

## **Senate Staff Briefing: Small Arms, Terrorism and Insurgency - Iraq and Colombia as Case Studies**

Sponsored by the office of Senator Barack Obama (IL)

**Where:** Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 138

**When:** Friday, June 2, 2pm-3pm.

Illicit small arms and light weapons are the weapons of choice for many terrorists and insurgents. Of the roughly 175 terrorist incidents identified in the 2003 U.S. State Department's Patterns of Global Terrorism report, approximately half were perpetrated with small arms and light weapons.

These weapons have been particularly devastating in Iraq and Colombia. In Iraq, terrorists and insurgents have used weapons pilfered from the deposed regime's vast stockpiles and trafficked across porous borders to shoot down military aircraft, assassinate political leaders and attack coalition troops on patrol. In Colombia, guerrilla and paramilitary groups armed primarily with small arms have waged a bloody 40-year civil war that has claimed thousands of lives and created conditions conducive to the production and trafficking of illegal drugs.

Come hear experts from the US military and the RAND Corporation talk about the acquisition and use of small arms by terrorists and insurgents in Iraq and Colombia.

**Speakers:**

Lt. Col. Robert Chamberlain, Joint Staff

Kim Cragin, RAND Corporation

**Moderated by:**

Matt Schroeder, Federation of American Scientists