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"With high-level champions of reform being gunned down for their stance, there will be no chance of reform," said Nina Shea, commissioner on the **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)** in Washington.

Ms. Shea warned that extremists are gaining the upper hand.

"They are winning the battle for the soul of Pakistan," she said.