

# Guantánamo by the Numbers: What You Should Know & Do About Guantánamo

**779** or so men have been brought to and held in Guantánamo since January 2002, all of whom were Muslim.

**604** men have been transferred from Guantánamo.

**166** men remain imprisoned at Guantánamo.

**92** percent of the men ever held in Guantánamo are not "Al-Qaeda fighters," by the U.S. government's own records.

**86** men have been cleared for release from Guantánamo but remain in detention, including 56 men from Yemen.

**46** men are slated for indefinite detention without charge or trial. The government claims they can neither be released nor prosecuted.

**22** or more prisoners were under 18 when captured.

**12** or more men fear torture or persecution in their countries of nationality. These men will remain in detention until other countries offer them safe havens and a chance to rebuild their lives.

**10** years or more is the length of time most men have been held at Guantánamo without charge or trial.

**9** men have died in the prison, more than the number convicted in military commissions.

**2** men have been forcibly transferred by the Obama administration to Algeria, despite their credible fears of abuse in Algeria.

**0** senior government officials have been held accountable for the wrongful detention and torture at Guantánamo.

**0** men detained have been transferred under the congressional restrictions in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

## What you can do ...

**1. CONTACT the White House and tell President Obama that he must fulfill his promise to shut down Guantánamo.** It is now his second term, and he must act to prevent Guantánamo from becoming a permanent and dark part of his legacy. All the detained men should be charged in a fair court or released, and indefinite detention must come to an end.

ADDRESS: The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20500. NUMBER: 202-456-1111

**2. WRITE Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and demand that the State Department:**

- **Publicly disclose the names of all 86 detained men approved for transfer, and take immediate steps to release them.** Even President Bush disclosed this information; President Obama should not have made it secret. Having released a partial list of names, the government should take the next step of releasing the men themselves.

- **Transfer detained men who have countries willing to accept them.** Over half of the men imprisoned at Guantánamo have been cleared for release and most could leave tomorrow if the blanket ban on repatriations to Yemen were lifted, and if the government did more to facilitate resettlement for the men who need safe homes in new countries. The Obama administration has effectively ceased transfers and this is a trend that must be reversed.

- **Announce an end to forced repatriations of men to countries where they fear torture, including Algeria.** About 12 detained men have expressed strong fears of returning to their countries of origin, and they should not be repatriated against their will. The Obama administration has already forcibly repatriated two Algerian men, & CCR's client Djamel Ameziane fears that same fate. This policy of forcible transfers must end.

ADDRESS: Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW, Washington DC 20520

**3. CONTACT Attorney General Eric Holder and demand the Department of Justice hold U.S. officials accountable for torture & other serious violations of international law at Guantánamo & other U.S. detention sites.** The Attorney General should appoint an independent prosecutor with a full mandate to investigate & prosecute those responsible for torture and other war crimes, as far up the chain of command as the facts may lead. DoJ must also reverse its policy of opposing civil actions brought against U.S. officials by victims of the U.S. torture program or families of those who died at Guantánamo.

ADDRESS: Attorney General Eric Holder, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20530. EMAIL: AskDOJ@usdoj.gov . NUMBER: Public Comment Line (202) 353-1555

**4. SIGN and DISTRIBUTE** our petition "Close Guantánamo with Justice Now": <http://ccrjustice.org/close-gtmo-petition>

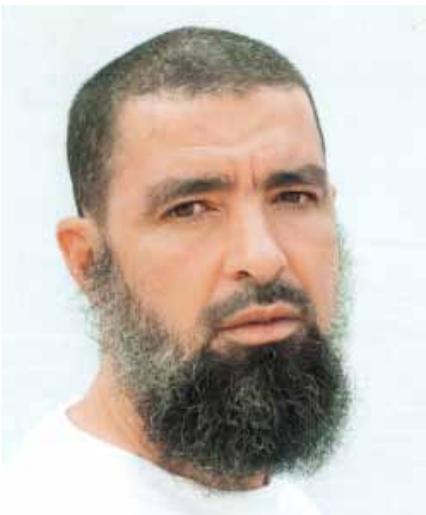
# Djamel Ameziane, Algerian Man Detained in Guantánamo Needs Urgent Humanitarian Protection and Resettlement

"Djamel Ameziane . . . **will be at risk of** . . . grave human rights violations if transferred to Algeria."

—*Amnesty International, August 19, 2008*

**"All necessary measures must be taken** to ensure Djamel Ameziane is not transferred to a country where he would face persecution."

—*Inter-American Commission on Human Rights  
Urgent Precautionary Measures issued August 20, 2008*



Age:	Born on April 14, 1967
Place of Birth:	Algiers, Algeria
Ethnicity:	Berber
Education:	college diploma
Languages:	French, English, Arabic, German
Residences:	Vienna, Austria; Montreal, Canada
Employment:	chef; hydraulics technician
Personal interests:	soccer, cooking, drawing, writing, reading mystery novels
Status:	detained since February 2002 without charge; cleared for release since October 2008

"I have only ever wanted . . . to live quietly and peacefully in a country where I would not suffer persecution. That is still my goal."

"I request that another country grant me asylum or family reunification, and agree to resettle me as a refugee."

—*Djamel Ameziane, June 10, 2008, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba*



Drawings by Djamel Ameziane at Guantánamo