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**RAHALL REACTION TO MIDDLE EAST CRISIS**

BECKLEY, W.Va. --U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) issued the following statement in light of President Bush's recent action in the Middle East crisis:

As I have from the beginning of this crisis, I strongly support the President's actions. Our forces in the region are prepared, have the necessary equipment with which to work, and now have the authority to do the necessary job.

Our prayers are with them each minute they remain away from their homes and families.

As I have also said before, it is vital that we answer the need to end once and for all the constant attacks on the West and the United States from this part of the world. Our credibility is at stake now. We have turned tail and run so many times before. President Bush is sending a clear message that the U.S. is determined to stand by its commitments to our allies and friends in the region. The President has my prayers and full support.

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