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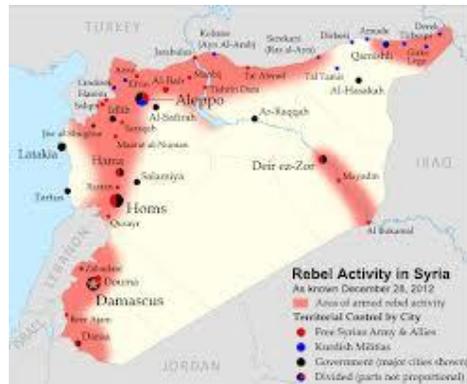
Monthly Update

January 31, 2013

2013: Off to a Good Start

State Department Support for Syria Project

In our last update, we outlined our project goals for the coming year, among which was continuing our work in Syria with the opposition leaders. Happily, **the State Department has just awarded ICRD a grant to support the conduct of additional faith-based reconciliation seminars.** The problems in Syria grow increasingly acute with every passing day, so the challenge isn't getting any easier.



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Recognition for ICRD Staffer

We are proud to announce that ICRD Program Manager **Rebecca Cataldi will be featured in an upcoming book that profiles women around the world who are working for peace.** Tentatively titled "Around the World in 40 Voices", this book by Indian author Kirthi Jayakumar will chronicle the stories of 40 inspirational women and their respective journeys in pursuit of peacebuilding.



Rebecca Cataldi conducting a training seminar in Yemen.

Congratulations to Rebecca for her exemplary work in Pakistan and Yemen, and for her dedication to peacemaking more generally.

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"Military force can never fully protect us from the type of terrorist assaults that have taken place over the past decade. Ideologies must be countered with ideas, and ideologies steeped in religion need to be challenged on religious grounds."

~ Dr. Douglas Johnston, featured in [Sojourners](#)

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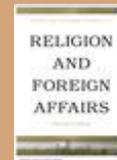
Spreading the Word

An article on our Pakistan work titled, "An Asymmetric Counter to the Asymmetric Threat", has just appeared in the January issue of *American Foreign Policy Interests: The Journal of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy*. The article describes how faith-based diplomacy is being used in Pakistan to deal with the challenges of extremism.



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With Best Wishes,

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