U.S. Assistant Secretary Boucher Visits Peshawar and the FATA

Peshawar, January 13, 2007: Assistant Secretary of State Richard Boucher visited Peshawar and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas today to meet with tribal leaders, government officials, and to inspect U.S.-supported development efforts in the region.

"This visit demonstrates our strong U.S. commitment to working with the Pakistani government to increase development in the NWFP and FATA," the U.S. Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asia said in an interview here with Khyber AVT.

During the visit, Assistant Secretary Boucher met with NWFP Governor Ali Muhammad Jan Orakzai and 11th Corps Commander Lieutenant General Hamid Khan. He also met with the Pakistani Army Corps of Engineers, Khyber Political Agent Dr. Tashfeen Khan, tribal elders, and educators.

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