

IRF Pakistan Roundtable Delegation Join the IRF Summit in Washington DC

Religious Freedom is a Human Right

WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, UNITED STATES, February 1, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On the 31st of January 2023, the third International Religious Freedom IRF Summit began with a an inperson IRF Roundtable at Dirksen Senate building at the Capitol Hill, Washington DC, where hundreds of delegates, faith leaders, and activists gathered from around the world to open dialogue over a fundamental human right: the freedom of religion.

IRF Roundtable Chair for Pakistan and Founder of <u>AMMWEC</u> (American Muslim and Multifaith Women's Empowerment Council), Anila Ali, led the Pakistani delegation to highlight progress and issues faced by minorities in Pakistan how religious freedom would alleviate injustices and strengthen Pakistan's democracy and economy.

The Pakistani delegation was well received and got an opportunity to share their insights on how to strengthen Pakistani women and minorities. The



Religious Freedom is Correlated to Economic Growth

delegation consisted of Professor Seemab Asif, a Christian minority women's empowerment leader, Huma Adnan, social entrepreneur and minority rights activist, Mohammad Kashif Mirza, human rights activist for persecuted people, and Parishae Adnan, women's empowerment and sustainability activist. Mr. Adam Reingold, an advocate for education for Pakistani children who recently joined the Pakistan Roundtable, also reiterated his commitment to education and youth empowerment in Pakistan. Young Parishae Adnan, in her speech said," There is a strong statistical correlation between religious freedom, women's rights, economic growth and democracy."

The delegation attended the informative sessions at the Summit and met with other groups from around the world. The delegation met with a star-studded IRF advocacy forum at the IRF Summit with Katrina Lantos, actor Penn Badgley, Basketball Player Enus Freedom, and Boxer

Muhammad Ali's daughter, Maryum Ali.

While the delegation returns on Pakistan, Anila Ali will be attending the National Prayer Breakfast and joining President Biden and a number of religious leaders, and dignitaries from around the world.

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Pakistan Roundtable Delegation with USCIRF Commissioner Cooper

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