incidents the previous year, is the highest since the study began more than 20 years ago.

The subcommittee hearing will take place on Wednesday, April 14 at 2:00pm ET, and is titled “Combating Anti-Semitism: Protecting Human Rights.” Witnesses will include:

- **Hannah Rosenthal**, Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism at the U.S. Department of State
- **Kenneth Jacobson**, Deputy National Director of the Anti-Defamation League
- **Rabbi Andrew Baker**, Director of International Jewish Affairs at the American Jewish Committee
- **Elisa Massimino**, President and Chief Executive Officer of Human Rights First
- **Rabbi Abraham Cooper**, Associate Dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center