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## USA: President Obama's first 100 days on counter terrorism in numbers

**Three** executive orders and **one** memorandum were signed by President Barack Obama on 22 January 2009, ordering the closure within a year of the US detention centre in Guantánamo; an end to the CIA's long-term secret detention programme and the banning of "enhanced" interrogation techniques; a review of detention and detainee transfer policy, and a review of the case of Ali al-Marri, the one "enemy combatant" held on the US mainland at the time of inauguration.

**One** Guantánamo detainee has been released since President Obama took office.

Approximately **240** detainees are still held in Guantánamo.

**No** Guantánamo detainee has been charged by the new administration. Ali al-Marri has been charged for trial in federal court.

At least **three dozen** people believed to have been held in the USA's secret detention programme remain unaccounted for, their fate and whereabouts unknown.

**More than 500** men continue to be detained without charge, trial or judicial review of their detentions at the US air base in Bagram, Afghanistan.

The Justice Department reveals that the CIA had destroyed **92** interrogation videotapes made in the secret detention program. The tapes may have contained evidence of torture and other human rights violations.

Memos released by the Obama administration record that Khalid Sheikh Mohammed was waterboarded **183** times in March 2003 and Abu Zubaydah **83** times in August 2002, in the USA's secret detention programme.

**No** person has been brought to justice for torture or enforced disappearance – both crimes under international law -- committed in the CIA programme. **0** victims of human rights violations were given meaningful access to redress and remedy.

See Amnesty International's report "[Mixed messages: Counter terror and human rights President Obama's first 100 days](#)"