

WEB UPDATES – TACTICAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST TORTURE

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2000 days of Guantánamo

Summary for torture homepage

On 4 July, the USA celebrates its Declaration of Independence. Ironically, this day also marks 2,000 days since the first transfer of “war on terror” detainees to Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

Feature

4 July is a day for celebration in the USA. It’s the anniversary of its Declaration of Independence which also enshrines these principles: “all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”

The bitter irony is that, this year, 4 July also marks 2,000 days since the US administration transferred the first “war on terror” detainees to Guantánamo.

Approximately 375 detainees remain held in Guantánamo, many in conditions that amount to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment. US authorities have asserted that between 60 and 80 of these detainees will eventually face trial by military commission, a substandard and discriminatory system of justice that AI is calling on the USA to abandon.

At least 15 ‘high value’ detainees have been transferred to Guantánamo in the past year from secret CIA custody, affirming Guantánamo’s central role in the USA’s network of unlawful detentions in the “war on terror”.

Each day that Guantánamo stays open is one day too long.

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