

WEB UPDATES – TACTICAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST TORTURE

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Short summary

Guantánamo deaths: tragic reminders of camp's lawlessness

On Saturday 10 June, three Guantánamo detainees were found dead in their cells. The inmates had apparently hanged themselves.

There must be a fully independent investigation led by civilians into the deaths. The US government must give UN experts immediate and unrestricted access to Guantánamo detention centre and allow them to talk privately with detainees.

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Quote 1

Moazzam Begg, released without charge in January 2005 after being detained in Guantánamo for more than three years, was interviewed on TV Channel 4 on 11 June 2006:

**"The reality is that people when they are in prison, even when they've been convicted of crimes, resort to suicide. So can you imagine if someone hasn't even had the opportunity to defend themselves in court or who had any access to the legal norms that we would understand or any meaningful communication - that they're completely and utterly desperate and there's no access or recourse to law or justice."
"You don't like waking up every day. Every day is every week that turns into a month, turns into a year. You just don't want to wake up sometimes."**

Quote 2

Ruhal Ahmed, a UK national released without charge in March 2004 after being detained in Guantánamo for over two years, said to Amnesty International:

"This is devastating news. The death of a prisoner in custody is a test for the US government to prove whether they are humane or not. The US administration says that the deaths are part of a wider plot. This is nonsense. Why can it not be said that this was a very sad end to the lives of these individuals?"