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WASHINGTON D.C. – On Friday, June 30, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time. Rosie Malek-Yonan, author of *The Crimson Field*, will be testifying on Capitol Hill before a congressional committee of the 109th Congress on religious freedom regarding genocide, massacres and persecution of Assyrians in Iraq by Kurds and Islamists. She will also be comparing the Assyrian Genocide of 1914-1918, as depicted in her epic and historical novel *The Crimson Field*, to the current plight of the indigenous Assyrian Christians in Iraq. For more information please log on to:

[http://wwwc.house.gov/international\\_relations/109/af063006.htm](http://wwwc.house.gov/international_relations/109/af063006.htm)

The hearing will likely be televised live on CSPAN and will also be webcast live. The webcast can be viewed from [http://wwwc.house.gov/international\\_relations/](http://wwwc.house.gov/international_relations/)

The transcript of Rosie Malek-Yonan's testimony will be available on the website of the U.S. House of Representatives, and will be made a part of public records.

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