



# News Release



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## **U.S. Congress Provides Communications Equipment to Frontier Corps** (Congressional delegation commended for its dedication to Pakistan's future stability)

**Peshawar, April 7, 2007**-- Congresswoman Nita Lowey and six other members of the United States Congress visiting Peshawar presented new communications equipment to the Frontier Corps, NWFP today. This equipment is part of \$15 million worth of new equipment the United States has purchased for the Frontier Corps, NWFP and Balochistan, since 2005.

Declaring that development and diplomatic programs are "America's first line of defense," U.S. Congresswoman Nita Lowey expressed the hope that U.S. assistance provided to the Frontier Corps will "continue aiding the Government of Pakistan's positive development work in the country's tribal areas."

"This is assistance that produces tangible results – safer communities and a more stable frontier region" Congresswomen Nita Lowey observed.

"It is wonderful to see funding that we provide in Congress come to fruition in such useful ways in Pakistan," noted Congresswoman Lowey.

The Inspector General of the Frontier Corps, Alam Khattak, commended Lowey and the Congressional delegation for their dedication to Pakistan's future. "We are honored to have the members of Congress responsible for American assistance to the Frontier Corps here today," he said.

The Narcotics Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy has been working with the Frontier Corps since 9/11, providing critical security and law enforcement equipment and funding the construction of 105 border outposts on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Justice provides training assistance to the Frontier Corps.

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