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Title: How to close Guantánamo?

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Phone your US embassy, send an email to President Bush, speak out for justice! Find an event near you and protest against Guantánamo. Tell your friends and ask them to spread the word. These are some of the top 10 things that you can do **today** to close Guantánamo.

Feature

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Today marks five years since the US authorities first transferred “war on terror” detainees to the detention camp in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

Despite widespread international condemnation, hundreds of people of more than 30 nationalities are still there, without charge and with little hope of obtaining a fair trial. Though US authorities have repeatedly called the detainees "terrorists" and "killers", many have been released without charge.

Enough is enough!

Join activists worldwide TODAY in showing solidarity with the detainees and their families, demanding once more, and louder than ever, that the US Government closes Guantánamo!

What can you do TODAY to close Guantánamo?

1. If you are from a country outside the USA, contact your US Embassy

Write to and call your US Embassy today calling for Guantánamo to be closed and for detainees to either be released with full protections or charged and tried in full and fair proceedings.

Please follow the steps below:

STEP 1 – Send an email

Go to <http://web.amnesty.org/pages/usa-100106-action-eng> and paste the letter into an email and send it to your US ambassador.

Alternatively, you can print the letter and fax it or post it.

If you prefer to write your own appeal, please read our letter writing guide.

[<http://www.amnesty.org/campaign/letter-guide.html>]

STEP 2 – Phone in

Ring your US embassy [<http://usembassy.state.gov/>], give your name and country and say that you want to make a complaint about the US detention centre in Guantánamo Bay.

Tell the staff if you have already sent an email..

Say that you are concerned that hundreds of detainees remain held in the camp, with no charge, access to justice or right to challenge their detention (*habeas corpus*).

Call for the closure of Guantánamo and ask for the detainees to be released unless they are to be charged and given a fair trial in regular courts.

Thank the person you are speaking to for giving you their time.

STEP 3 – Ask your friends to do the same today!

2. Send an email to President George W. Bush

Write to President Bush [<http://takeaction.amnestyusa.org/siteapps/advocacy/index>] and call on him to close Guantánamo and bring the detainees to trial or release them..

3. Sail, fly, windsurf with the Close Guantánamo flotilla!

This extraordinary journey, a unique opportunity to express your opposition to Guantánamo, will help to pressure the US government to close the camp once and for all.

Join us and invite your friends to travel with you to confront injustice!

4. Get involved locally!

Find an event near you or contact your nearest AI office [<http://web.amnesty.org/contacts/engindex>]. Visit our Close Guantánamo blog for activism opportunities in many countries.

5. Say ‘Close Guantánamo’ on camera

You want Guantánamo closed? Say/sing/act it on camera in a 5 to 10 seconds video clip! If you can, shoot your video at a recognisable landmark from your city or your country.

Watch here a compilation of some of the videos received so far.

[http://noise.amnesty.org/site/c.adKIIVNSEkG/b.2336123/k.8CD4/Make_an_Impact.htm]

6. Speak out and challenge

Alert all your email contacts. Write to your local newspapers, magazines and on-line media, or contact your local radio and TV station expressing your concerns about Guantánamo and asking them to link to your ‘close Guantánamo’ website. Contribute to blogs and chat rooms.

7. Tell your friends about Guantánamo Bay.

E-mail this page and ask them to spread the word.

8. Subscribe to our free E-Magazine. [<http://web.amnesty.org/pages/stoptorture-emagazines-eng>]

Our newsletter is a great way to keep up with breaking news, action opportunities and other updates about this campaign.

9. Learn more about Guantánamo.

Read about the latest developments, listen to people talk about their experiences in Guantánamo, access detailed reports. Staying informed is staying involved.

[<http://web.amnesty.org/pages/guantanamobay-index-eng>]

10. Put these banners on your site or blog.

Right-click on the banner image and choose "Save image as..." or you can use the HTML provided below. [[link to Close Guantánamo banners and/or AI flotilla](#)]

LINKS

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Go to the official list of US embassies to find the telephone, fax and email of the US Embassy in your country: <http://usembassy.state.gov/>

Box 1

If you are from the USA, go straight to point 2.

Box 2

If you are from the USA, send an email to President Bush through the AIUSA website [<http://takeaction.amnestyusa.org>]