

***** News Conference Invitation *****

Amnesty International & Human Rights Watch
Joint Report Launch on Drone Strikes

Amnesty International and **Human Rights Watch** are pleased to invite you to a joint release of two new reports on US drone strikes and other air strikes in Pakistan and Yemen, **at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2013, at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.**

The Amnesty International report, “**Will I be next? US drone strikes in Pakistan,**” documents recent drone killings in northwest Pakistan that may amount to war crimes or extrajudicial executions, including the killing of a 68-year-old grandmother and 14-year-old boy. The report documents nine strikes that occurred in 2012 and 2013, based on rare access to the region.

The Human Rights Watch report, “**Between a Drone and Al-Qaeda: The Civilian Cost of US Targeted Killings in Yemen,**” documents six strikes in Yemen from 2009 to 2013, two of which indiscriminately killed several dozen civilians in violation of the laws of war. The remaining strikes may have targeted individuals not subject to attack or caused disproportionate civilian deaths.

What: Release of two new reports on US drone strikes and other aerial attacks in Pakistan and Yemen.

Who: Mustafa Qadri, Pakistan researcher at Amnesty International
Naureen Shah, advocacy advisor at Amnesty International USA
Letta Tayler, senior counterterrorism researcher at Human Rights Watch
Andrea Prasow, senior counterterrorism counsel at Human Rights Watch

When: Thursday, October 22, 2013
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Where: The National Press Club
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Note to journalists: Copies of the reports will be available at the news conference.