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## PANEL DISCUSSION

Thursday, May 25, 2006

10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

Woodrow Wilson Center, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Joseph H. and Claire Flom Auditorium

# Human Rights Defenders on the Front Lines of Freedom

*This event is hosted in cooperation with The Carter Center and  
Human Rights First.*

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**Gustavo Gallón (Colombia)**—Director of the Colombian Commission of  
Jurists, Bogotá, Colombia

**Saad Eddin Ibrahim (Egypt)**—Chairman of the Board, Ibn Khaldun Center  
for Development Studies, Cairo, Egypt

**Hina Jilani (Pakistan/UN)**—United Nations Special Representative to the  
Secretary General on Human Rights Defenders

**Dzmitry Markusheuski (Belarus)**—Press Secretary of the Belarusian Helsinki  
Committee

**Sima Samar (Afghanistan/UN)**—United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human  
Rights in Sudan and Chair of Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission

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Even as the promotion of democracy and the rule of law as a centerpiece of U.S. foreign policy receives increased attention from both the Administration and Congress, those on the front lines of defending human rights and personal freedoms often face heightened challenges in their home countries.

Front-line human rights defenders are especially well situated to address how advancing human rights and democracy can reinforce and contribute to effective counter-terrorism efforts – rather than being seen as divergent policy objectives. The May 25 panel discussion at the Woodrow Wilson Center will explore this and related issues with prominent human rights defenders from Belarus, Colombia, Egypt, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

To RSVP acceptance please contact Maria-Stella Gatzoulis at 202-691-4188 or send an email to [Maria-Stella.Gatzoulis@wilsoncenter.org](mailto:Maria-Stella.Gatzoulis@wilsoncenter.org). Please provide your name, affiliation and phone number. A photo ID is required to enter the building. For map and directions, please visit our website at [www.wilsoncenter.org](http://www.wilsoncenter.org).