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H. R. 6036

To require a report by the Secretary of State on whether the Haqqani Network meets the criteria for designation as a foreign terrorist organization, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan (for himself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Mr. McKEON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Haqqani Network Ter-
5 rorist Designation Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS; STATEMENT OF** 7 **CONGRESS.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) A report of the Congressional Research
2 Service on relations between the United States and
3 Pakistan states that “[t]he terrorist network led by
4 Jalaluddin Haqqani and his son Sirajuddin, based in
5 the FATA, is commonly identified as the most dan-
6 gerous of Afghan insurgent groups battling U.S.-led
7 forces in eastern Afghanistan.”.

8 (2) The report further states that, in mid-2011,
9 the Haqqanis undertook several high-visibility at-
10 tacks in Afghanistan.

11 (3) A late June 2011 assault on the Interconti-
12 nental Hotel in Kabul by eight Haqqani gunmen and
13 suicide bombers left 18 people dead.

14 (4) On September 10, 2011, a truck bomb at-
15 tack on a United States military base by Haqqani
16 fighters in the Wardak province injured 77 United
17 States troops and killed five Afghans.

18 (5) The September 13, 2011, attack on the
19 United States Embassy compound in Kabul involved
20 an assault that sparked a 20-hour-long gun battle
21 and left 16 Afghans dead, five police officers and at
22 least six children among them.

23 (6) The report further states that “U.S. and
24 Afghan officials concluded the Embassy attackers
25 were members of the Haqqani network.”.

1 (7) General John Allen, Commander, United
2 States Forces Afghanistan, has stated that the
3 Haqqanis are responsible for the deaths of hundreds
4 of United States and coalition service members, and
5 is responsible for planning and conducting high-pro-
6 file attacks against United States interests, includ-
7 ing the deadly assault on the Capital, Kabul in April
8 2012.

9 (8) In September 22, 2011, testimony before
10 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate,
11 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral
12 Mullen stated that “[t]he Haqqani network, for one,
13 acts as a veritable arm of Pakistan’s Inter-Services
14 Intelligence agency. With ISI support, Haqqani
15 operatives plan and conducted that [September 13]
16 truck bomb attack, as well as the assault on our em-
17 bassy. We also have credible evidence they were be-
18 hind the June 28th attack on the Intercontinental
19 Hotel in Kabul and a host of other smaller but effec-
20 tive operations.”.

21 (9) In October 27, 2011, testimony before the
22 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
23 resentatives, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton stat-
24 ed that “I think everyone agrees that the Haqqani
25 Network has safe havens inside Pakistan; that those

1 safe havens give them a place to plan and direct op-
2 erations that kill Afghans and Americans.”.

3 (10) On November 1, 2011, the United States
4 Government added Haji Mali Kahn to a list of spe-
5 cially designated global terrorists under Executive
6 Order 13224.

7 (11) The Department of State described Haji
8 Mali Khan as “a Haqqani Network commander”
9 who has “overseen hundreds of fighters, and has in-
10 structed his subordinates to conduct terrorist acts.”.

11 (12) The designation continued, “Mali Khan
12 has provided support and logistics to the Haqqani
13 Network, and has been involved in the planning and
14 execution of attacks in Afghanistan against civilians,
15 coalition forces, and Afghan police.”.

16 (13) According to Jason Blazakis, the chief of
17 the Terrorist Designations Unit of the Department
18 of State, Haji Mali Khan also has links to al-Qaeda.

19 (14) Five other top Haqqani Network leaders
20 have been placed on the list of specially designated
21 global terrorists under Executive Order 13224 since
22 2008, and three of them have been so placed in the
23 last year.

24 (15) Sirajuddin Haqqani, the overall leader of
25 the Haqqani Network as well as the leader of the

1 Taliban's Mira shah Regional Military Shura, was
2 designated by the Secretary of State as a terrorist
3 in March 2008, and in March 2009, the Secretary
4 of State put out a bounty of \$5,000,000 for infor-
5 mation leading to his capture.

6 (16) The other four individuals so designated
7 are Nasiruddin Haqqani, Khalil al Rahman
8 Haqqani, Badruddin Haqqani, and Mullah Sangeen
9 Zadran.

10 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
11 gress that the Secretary of State should designate the
12 Haqqani Network as a foreign terrorist organization in ac-
13 cordance with section 219 of the Immigration and Nation-
14 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

15 (c) STATEMENT OF CONGRESS.—Congress encour-
16 ages continued and thorough cooperation between the Sec-
17 retary of State and the intelligence community regarding
18 the Haqqani Network.

19 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON HAQQANI NETWORK.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
21 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of
22 State shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
23 mittees—

24 (1) a detailed report on whether the Haqqani
25 Network meets the criteria for designation as a for-

1 eign terrorist organization as specified in section
2 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
3 U.S.C. 1189); and

4 (2) if the Secretary determines that the
5 Haqqani Network does not meet such criteria, a de-
6 tailed justification as to which of such criteria have
7 not been met.

8 (b) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)
9 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
10 a classified annex.

11 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
12 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
13 sional committees” means—

14 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
15 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Select
16 Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

17 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
18 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Permanent
19 Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of
20 Representatives.

21 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
22 tion may be construed to infringe upon the sovereignty
23 of Pakistan to combat militant or terrorist groups oper-
24 ating inside the international boundaries of Pakistan.

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