

# MOHAMED AL-QAHTANI

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**“The threat of the death penalty and the shock of the charges... had a devastating impact upon Mohamed al-Qahtani’s already badly compromised physical and mental condition. I am concerned that he will not survive Guantánamo.”**

Mohamed al-Qahtani’s US lawyer, 16 May 2008

Mohamed al-Qahtani has been in Guantánamo since February 2002. For about six months from August 2002 he was held in total isolation and subjected to sleep deprivation, loud music, bright lights, hooding, intimidation by dogs, stress positions, various forms of humiliation and 20-hour interrogation sessions. He quickly showed signs of extreme psychological distress. All the involvement of health professionals in his torture has left him distrustful of doctors.

After Mohamed al-Qahtani was charged in February 2008 with offences punishable by death, he apparently tried to kill himself. The charges were dropped in May 2008 and he was returned to indefinite detention.

## ACT NOW

Call on the US authorities to:

- Ensure that an independent investigation into the torture and other ill-treatment of Mohamed al-Qahtani is conducted and that the perpetrators are brought to justice.
- Release Mohamed al-Qahtani unless he is promptly recharged and fairly tried before a federal court that excludes as evidence any information obtained under torture or other ill-treatment.

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