

Witness Biography: *International Court of Justice*
William P. Milam
Senior Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center



Background:

William Milam currently serves as a Senior Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center, specializing in the Indian subcontinent. A career diplomat, Milam served from 1990 to 1993 as the US Ambassador to Bangladesh. After spending several years as the US Chief of Mission in Liberia, he served as the US Ambassador to Pakistan from August 1998 to July 2001.

What he adds to the case:

As a former US Ambassador to Pakistan, Milam has a unique vantage point on the situation. Although not currently bound to the case professionally nor politically, he has experienced the tenseness and difficulty of the situation firsthand. Furthermore, Milam has devoted his time at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars studying extensively the dynamics of the Indian-subcontinent.

View on the Issue:

Milam endorses US assistance in Indian-Pakistani talks regarding non-territorial issues in the hope of establishing a level of trust necessary to approach this topic. He further asserts that Pakistan must be willing to compromise on the issue, although he claims that it is beginning to demonstrate willingness to compromise. India, he claims, has not been as willing to compromise on this issue. He emphasizes the international significance of this conflict between nuclear states and urges the nations involved to soften their stances to allow a compromise.

Quote(s):

” On the Pakistani side there’s a definite will to move beyond where they were two years ago, and I think there’s been a good deal of forward movement.”

- William Milam in an October 11, 2005 interview with the Council on Foreign Relations.

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