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### Media Advisory

## Middle East Experts to Hold Press Conference

Wednesday, Feb. 8  
10 a.m.

Two of the nation's top Middle East experts will hold a press conference at the Naval Postgraduate School on Feb. 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Former Ambassador Barbara Bodine, now Director of the Government Initiative in the Middle East at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, and Vali Nasr, NPS professor of national security affairs, will offer current perspectives on Middle East regional security issues and then answer reporters' questions.

Bodine is a former career member of the Senior Foreign Service and was U.S. Ambassador to Yemen (1997-2001) at the time of the terrorist attack on the USS Cole in 2000. Her diplomatic career included tours as deputy principal officer in Baghdad during the Iran-Iraq War and deputy chief of mission in Kuwait during the Iraqi invasion and occupation in 1990. She served as coordinator for post-conflict reconstruction for Baghdad and central governorates of Iraq in 2003.

Nasr is the author of *Democracy in Iran* (Oxford University Press, 2006); *The Shia Revival: How Conflicts within Islam will Shape the Future* (W.W. Norton, 2006); *The Islamic Leviathan: Islam and the Making of State Power* (Oxford University Press, 2001); *Mawdudi and the Making of Islamic Revivalism* (Oxford University Press, 1996); *The Vanguard of the Islamic Revolution: The Jama'at-i Islami of Pakistan* (University of California Press, 1994); and other works. He has provided expert commentary to national and international media, notably, CNN, BBC, National Public Radio, Public Radio International, News Hour with Jim Lehrer, CBS News and CBS 60 Minutes, and NBC Nightly News. His works have been translated into Arabic, Indonesian, Turkish, Persian, Chinese, and Urdu.

Media requests for credentials must be received no later than 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7. Press should contact either John Sanders or Chief Journalist Michael Martin for directions and other details.

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