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Guantanamo - Amnesty International global protests mark 5 year anniversary

PHOTO AND FILMING OPPORTUNITIES

Marking five years since the first transfer of prisoners to Guantanamo Bay, Amnesty International is planning a series of events across the world to demand the immediate closure of the detention centre. These include:

In the USA... In Washington DC at 10:30 (local time) a press conference will be followed by a rally, co-hosted by the Center for Constitutional Rights, on the steps of the U.S Supreme Court

When: 11 January 2007

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In New York City, vigil and prayers to close Guantanamo

When: Thursday 11 January, 12.00 - 13.30 p.m (local time).

Where: Foley Square, Manhattan, New York

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In the UK... Guantanamo Bay camp will be recreated outside the US embassy in London. Hundreds of people in orange boiler suits will be kneeling in the "stress" position, patrolled by uniform-clad "US guards" with large dogs on leashes.

When: 11 January 2007

Time: 10.30 - 11.20 (local time)

Where: US embassy, 24 Grosvenor Square, London W1A 1AE

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In Spain... The US embassy in Madrid will be presented with an instruction sheet on 'How to Close Guantanamo', together with 120,000 signatures of people calling for Guantanamo's closure.

When: 11 January 2007

Time: 11.00 (local time)

Where: US embassy, Calle Serrano 75, Madrid

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In Italy... caged campaigners in orange overalls will protest in Rome's central square, together with activists dressed as guards. Italian celebrities will read out testimonies written by Guantanamo detainees.

When: 11 January 2007

Time: 17.30 - 18.30 (local time)

Where: Piazza di Pietra, Roma

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In Israel... a demonstration will be held, collecting messages of protest to be sent to the US Ambassador in Israel

When: 10 January 2007

Time: 11:00 - 15:00 (local time)

Where: in front of the US Embassy in Tel Aviv on the Tel Aviv Beachfront walkway.

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In Japan... former Guantanamo detainees Ruhel Ahmed and Shafiq Rasul, part of the 'Tipton Three', will attend a screening of The Road to Guantanamo and take part in a panel discussion.

When: 13 January 2007

Time: Screening: 14.30 - 16.00 followed by panel discussion: 16.25 - 17.50 (local time)

Where: Hatsumei Kaikan Hall, Toranomom, Minato-ku, Tokyo

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In a related event, former Guantanamo detainees Ruhel Ahmed and Shafiq Rasul will be at a press conference to launch the film Road to Guantanamo.

When: 11 January 2007

Time: 15.00 (local time)

Where: Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan, Yurakucho Denki North Building 20F, Tokyo

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Further events are planned in many other countries. For more information on these and on Amnesty International's global campaign to close Guantanamo, please go to:

<http://web.amnesty.org/pages/guantanamobay-index-eng>

Public Document

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