

## ACT NOW:

- All governments should join Amnesty International's call for the closure of Guantánamo and sign up to Amnesty International's Framework to end illegal US detentions.\*
- No government should transfer anyone to US custody in circumstances where they could be detained outside the protections of international law, or in cases where they could face trial by military commission.
- No state should provide any information to assist the prosecution of military commission trials.

Call on your government to act in accordance with these recommendations.

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IN GENERAL, MOST COUNTRIES SIMPLY DO NOT WANT TO HELP.  
COUNTRIES BELIEVE THIS IS NOT THEIR PROBLEM. THEY THINK  
THEY DIDN'T CONTRIBUTE TO GUANTÁNAMO, AND THEREFORE THEY  
DON'T HAVE TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.

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# ILLEGAL US DETENTIONS

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Governments around the world can play a key role in ending illegal US detentions in the “war on terror”. Among other things, they can protest to the US authorities about illegal detentions, provide lasting protection for detainees released from Guantánamo and elsewhere, and oppose all unlawful transfers of detainees between countries.

**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL  
MAKES THE FOLLOWING  
RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Governments who have nationals detained in Guantánamo who wish to return to their home countries should discuss this with US authorities as a matter of priority, with a view to ensuring their release if they are not to be promptly charged and given a fair trial in accordance with international standards.
- These governments should raise concerns about the conditions of detention and treatment of their nationals and ensure that relatives of the detainees are being fully informed of developments in their cases and provided with information on their welfare.
- Governments must ensure that anyone returned from Guantánamo is humanely treated and released unless they are to be charged and tried in accordance with international standards and without recourse to the death penalty.
- Other governments should consider accepting released detainees who cannot be returned to their home countries, especially countries of former habitual residence or where they have close family or other ties.
- All governments should reject conditions attached to detainee transfers requested by the US authorities that would violate the receiving country’s obligations under international human rights law.