Close Guantánamo Flotilla

The Close Guantánamo Flotilla [link to www.amnesty.org/guantanamoflotilla] is an interactive online campaign to close the US detention facility at Guantánamo.

The campaign, part of Amnesty International's campaign to Close Guantánamo [link to: www.amnesty.org/closeguantanamo], seeks to pressure the US Government to close Guantánamo once and for all and to immediately release the detainees unless they are to be charged and given a fair trial.

The campaign is asking people from all around the world to take part in a virtual journey to Guantánamo, in a unique opportunity to demand access to the detention centre. Despite repeated requests, the US government continues to refuse independent human rights organizations or UN representatives access to detainees at the facility.

By signing up to the Flotilla, internet users also become part of on an on-line community of cyber activists against human rights violations in the "war on terror". As the journey progresses, travellers receive e-mail updates that mark the pass to a next step and give action opportunities.

Tens of thousands of people have joined the Flotilla since its launch on 11 January 2007. The action is in English, Spanish, French, Dutch and Arabic.

Joining only takes a minute. The site allows the users to check how many people have joined and where they come from.

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Join the Flotilla

When you join the Flotilla , you create your own virtual personality. You choose your outfit, accessories, and hair, pick your mode of transport to Guantánamo and the message that better suits your feelings about the detention facility. Your message will be displayed with your character alongside your name and country.

Invite your friends

You can invite your friends, colleagues and relatives to join the Flotilla and travel with you to confront injustice. It is fairly easy and you can invite up to 22 people at a time.

Find your friends

One of the more interesting aspects of the Flotilla is that you can use the search tool to see whether your friends have already joined.

You can search by simply entering their name or email in the search field. This allows users to check out their friend's virtual personality: how they have designed their outfits, their message and also their method of travel.

Banners

Amnesty International is asking internet users worldwide to spread the word about this campaign, in order to create an online social community that is united in calling for the closure of Guantánamo. AI has created flotilla banners [link to http://web.amnesty.org/pages/stoptorture-bannersflotilla-eng) that can be posted on websites or blogs. HTML banners are available in various sizes and languages, including in English, Spanish, French, German and Arabic. Other sizes and languages are available upon request [link to: mail to: comments_guantanamoflotilla@amnesty.org].

External Links:

- Close Guantánamo Flotilla [link to: www.amnesty.org/guantanamoflotilla]
- Amnesty International's campaign to Close Guantánamo [link to: www.amnesty.org/closeguantanamo]
- HTML Flotilla Banners [link to http://web.amnesty.org/pages/stoptorture-bannersflotilla-eng].