



USPAK Activities 2012

Congressional Activity

Civic Organizations object Congressman Peter King hearings

USPAK and 55 other Civic organization has sent a letter to Congressman Peter King showing their concern about U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled, "The American Muslim Response to Hearings on Radicalization within their Community." http://uspakfoundation.org/files/Tmp/King_Hearing.pdf

Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing on Hate Crimes & Domestic Extremism

On September 19, the Senate Judiciary Committee convened a hearing on hate crimes and domestic extremism. While the hearing has been spurred, in part, by the recent tragedy in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, it will seek to elevate the concerns surrounding hate crimes and domestic extremism that all communities and Americans face in this country. USPAK has submitted a [statement](#) for the record of the Senate Committee. USPAK was represented by Dr. Saud Anwer, Mr. Qaisar Shareef, and Dr. Salman Malik at the senate hearing.

Youth Activities

USPAK co-sponsors events for Youth at APPNA 2012 Convention

USPAK Foundation is co-sponsored with APPNA the following four events at APPNA's 35th Annual Convention in Washington DC from July 4th -8th. Over 150 college and high school age youth participated in the four events. Use the following link for pictures: <https://picasaweb.google.com/100688165682690998797>

Policy Briefing for Youth at White House

Career Excellence Workshop

Academic Excellence Workshop

Tour of White House East Wing

USPAK holds 3rd Annual Youth Leadership Conference

USPAK organized its 3rd Annual Youth Leadership Conference *Leadership through Excellence* in nation's capitol from July 8th – 11th. Washington DC. Over ninety five participants took part in this conference which was focused on personal skill development of High School and College youth to make them better leaders for tomorrow. More info, pictures and videos of the conf can be found at <http://uspakfoundation.org/annualconf/2012>

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Internship Program

USPAK in conjunction with OPEN conducted an Internship Fair for College students. Over 12 Employers were on hand to provide internship information and conduct on-site interviews. A number of students secured summer internships at the fair. USPAK also provided [Internship resources](#) for students.

Mentorship Program

USPAK has started a mentorship program for college age students. The program will last for a full semester and will provide academic and career guidance to students. More [info](#) about program.

Think Tank engages Pakistani Diaspora

USPAK is part of a four member steering committee created by Woodrow Wilson center o engage Pakistani Diaspora in improving US-Pakistan relations. The committee has generated an initial paper. They are now tasked to work on working details and present an active policy paper in 3-4 months time. [Read Initial paper](#)

State Department involves USPAK Foundation in training diplomats

USPAK conducted five training sessions for State Department diplomats on assignment to Pakistan. The training includes a briefing about life style, cultural norms, and needs of Pakistani people. On average about 30 officers participate in this training.



USPAK participated in Global Diaspora conference

USPAK attended second-annual Global Diaspora Forum organized by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development in Washington, D.C. This gathering underscored the importance of partnering with Diaspora communities on development and diplomacy initiatives and encouraged participants to connect with one another, build global networks, and discuss opportunities for giving back to their countries of origin. For more info [2012 Global Diaspora Forum Conference Report](#)

USPAK participated in Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention 2012 Summit

USPAK attended a two day Bullying Prevention summit organized by US Department of Education organized in Washington DC. For more information read [Bullying Prevention Training Modules](#). Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius highlighted the new Training Modules in [her remarks](#).

USAID seeks private sector partnership for economic assistance to Pakistan

USPAK met with USAID officials in a planning meeting to start a private-public sector partnership model for US economic assistance for Pakistan. In these discussions, USPAK listed the need for mega projects in Pakistan in areas of energy, health care, and education. USPAK asked USAID to offer incentives to US Corporations to invest in plant and infra structure in Pakistan, and to take advantage of low labor and business costs in Pakistan.

Foreign Minister Khar meets Pakistani Diaspora

Pakistan's Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar met with Pakistan Diaspora at Pakistan Ambassador's home in Washington DC. USPAK was represented by Dr. Salman Malik and Irfan Malik at this event. [Read More](#)

US Ambassador to Pakistan meets community members

US Ambassador Designee to Pakistan Richard Olson met with community members in Washington DC. USPAK was represented by Irfan Malik.

State Department holds Eid ul-Fitr reception

Secretary Clinton delivered a powerful and personal speech about religion at an Eid ul-Fitr reception at State Department, marking the end of the Muslim holiday of Ramadan. [Read More](#). USPAK Foundation was represented by Irfan Malik at this reception.

Washington DC Iftars

USPAK was represented at the following Iftars in DC, US Congress, Department of State, USAID, Department of Agriculture, Embassy of Pakistan, and Embassy of Malaysia.

Civil Rights

USPAK takes stand against hate crimes by attending vigils

USPAK has partnered with other organizations to stand against hate crimes in wake of senseless acts of violence perpetrated on August 5, 2012, in Oak Creek, Wisconsin

USPAK members attended various vigils in different parts of the country held for the victims, Irfan Malik and Anum Malik attended vigil at White House, Dr. Saud Anwar spoke at the vigil in Connecticut, and Qaisar Shareef attended vigil in Michigan.

USPAK also partnered in writing a solidarity letter "[We are all Sikhs](#)" as support and respect for victims and Sikh community.

Coalition Demands Inclusion of Sikh Hate Crime Victims in Federal Hate Crime Statistics

A diverse group of more than 150 organizations including USPAK Foundation issued a letter calling upon the Senate Judiciary Committee to conduct hearings on hate crimes and the proliferation of hate groups in the United States.



Immigration

Civil Rights Groups Call on Obama Administration to End Immigration Partnerships with Local Police in Arizona and other States

USPAK Foundation and other Faith, labor and civil rights groups from around the nation [called on](#) the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to end partnerships with state and local police in Arizona and the five states with SB1070 copycat laws to ensure that the federal government does not aid in the implementation of these discriminatory racial profiling laws. [Read More](#)

Election 2012

To improve voter participation in upcoming elections USPAK conducted voter registration drives in CT & MD. The efforts were spearheaded by Dr. Attique & Dr. Aquil.

Press Release

USPAK condemns loss of life due to making of anti-Muslim film

The USPAK Foundation strongly condemns the violence against the US Embassies in Libya and Egypt over September 11th, 2012. The Foundation is deeply disturbed that the violent attacks resulted in the death of U.S. Ambassador to Libya Christopher Stevens and three more American officials. Ambassador Stevens was a longtime supporter of the Libyan people and helped citizens of Benghazi in achieving freedom from the Kaddafi regime. [Read More](#)

USPAK condemns attack on Gurdwara

USPAK Foundation issued a press release condemning the senseless and horrific attack on the Sikh Gurdwara in Oak Creek, Wisconsin. USPAK joined other organizations in signing a Letter of Solidarity to stand united against hate, and pledge our support for victims of hate crimes

Op-ed

USPAK asks for an end to the violence - Amina Khan

There is no doubt that the trailer of the anti-Islamic movie currently on Google is a cheap, distasteful and deliberate attempt to provoke Islamic religious sentiment and traditions. There is absolutely no doubt that the producers of the movie knew about what is held sacred in the Muslim faith, and decided to hurt those feelings deliberately. These facts are uncontroverted. This film was produced to provoke a reaction across the Muslim world. [Read More](#)