

# DR AYMAN BATARFI

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## Years in Guantánamo without charge

**Dr Ayman Batarfi, a 38-year-old orthopaedic surgeon, has been held in Guantánamo without charge or trial for nearly seven years. He is one of dozens of Yemeni detainees remaining in Guantánamo, despite calls by the Yemeni authorities to repatriate them.**

According to his US lawyers, Dr Batarfi was volunteering at a clinic in Jalalabad in eastern Afghanistan in late 2001 when Northern Alliance forces overran the city. He tried to return to Pakistan with other civilians but became trapped in the mountains during US bombing. After being turned over to US custody by Afghan forces, possibly in return for a bounty, he was held at US detention facilities in Afghanistan for several months before being transferred to Guantánamo in May 2002. His years of indefinite detention in Guantánamo have included long periods of isolation and repeated interrogations. He has never been charged by the US authorities with any offence.

## ACT NOW

Call on the US authorities to:

- Release Dr Ayman Batarfi if he is not promptly charged and brought to full and fair trial before a US federal court.
- Make every effort to resolve the cases of Yemeni nationals held in Guantánamo in full compliance with international law and as part of closing the Guantánamo detention facility.

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