



ACTION GUIDE:

Transfer the Three People Cleared to Leave Guantánamo

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Astoundingly, of the 15 people still held in the so-called “war on terror” detention facilities at Guantánamo, there are three people that the U.S. government years ago cleared to leave—but they remain stuck.

They are Muieen Adeen Abd al Sattar (Omar al-Farouq), who is an ethnic Rohingya; Guled Hassan Duran, who is Somali; and Ismael Ali Faraj al Bakush, who is Libyan. Each has been in U.S. custody for over two decades. Each has been approved for transfer out of Guantánamo by the U.S. government, based on a unanimous determination by U.S. military, intelligence, and law enforcement agencies. They all require resettlement, with their consent, in third countries that will respect, protect, and fulfill their human rights—yet the US government is letting them languish.

Holding anyone without charge or fair trial—and subjecting them to torture—is both illegal and immoral.

The detentions at the United States’ naval station at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba must end. The men held there in relation to the so-called ‘war on terror’ long ago should have been brought to fair trials in accordance with international standards or released to a country, with their consent, where their human rights would be respected, but multiple U.S. administrations, with the complicity of Congress, have failed to do that.

On January 11, 2027, it will be 25 years since the first so-called “war on terror” detainees arrived at Guantánamo in January 2002. This detention regime was from the outset, and to this day remains, incompatible with international human rights law. It continues to generate significant concern around the world because of the ways in which it has flouted applicable law and basic standards of decency: indefinite detention without charge or trial; military commission proceedings that fall short of international fair trial standards; torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment; and impunity for crimes under international law.

Join Our Community of People Worldwide Taking Action to Shut it Down!

Right now, as a step toward closing Guantánamo, we at Amnesty International USA are focused on calling on the Trump administration to finally transfer the three people cleared for transfer.

To convince the administration to do this, Amnesty International supporters in the U.S. and all around the world are sending messages—whether via social media, email, letters, phone calls, or through demonstrations, petition gathering, or other creative means—to the White House. And people in the U.S. are also urging their two Senators and their Representative in Congress to put pressure on the administration. **Will you join us?**



- 1) **Press the administration to transfer the three people cleared to leave:**
 - a. [Sign and share the petition to the White House here.](#)
 - b. **Submit a comment** to the White House comment form ([instructions are here](#))
 - c. **Write a letter** or send a postcard to the White House ([instructions are here](#))

- 2) **Urge your two Senators and your Representative in Congress to press the administration to transfer the three people cleared to leave:**
 - a. **Call their offices** via the Congressional switchboard (202) 224-3121. You can say: *Hello, I am calling from (city, state) to urge (Senator/Representative____) to press the administration to transfer the three men held at Guantánamo who are cleared to leave. They should be transferred, with their consent, to a country that will respect, protect and fulfill their human rights. It is unacceptable that they are still held after over 20 years, The detentions at Guantánamo are illegal and immoral. They must end."*
 - b. **Then, follow up with an email** to their office, including the full names of the three people cleared to leave—you can pull text from the first page of this document and the documents linked in it.
 - c. **Please let us know** if you call and email—and how it went—we can use the total number of calls and emails in our follow up advocacy with Congress and the administration. Contact us at campaigns@aiusa.org

- 3) **Join a monthly vigil** near you to close Guantánamo, they are listed here: <https://www.amnestyusa.org/campaigns/close-guantanamo/>, or organize your own—we are here to help at campaigns@aiusa.org.

- 4) **Get creative!** Come up with your own ideas for you and your community to pressure the administration and Congress to transfer the people cleared to leave and close the detention facilities for good! For example, you could table at an event and collect petition signatures, or write a letter to your local paper, or organize a film screening—the list is endless so pick what is most exciting to you and that you think can make an impact, especially on your Members of Congress. We are here to help: campaigns@aiusa.org

- 5) **Join Amnesty International USA's network of volunteers** working to close Guantanamo: email campaigns@aiusa.org. We'd love to have you in our community!