

Daniel Pearl Freedom of the Press Act



President Barack Obama signs the Daniel Pearl Freedom of Press Act in the Oval office; (left to right) Congressman Adam Schiff, Martin de la Serna, Danny's son Adam, his widow Mariane, parents Judea and Ruth Pearl; Sen. Chris Dodd, sisters Tamara and Michelle.

President Obama invited our family to share this historical moment of signing the Daniel Pearl Freedom of the Press Act into law and honoring our son. We absolutely agree with the president that this Act sends a strong message for defending the freedom of the press and empowering Danny's colleagues around the world to seek the truth and share their reporting without fear of retribution from their government. The Act keeps Danny's legacy alive and continues his life's work for a better world.

The perpetrators of the despicable murder of Daniel Pearl hoped to score victory and humiliate the United States and the Jewish community. Instead, they evoked strong emotions against them and united people around the world to take a stand and defeat them. Empowered by the protection from this law, we urge Danny's colleagues around the world to seek the truth and defeat the hatred that took his life.

Ruth and Judea Pearl

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