

Guantánamo by the Numbers

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- ☑ First detainees brought to Guantánamo: January 11, 2002.¹
- ☑ Number of detainees currently held at Guantánamo: 176.²
- ☑ Total number of detainees ever incarcerated at Guantánamo: 779.³
- ☑ Total number of detainees transferred from Guantánamo: 597, with about 525 repatriated.⁴
- ☑ The number of detainees recommended by the task force held indefinitely without charge: 48.⁵
- ☑ Detainees who have won their habeas corpus petitions (who federal judges have determined have been unlawfully held): 38.⁶
- ☑ Detainees who have lost their habeas corpus petitions: 14.⁷
- ☑ Detainees approved for release by the Obama Administration: 97.⁸
- ☑ Transfers out of Guantánamo since President Obama took office: 63.⁹
- ☑ Number of countries that Guantánamo detainees have been transferred to, from the Middle East, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and the Caribbean: 50.¹⁰
- ☑ Detainees sent to the U.S. for trial: One. Ahmed Ghailani was transferred June 9, 2009.¹¹ Five detainees, including alleged mastermind of the 9/11 attacks Khalid Sheik Mohammed, will be transferred to New York for trial in federal court.¹²
- ☑ Detainees released by the Bush Administration: More than 500.¹³
- ☑ Chinese Uighurs released from Guantánamo: Five were transferred to Albania and ten have been sent to the islands of Palau and Bermuda.¹⁴ Switzerland has resettled two of them,¹⁵ and in February 2010 Palau had extended an invitation to those remaining.¹⁶

¹ <http://projects.washingtonpost.com/quantanamo/timeline/>

² http://voices.washingtonpost.com/checkpoint-washington/2010/07/two_quantanamo_detainees_head.html

³ http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/us_and_americas/article5425956.ece

⁴ <http://projects.nytimes.com/quantanamo>, http://voices.washingtonpost.com/checkpoint-washington/2010/07/two_quantanamo_detainees_head.html

⁵ http://media.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/nation/pdf/GTMOtaskforcereport_052810.pdf

⁶ <http://www.miamiherald.com/1339/story/322461.html>

⁷ http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/us_law/PDF/habeas-decisions-gitmo-detainees.pdf

⁸ <http://www.andyworthington.co.uk/2010/07/12/quantanamo-the-definitive-prisoner-list-updated-for-summer-2010/>

⁹ <http://projects.nytimes.com/quantanamo/timeline>

¹⁰ <http://projects.nytimes.com/quantanamo/transfer-countries>, http://voices.washingtonpost.com/checkpoint-washington/2010/07/two_quantanamo_detainees_head.html

¹¹ <http://projects.nytimes.com/quantanamo/detainees/10012-ahmed-khalfan-ghailani>

¹² <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/11/13/AR2009111300740.html>

¹³ http://www.globalsecurity.org/security/library/policy/national/090122-exec-order_quantanamo-bay.htm

¹⁴ <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/01/world/asia/01uighurs.html>; <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iz5PF3FdBzhDua1GoRn6iYV5haFQ>

¹⁵ <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/8584386.stm>

¹⁶ <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jBVEdGJ1HqCSQD9NQ9t9BLVG7eOfw>

FACT SHEET

- ☑ **Yemenis transferred from Guantánamo:** 22 Yemenis have been transferred to Yemen,¹⁷ of the approximately 112 Yemenis who have ever been detained at Guantánamo.¹⁸ Of the 90 Yemeni detainees currently held at Guantánamo, some 30 Yemenis were eligible for immediate repatriation or resettlement in third countries as of January 2010, and one was released to Spain in May 2010.¹⁹ There are another 30 whose release is contingent upon dramatically stabilized conditions in Yemen.²⁰ The United States suspended the repatriation of Yemeni detainees in early 2010, but Mohammed Hassen (or Odaini) was then repatriated to Yemen in July 2010.²¹
- ☑ **Prisoners who have died at Guantánamo:** Six. Two Saudis and a Yemeni in June 2006 (alleged suicides by hanging); another Saudi in May 2007 (alleged suicide by hanging); an Afghan in December 2007 (alleged colon cancer); and a Yemeni in June 1, 2009 (alleged suicide).²²
- ☑ **Last known arrival:** Muhammed Rahim al Afghani, described as a high-level al Qaeda captive, on March 14, 2008.²³
- ☑ **Last known departure:** An unnamed detainee transferred to Spain and a second unnamed detainee transferred to Latvia, both on July 21, 2010.²⁴
- ☑ **Date military commissions first established, by military order:** November 13, 2001.²⁵
- ☑ **Number of times military commissions have been re-vamped:** Three.²⁶
- ☑ **Captives convicted by military commission:** Four: David Hicks under a plea agreement, now free in his native Australia; Salim Hamdan of Yemen, who was sentenced to 66 months, with credit for time served, was released in January 2009 to live with his family;²⁷ Ali Hamza al Bahlul, also of Yemen, was sentenced to life, after his refusal to take part in the trial;²⁸ and Ibrahim Ahmed Mahmoud al-Qosi, from Sudan, under a plea agreement, the first conviction by the Obama Administration.²⁹
- ☑ **Cases involving detainee rights that have gone before the U.S. Supreme Court:** Five.³⁰
- ☑ **Times Supreme Court justices have sided with the detainees:** Four.³¹
- ☑ **International terrorists convicted in U.S. Federal Courts between 9/11/01 and 3/18/2010:** over 400.³²
- ☑ **Convicted terrorists currently being held in U.S. prisons:** 355, including 216 international terrorists, and 139 domestic terrorists.³³
- ☑ **Number of convicted international terrorists who have escaped from any part of the federal prison system:** ZERO.³⁴
- ☑ **Number of detainees recommended for federal court trial:** six; number of detainees recommended for transfer: 126.³⁵

¹⁷ <http://projects.nytimes.com/quantanamo/transfer-countries/yemen>

¹⁸ <http://projects.nytimes.com/quantanamo/country/yemen>

¹⁹ <http://projects.nytimes.com/quantanamo/country/yemen>

²⁰ <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/01/21/AR2010012104936.html?hpid=topnews>

²¹ http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2010/07/01/the_lwot_odaini_to_return_to_yemen_uk_under_pressure_on_interrogations

²² <http://www.miamiherald.com/1339/story/322461.html>

²³ <http://www.miamiherald.com/1339/story/322461.html>

²⁴ http://voices.washingtonpost.com/checkpoint-washington/2010/07/two_quantanamo_detainees_head.html

²⁵ <http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2001/11/mil-011113-milorder.htm>

²⁶ <http://projects.washingtonpost.com/quantanamo/timeline/>, <http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/paperchase/2009/10/house-passes-amendments-to-military.php>.

²⁷ <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/iraq/article4488863.ece>

²⁸ <http://www.reuters.com/article/newsMaps/idUSTRE50A2JR20090111>

²⁹ <http://www.andyworthington.co.uk/2008/10/27/an-empty-trial-at-quantanamo/>

³⁰ <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iSnYtLdPe0aYIsxWJFTIO0hjBYjwD9GGFHCO0>

³¹ <http://www.miamiherald.com/1339/story/322461.html>

³² <http://www.miamiherald.com/1339/story/322461.html>

³³ <http://www.justice.gov/cjs/docs/terrorism-convictions-statistics.pdf>

³⁴ <http://www.usdoj.gov/opa/pr/2009/June/09-ag-564.html>

³⁵ http://www.nytimes.com/2009/06/17/us/17victorville.html?_r=3

³⁶ http://media.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/nation/pdf/GTMOtaskforcereport_052810.pdf