



There are currently around 510 detainees at the US naval base in Guantánamo Bay, and more than 750 people have been detained there since "war on terror" detainees were first moved there in January 2002. None of the Guantánamo detainees has had the lawfulness of their detention subjected to judicial review, although it is a year since the US Supreme Court ruled that the US courts have jurisdiction to hear appeals from them. So far 167 detainees have been released from the camp and 67 have been transferred to the custody of other governments, according to the Department of Defense.

**Cruel. Inhuman. Degrades us all.  
Stop torture and ill-treatment in the "war on terror"**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English or your own language:**

- welcoming reports that detainees are being given adequate clean water and improved food, and are allowed to have detainee representatives address their grievances to the camp authorities;
- reiterating concern at the harsh conditions in Camp V, and calling for detainees to be allowed regular contact with their families, adequate time to exercise during daylight and access to adequate medical care;
- calling for Guantánamo detainees to be released unless charged with a recognizably criminal offence and tried in full accordance with international standards for fair trial;
- calling for the Guantánamo Bay prison facility to be closed, while seeking assurances that detainees will not be transferred to countries where they will be at risk of torture, or continuing prolonged, indefinite detention without charge or trial
- calling for an independent investigation into allegations that detainees have been tortured and subjected to cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment in the Guantánamo Bay detention facility

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and to diplomatic representatives of the USA accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 27 September 2005.