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USA: Guantánamo must be closed immediately

In reaction to the US administration's postponed meeting regarding the future of the detention centre at Guantánamo Bay, including the possibility of its closure, Amnesty International said:

"Yesterday's cancelled meeting about the future of the detention centre at Guantánamo Bay should be rescheduled as a matter of priority. Every day that this prison camp remains open is a day too many."

"It is more than a year since President Bush first said he would like to close Guantánamo. While there are undoubtedly challenges to closing the facility, the solution in principle is simple, and the government must turn its energies to this end. It should either charge the detainees with recognizable criminal offences and bring them to trial in the ordinary civilian courts, or it should release them with full protections against further abuses. Other governments should do all they can to bring an end to this human rights scandal and actively consider accepting released detainees."

For more information, including Amnesty International's framework for the closure of the US detention centre at Guantánamo Bay, please see:

United States of America: Justice delayed and justice denied? - Trials under the Military Commissions Act (Page 69)
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGAMR510442007>

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