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Guantánamo: Ten years on, still open, still violating human rights

- Amnesty International experts on Guantánamo available for interview ahead of the 10th anniversary on 11 January 2012.
- Guantánamo Press Pack with a new report, case studies, facts and figures, images and timeline available.

On the 10th anniversary of the first detainees being transferred to Guantánamo, Amnesty International is calling on President Obama to end detentions at this notorious US prison and bring to an end this systemic attack on human rights.

In a report published ahead of the anniversary, *Guantánamo: A Decade of Damage to Human Rights*, Amnesty International highlights the unlawful treatment of Guantánamo detainees and outlines 10 'anti-human rights' messages the detention centre continues to send out to the world.

Despite President Obama's pledge to close the Guantánamo detention facility by 22 January 2010, 171 men were being held there in mid-December 2011. At least 12 of those transferred to Guantánamo on 11 January 2002 were still held there. One of them is serving a life sentence after being convicted by a military commission in 2008. None of the other 11 has been charged.

Events on 11 January 2012

Amnesty International supporters are marking the 10th anniversary with a series of events across the world. This includes a human chain in orange jump suits stretching from the White House to Capitol Hill in Washington DC.

To request a copy of the press pack including the report: *Guantánamo: A Decade of Damage to Human Rights*, to arrange an interview or further details on the events taking place please contact:

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The five cases highlighted in the press pack are:

- Abd Al Rahim Hussayn Muhammed Al Nashiri (Saudi Arabian national): Subjected to torture and enforced disappearance, now facing an unfair trial by military commission, and possible execution.
- Abu Zubaydah (Saudi Arabian national): Subjected to enforced disappearance, torture and other ill-treatment, and now in indefinite military custody without charge or criminal trial.
- Musa'Ab Omar Al Madhwani (Yemeni national): No accountability despite judicial finding of abuse; held without charge or trial; unsuccessful habeas corpus petition. Seeking Supreme Court review.
- Mohamedou Ould Slahi (Mauritanian national): Subjected to torture or other ill-treatment in Guantánamo, indefinite detention without charge or trial, won habeas ruling, reversed on appeal.

- Binyam Mohamed (Ethiopian national, British resident): Released from US custody, still seeking redress for human rights violations.

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