

Petition to Close Guantanamo

Dear President George W. Bush:

We the undersigned urge you to take immediate steps to close the prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. For more than five years, the US has imprisoned more than 700 men from about 45 nations in Guantanamo.

Guantanamo prisoners are subjected to human rights violations. In addition to torture or other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment, some prisoners have been subjected to unfair trial proceedings; others have been rendered to third countries that torture. Still others have been disappeared into secret CIA prisons.

By continuing to insist the US has the right to detain people indefinitely without access to due process, and outside the rule of law, you have placed the US squarely on the wrong side of history.

All Guantanamo prisoners should be charged immediately and be given a fair trial, or released unconditionally and not sent anywhere where they would face torture or other human rights abuses. It is time to bring this nation back into the community of nations as a country that upholds human rights and the rule of law.

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