



Guantanamo Bay Fact Sheet

6.5 x 8 feet – approximate size of cell in Guantánamo

1805 – number of days that hundreds have been held at Guantánamo Bay without charge or trial as of December 10, 2006

430 – Approximate number of people in custody at Guantanamo Bay as of November 17, 2006¹

14 – number of “high value detainees” held at Guantanamo²

13 – age of Mohammed Ismail Agha when taken into US custody in Afghanistan in late 2002 before later being transferred to Guantanamo³

10 – number of people in Guantanamo who have been charged with any crime

Attempted Suicides⁴

350 – incidents of self-harm in Guantanamo Bay in 2003

120 – incidents were “hanging gestures” in 2003

110 – incidents of harm/suicide were reported for 2005

34 – number of prisoners whose self-harm incidents were labeled “attempted suicide” by the US since January 2002

23 – number of prisoners that tried to hang or strangle themselves in August 2003

21 – number of the 23 prisoners whose attempts were written off as “attention-getting” gestures

2 – number of the 23 prisoners classified as attempting suicide.

3 – number of prisoners who died in detention of apparent suicides at Guantanamo Bay⁵

Detained without Adequate Proof⁶

55% – percent of detainees not determined to have committed any hostile acts against the United States

40% – percent of detainees who have no definitive connection with Al Qaeda

18% – percent of detainees who have no definitive connection with Al Qaeda or Taliban

8% – percent of detainees characterized as Al Qaeda fighters

Bought Detainees⁷

At the time when the United States offered large bounties for capture of suspected enemies:

86% – detainees were not detained on the battle field but were instead arrested by either Pakistan or the Northern Alliance and turned over to United States custody

66% – detainees were captured by Pakistani authorities

20% – detainees were captured by the Northern Alliance/Afghan authorities

8% – detainees were captured by the US authorities

3% – detainees were captured by other coalition forces

¹ “Detainee Transfer Announced,” Defenselink, 16 October 2006.

<http://www.defenselink.mil/Releases/Release.aspx?ReleaseID=10081>

² “President Discusses Creation of Military Commissions to Try Suspected Terrorists”

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2006/09/20060906-3.html>

³ Constable, Pamela, “An Afghan Boy’s Life in US Custody,” The Washington Post, 12 February 2004.

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⁴ “Mass Guantanamo Suicide Protest,” BBC News, 25 January 2005.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/4204027.stm>

⁵ “Guantanamo suicides ‘acts of war’” BBC News, June 11, 2006

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/5068606.stm>

⁶ Results based on CSRT report data extracted by Seton Hall University study.

http://law.shu.edu/news/guantanamo_report_final_2_08_06.pdf

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