



Guantánamo Bay

A Human Rights Scandal

About 500 people from around 35 countries are still being held without charge or trial at the US Naval Base in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

They have no access to any court, legal counsel or family visits. The US government refuses to clarify their legal status, in violation of Article 5 of the Third Geneva Convention. As their detentions enter their fifth year, **Amnesty International is renewing its call for the detention center to be closed and for all those held to be released or given fair trials according to international law.**

Reports from the detainees and their lawyers suggest that many have been subjected to torture or ill-treatment in Guantánamo or in other US detention centers. Some have embarked on a prolonged hunger strike, among them those who have requested not to be force-fed in order that they may be allowed to die. There have been numerous suicide attempts and fears for the physical and psychological welfare of the detainees increase as each day of indefinite detention passes.

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America Can Set a Higher Standard

Respect for human dignity and the rule of law are central to the pursuit of security. And yet Guantánamo has become an icon of lawlessness, with mounting evidence – including allegations by FBI agents – that Guantánamo detainees have been tortured and ill-treated.

Join Amnesty International in urging that:

- The US government end the legal limbo of all detainees;
- All those held be charged and given fair trials or released;
- They be granted full access to lawyers and families;
- They be treated humanely and granted access to their rights;
- Their families be kept informed of their legal status and well-being.

You Can Make A Difference

Learn more about what is happening at Guantánamo Bay by visiting:

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