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Ten Years Later: Insights on al-Qaeda's Past & Future through Captured Records

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(Washington, D.C.) – The Institute for National Strategic Studies of the National Defense University is pleased to announce that Conflict Records Research Center's (CRRC) two-day conference, "Ten Years Later: Insights on al-Qaeda's Past & Future Through Captured Records," will begin on September 13, 2011 at the National Defense University.

The conference will highlight the CRRC's collection of al-Qaeda and Associated Movements (AQAM) records. "10 Years Later" will examine what we knew about al-Qaeda before 9/11, and what we have learned over the past 10 years. It will also examine how captured records and other primary sources can contribute to our understanding of future challenges from al-Qaeda and its affiliates.

Confirmed speakers include: Congressman Mac Thornberry; The Honorable Michael Vickers; Mr. Michael Hurley; The Honorable Juan Zarate; Mr. Peter Bergen; and Dr. Thomas Hegghammer.

This conference will be of interest to scholars of national security affairs in and out of government, military officers, the diplomatic and attaché corps, and members of the media. For a full listing of confirmed speakers and panelists, please see the <u>agenda</u>. Media interested in attending the conference may arrange to do so by contacting either (202) 685-3857 or conferences@ndu.edu.

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