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USA: Amnesty International to issue assessment of President Obama's first 100 days on counter terrorism detention policies

On 29 April 2009, Amnesty International will publish a report assessing the new US administration's first 100 days in office in relation to detentions conducted in the context of counter-terrorism.

The Amnesty International report looks at human rights steps regarding counter terrorism policies taken and not taken by the new administration including in relation to detentions at Guantánamo Bay and the US airbase in Bagram, Afghanistan, and the question of accountability for human rights violations, including crimes under international law, committed in the context of what the Bush administration dubbed the "war on terror".

"President Obama's first 100 days in office have brought some welcome changes on these issues, but also provide some cause for serious concern," said Rob Freer, US researcher at Amnesty International. "Our report assesses this mixed record, and makes recommendations to the US government for the days, months and years ahead."

Amnesty International's experts will be available for interviews in English, Spanish, French and Arabic.

Pre embargo copies of the report will be available upon request.

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