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**PRESS RELEASE**

**ALI SOUFAN TESTIFIES BEFORE  
U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY**

*On the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the September 11 attacks, Soufan urges vigilance  
against foreign and domestic terrorism threats*

**LINK TO TESTIMONY**

**(New York, NY – September 13, 2019)** Ali Soufan, Founder of The Soufan Center, joined national security experts at a hearing on Capitol Hill warning that the United States homeland faces a complex threat landscape of both foreign terrorist threats as well as a growing threat of domestic terrorism. Mr. Soufan spoke at a U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security hearing on ‘Global Terrorism: Threats to the Homeland, Part. I’ on September 10, 2019.

“The threat from al-Qaeda and other Salafi-jihadist groups like the so-called Islamic State remain, joined by the challenges posed by Violent White Supremacist Extremism (WSE), an ideology with a foothold in the U.S. and with tentacles stretching across the globe, from Ukraine to New Zealand and beyond,” cautioned Mr. Soufan. The panel of witnesses also included Peter Bergen, Vice President at New America; Brian Levin, Director of the Center for the Study of Hate & Extremism at California State University; and Thomas Joselyn, Senior Fellow at the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies.

**A common way forward**

The hearing was held at full committee level and House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) and ranking member Mike Rogers (R-Ala.) hoped the Committee would soon take up additional domestic terrorism legislation to better address the threat.

Echoing the call of the expert witnesses that the complexity of the present security landscape requires lawmakers to remain above partisan politics, Committee members recognized that the nature of the threat will necessitate bipartisan cooperation on both the foreign and domestic terrorism challenge.

**Relevant Links:**

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