

SOLIDARITY ACTION GUIDE

10 YEARS TOO MANY: NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST GUANTÁNAMO

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**ACT ON THIS SHAMEFUL 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF
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CAN'T WAIT!**

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Message from the Coalition to Close Guantánamo & End All Unjust Detentions

Dear Ally,

Can't make it to Washington, D.C. on January 11, 2012, to mark the shameful tenth anniversary of the opening of the detention camp at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba? Can't join us in our effort to create the largest [public demonstration](#) ever demanding that it be closed? Or perhaps you are joining us, but are also willing to take other actions to build the pressure to close Guantánamo, as President Obama promised he would do within a year on his second day in office?

Then this "Solidarity Action Guide" is for you.

Compiled by Amnesty International USA, the Center for Constitutional Rights, Code Pink, National Religious Campaign Against Torture, No More Guantánamos, Voices for Creative Non-violence, and Witness Against Torture, this solidarity action guide provides information about what you can do to raise awareness in your community and make an impact.

January brings two important anniversaries that offer good opportunities for organizing. **January 11, 2012**, is the tenth anniversary of the arrival of the first so-called "war on terror" prisoners at Guantánamo, the majority of whom remain men who were simply in the wrong place at the wrong time when they were captured. **January 22, 2012**, is the third anniversary of the Executive Order mandating the closure of the detention camp at Guantánamo within a year. The Obama administration has not only failed to fulfill the Executive Order, but has also extended some of the worst aspects of the Guantánamo system by continuing indefinite detentions without charge or trial, employing illegitimate military commissions to try some suspects, and blocking accountability for torture both by refusing to conduct independent and thorough investigations and by attempting to prevent the courts from reviewing lawsuits brought by formerly detained men.

Act to help us close Guantánamo and secure transparency at all U.S.-run detention sites and ensure accountability for the abuses that happen within them.

Sincerely,

Coalition to Close Guantánamo & End All Unjust Detentions

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TAKE ACTION ONLINE

Email

* Use this [sample email](#) (below and online at www.nrcat.org/guantanamo_activities) to urge the President to close Guantánamo. [Urge your friends](#) to send emails, as well. Language provided by NRCAT.

Subject: I Support Closing Guantánamo

Dear President Obama:

Shortly after you took office, you made a historic decision to halt our nation's use of torture and to close the detention center at Guantánamo Bay. Unfortunately, the details of how to close Guantánamo have proven to be more difficult than almost anyone imagined.

I am writing today to thank you for your decision three years ago to close Guantánamo, and to encourage you to continue devoting your full attention to the issue. Countries must be found to accept those detainees who are not a threat, and those detainees who are a threat must face a fair trial. We cannot allow the legacy of torture, abuse and indefinite detention, as symbolized by the detention center at Guantánamo, to continue.

While the steps to close Guantánamo are hard, please know that your Administration has allies on this issue. People of faith from around the country see Guantánamo as a symbol of the immoral and illegal use of torture, and we know how important it is for Guantánamo to be closed.

Thank you again for your attention to this historic issue.

Sincerely,

* EMAIL: Sign Amnesty International's global petition against Guantánamo at www.amnestyusa.org/closegitmo. We need 100,000 signers by January 22nd so please share it with your friends!

Twitter

* Help draw attention to and create the biggest possible rally to "Close GTMO" in DC on Jan. 11, 2012, by spreading the word online. Tweet these 3 Facebook links about the rally: [10 Years Too Many: National Day of Action Against Guantánamo, January 11](#) , [National Day of Action Against Guantanamo](#) , and [January 11: National Day of Action Against Guantanamo in Washington DC!](#) Use #CloseGitmo.

* Share the action link www.amnestyusa.org/closegitmo on Facebook and Twitter, use #CloseGitmo. Follow us @ZekeJohnsonAi . Also follow @theCCR

* Read, sign, and share the petition "Close Guantánamo with Justice Now" <http://ccrjustice.org/close-gtmo-petition> on Facebook and Twitter, use #CloseGitmo. It provides a short narrative of GTMO and lists demands critical to closing it in a just fashion.

Facebook

Change Your Profile Picture from January 1-10 to tell President Obama to close Guantánamo. (Profile photo Below Left is available on CCR’s Facebook page under the [photo album “Printable Signs for Jan. 11, 2012 “Close GTMO” Rally](#)).

Change Your Profile Picture on January 11-22 to the photo of Djamel (below right). Make your status “*Free Djamel Ameziane! Ten Years Too Many: CLOSE GTMO NOW!*” (Profile photo Below Right is available on CCR’s Facebook page under the [photo album “Printable Signs for Jan. 11, 2012 “Close GTMO” Rally](#)).



For more information about Djamel and his case visit [Center for Constitutional Rights](#)

* Join and invite your friends to these 3 Facebook pages about the January 11, 2012 national rally in DC to Close Guantánamo: [10 Years Too Many: National Day of Action Against Guantánamo, January 11](#) , [National Day of Action Against Guantanamo](#) , and [January 11: National Day of Action Against Guantanamo in Washington DC!](#)

TAKE ACTION BY MAIL

Tips on Writing a Letter to the Editor

Be brief

150 words or less is a good rule of thumb.

Get local

Editors are generally more interested in letters that highlight the local impact of a domestic, national, and/or global issue.

Ask for specific action by specific officials

Elected officials and their staff members carefully monitor newspapers to gauge local opinion.

Be timely**Demonstrate your reach**

If you know that your opinion is shared by others (a statement by your national faith group for example), mention it.

Be polite and respectful

Avoid personal attacks.

Personalize your letter

Brainstorm personal or local ties to the topic.

Letters to the Editor

See [these tips](#) on writing letters to the editor (provided by NRCAT): www.nrcat.org/LTE.

See Amnesty International's "**Media Activism Guide**" (pp.16 – 28) for tips, facts and samples.

Visit **NRCAT** or **AIUSA** for a full list of tips.

Write to Guantánamo

The British organization **Reprieve** has names, information about and addresses for many Guantánamo men. For information on these men and how to write them please visit:

<http://www.reprieve.org.uk/articles/writetoGuantanamo/>

Letter on behalf of Shaker Aamer

For more case information and to find a sample letter, visit [AIUSA](#).

YOUR MESSAGE

Message Recipients: Jeh Johnson - General Counsel, Department of Defense, Hillary Rodham Clinton (Democrat), Barack Obama (Democrat) - President

Subject: The UK wants Shaker Aamer returned

Dear (recipient name),

I am writing to urge you to either charge and fairly try Guantanamo detainee Shaker Aamer in US federal court, or release him to the UK--as the UK government has requested.

Shaker Aamer, a former UK resident, has been held without charge at the US detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for nearly 10 years—despite the UK government's repeated requests that he be returned to his wife and four children in London.

February 2012 will mark the tenth anniversary of his detention without charge by the US government at Guantanamo.

Indefinite detention is a human rights violation, it must end. All Guantanamo and Bagram detainees must either be charged and tried in courts that meet international standards for fairness, such as a US federal court, or be released to countries where their human rights will be respected.

DEMONSTRATE

Local Organizing Resources

Can't come to DC? Don't have enough money? Don't want to bloat your carbon footprint? Organize a local demonstration or vigil on January 11, 2011. Stand with those in Washington and around the country who say "Ten Years of Shame, Ten Years Too Many: Close GTMO."

Organize a group to stand in front of your local congressional offices, federal building, court building or on a prominent and visible corner. Mobilize your community by holding film screenings and discussions. Organize a holiday letter writing party to the men at Guantánamo.

Write security@aiusa.org to let the coalition know if you're organizing a local January 11 demonstration, and we can add your numbers to the 2,770 who will stand for justice and accountability on that day!

* Post your photos to the coalition members' facebook pages, including: www.facebook.com/swhrcampaign & [10 Years Too Many: National Day of Action Against Guantánamo](http://www.facebook.com/10YearsTooMany)

Tips for a Successful Demonstration

- Chose a strategic location: outside the office of your federal Senators or Representatives; a courthouse; or a busy location
- Use Amnesty International's Action Guide for tips: <http://bit.ly/vWyJHY>
- Build your own replica cell. See the Action Guide (above) for how to do it.
- Make signs that say "No Guantánamo. No Torture. No Excuses" or "Obama: Close GTMO"
- Wear orange or black.
- Download and print signs for your demonstration from www.ccrjustice.org/closegitmo .
- Hand out AIUSA's action sheet: <http://bit.ly/uTFfSX>
- Publicize your event to the Media: use Amnesty's "Media Activism Guide" (see pp.16 – 28)

Where to Buy Jumpsuits?

Short sleeved cloth orange jumpsuits are \$16.00 plus shipping available at [national textile](http://www.nationaltextile.us/inc/sdetail/98/496) (<http://www.nationaltextile.us/inc/sdetail/98/496>).

Involve your faith community ([www.nrcat.org/guantanamo activities](http://www.nrcat.org/guantanamo_activities))

* Organize an interfaith prayer service, candlelight vigil or other form of public witness on either Wednesday, January 11, or Sunday, January 22. You could include a reading of [the names of the 171 prisoners](http://www.nrcat.org/names_of_the_171_prisoners) who remain in custody; more than half of whom have been ordered released by U.S. courts.

* Use NRCAT's [interfaith prayer and bulletin insert](http://www.nrcat.org/interfaith_prayer_and_bulletin_insert) during one or more of your worship services and display an anti-torture banner during the month of January – maybe your congregation already has one or you can [purchase a banner through our online store](http://www.nrcat.org/store) (www.nrcat.org/store).

San Francisco's "Day of Action Against Guantánamo" January 11, 2012 at 12:00pm

* To mark the 10th anniversary of unlawful counterterrorism detentions at Guantánamo and call for an end to indefinite detention and unfair trials, join a growing group in Solidarity with the Washington, D.C. demonstration. For more information visit [Witness Against Torture](http://www.witnessagainsttorture.org) or contact endgitmo@gmail.com.



LOBBY

Pass a Local Resolution to Assist in the Safe Resettlement of Cleared Guantánamo Detainees

There are men detained at Guantánamo who have been cleared for transfer but cannot leave because of congressional bans currently in place or because there is no country that is willing to offer them a home.

Visit [No More Guantánamos](#) for more information and sample resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS

- Urge Congress to remove bans on the movement of cleared Guantánamo detainees to the U.S.; and
- Make known that upon the lifting of Congressional bans and approval by the Department of Homeland Security, one or more cleared detainees will be offered a welcome to {your community} which has offered private support

Send a Postcard to the President

Visit www.nrca.org/gitmo2012_postcards for more info about postcards to President Obama.

Postcards to President Obama

ACTIVITIES: POSTCARDS

Ask people to complete postcards urging the President to continue working to close Guantanamo.

The post cards can be mailed to the White House. If the postcards will be mailed individually, please be sure to have stamps available. The second page of the [postcard document](#) has the White House address for printing on the reverse side. If you are collecting a large number of postcards for hand delivery or to mail together as a package, you could just print page 1 and individuals could write a personal note on the blank side.

Options for Printing Postcards

- Print at your home or organization's office on postcard paper, such as [Avery® 5689](#) (4 cards per sheet, each card is 5-1/2" x 4-1/4") - [Download the postcard file](#) (PDF).
- FedEx Office – While in no way endorsing FedEx Office, we've prepared detailed instructions for using their online order system. It will take about 5-10 minutes to place the order and then you can have them shipped to you or pick up at a local FedEx Office store. 200 postcards will cost less than \$25. [Download the instructions](#) (PDF).
- Use any local or online printing company – [Download the postcard file](#) (PDF).

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FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION

Provided by Witness Against Torture (WAT)

Organize a film screening and discussion on a film about Guantánamo and/or torture

Suggested films:

- **The Response** at www.theresponsemovie.com
- “[Repairing the Brokenness: A Faithful Response to U.S.-sponsored Torture](#)” from NRCAT’s

Tips for presenting “The Response”

- View a trailer of The Response at www.theresponsemovie.com
- Email security@aiusa.org for a free loaner DVD (supplies limited!)
- Use Amnesty International’s Action Guide for tips: <http://bit.ly/vWyJHY>
- Invite speakers. Email us for suggestions and look at our Speakers List: <http://bit.ly/oV8FIo>
- Hand out our action sheet: <http://bit.ly/uTFfSX>
- For other film ideas, email security@aiusa.org
- Publicize your event to the Media: use our “[Media Activism Guide](#)”
- Post photos to our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/swhrcampaign

Addition Films for Information and Inspiration

Justice Denied: Voices from Guantánamo

Former Guantánamo detainees are usually painted as one-dimensional caricatures and we rarely get to know them as people. What were their lives like before Guantánamo? What are they doing now that return over? What are their hopes, dreams and fears? What kinds of personalities do they have? By using video and the art of story telling, this short ACLU film gives us more reason to care about the important issues that surround indefinite detention.

Five stories of men released from Guantánamo can be watched together or separately. Moazzam Begg, Omar Deghayes, Bisher al-Rawi and two of the Tipton Three, Ruhai Ahmed and Shafiq Rasul. Information available at <http://www.aclu.org/indefinitedetention/video.html>.

Info: 9:30 long, available online.

Directed by Joel Engardio and produced by Ategh Khaki and Joel Engardio

The Guantánamo Trap

At Guantánamo Bay detention camp, history has proved that concepts of right and wrong can all too easily become distorted by expediency and ambiguity. This program examines the lives of high-profile individuals from both sides of the razor wire who have intimate knowledge of the horrors of Gitmo: Murat Kurnaz, a former inmate who was detained without trial for five years; former Navy officer Matthew Diaz, whose career was ruined by disclosing classified names of detainees to the Center for Constitutional Rights; Diane Beaver, author of a notorious memo defending the use of extreme interrogation techniques; and criminal prosecutor Gonzalo Boye, who has set himself the task of bringing representatives of the Bush administration to justice for crimes against humanity.

Written and directed by Thomas Waller, 56 minutes long, released in 2011

For more information, visit <http://www.Guantánamotrap.com/>

For more information, email pressGuantánamotrap@gmail.com

4 Days Inside Guantánamo

The New York Times says: “Painfully stark yet utterly magnetic, “You Don’t Like the Truth: 4 Days Inside Guantánamo” presents excerpts from the 2003 interrogation of the 16-year-old Omar Khadr, a Canadian citizen accused of killing an American soldier during a firefight in an Afghan village.

“Working from seven hours of recently declassified tapes, the Montreal-based filmmakers Luc Côté and Patricio Henriquez have assembled an even-tempered glimpse behind a very dark curtain. What we see is a blurry, black-streaked box, the faces of Mr. Khadr’s Canadian interrogators hidden behind cartoonish smudges. This gives them a disturbingly jaunty look as they fiddle with an asthmatic air-conditioner and proffer cartons of fast food, their fake bonhomie soon descending into psychological cruelty.”

Written, produced and directed by Luc Côté and Patricio Henriquez.

Running time: 1 hour 39 minutes.

<http://www.youdontlikethetruth.com/>

Gitmo: The New Rules of War

This film began when the directors Tarik Saleh and Erik Gandini take a trip to Guantánamo for a ‘tour’ when the US decided to open it up to foreign press. But prisoners were nowhere in sight. Back in Sweden, the investigation continues into what exactly is going on in "Gitmo," as insiders call the base? Saleh’s and Gandini’s friendly, almost naive questions sometimes yield surprisingly candid answers. Interviews are alternated with brazenly inserted speeches by Bush, Bin Laden and Donald Rumsfeld.

Information: Erik Gandini and Tarik Saleh, 2005, Sweden, 80 minutes long

You can watch the full documentary online at

<http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/gitmo-the-new-rules-of-war/>

Outside the Law: Stories from Guantánami

This must-see film tells the story of Guantánamo Bay Detention center, looking at how the Bush administration turned its back on domestic and international laws, how prisoners were rounded up in Afghanistan and Pakistan without adequate screening, and why some of these men may have been in Afghanistan or Pakistan for reasons unconnected with militancy or terrorism.

The film focuses on the stories of three prisoners - Omar Deghayes (released in December 2007), Binyam Mohamed (released in February 2009), and Shaker Aamer (still held), and features interviews with former prisoners Moazzam Begg and Omar Deghayes.

'Outside The Law' provides a powerful rebuke to those who believe that Guantánamo holds “the worst of the worst” and that the Bush administration was justified in responding to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 by holding men neither as prisoners of war, protected by the Geneva Conventions, nor as criminal suspects with habeas corpus rights, but as “illegal enemy combatants” with no rights whatsoever.

Polly Nash and Andy Worthington

2009,UK, 75 minutes long, available for order online at the cost of 10 pounds

http://www.spectacle.co.uk/catalogue_production.php?id=538

The Road to Guantánamo

This award winning film documents the personal accounts of Ruhul Ahmed, Asif Iqbal and Shafiq Rasul - three young British men from Tipton in the West Midlands of Pakistani and Bangladeshi origins who travelled to Pakistan in September 2001 just days after the September 11 terrorist attacks in the USA, ostensibly to a wedding of a friend of theirs. While staying at a mosque in Karachi, the three decided to take a rash and dangerous trip to Afghanistan to see first-hand the encounters of the region. Mixing interviews with the three men themselves and archive news footage from the period, the film contains an account of the three men's experiences from their travels into Afghanistan and to their capture and imprisonment. In January 2002, the 'Tipton Three' were declared "enemy combatants" by the US military, and flown with dozens of other alleged Taliban and al-Qaeda fighters to Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, where they remained for the next two years. They were held in mostly solitary confinement without charge or legal representation.

Michael Winterbottom, Mat Whitecross

2006, UK, 95 minutes long

This movie is available for instant streaming or DVD on Netflix, and FreeDocumentaries.com at <http://freedocumentaries.org/film.php?id=82>

Taxi to the Dark Side

This Academy Award for Best Documentary feature (2008) was directed by American filmmaker Alex Gibney. The film focuses around the controversial death in custody of an Afghan taxi driver named Dilawar. Dilawar was beaten to death by American soldiers while being held in extrajudicial detention at the Bagram Air Base.

Taxi to the Dark Side also goes on to examine America's policy on torture and interrogation in general, specifically the CIA's use of torture and their research into sensory deprivation. There is description of the opposition to the use of torture from its political and military opponents, as well as the defense of such methods; the attempts by Congress to uphold the standards of the Geneva Convention forbidding torture; and the popularization of the use of torture techniques in shows such as 24. The film is said to be the first film to contain images taken within Bagram Air Base.

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You can watch the full documentary online at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XWerXHS893U> .

Learn more at HBO, <http://www.hbo.com/documentaries/taxi-to-the-dark-side/index.html>

SUGGESTED CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Provided by Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR)

Jan. 1 – Make it your **New Year’s Resolution** to draw attention to the shameful tenth anniversary of GTMO on January 11, 2012, and make sure the injustice of the island-prison, and the plight of the men who remain detained there, are not forgotten. Commit to completing all ten actions below between January 2-11. Forward this list to ten people and get them to commit too!

Jan. 2 – **Get the word out online!**



* **Change Your Profile Picture from January 1-10** to the photo saying “Obama Close GTMO”, downloadable on CCR’s Facebook page under the [photo album “Printable Signs for Jan. 11, 2012 “Close GTMO” Rally.](#)

* Invite friends to the coalition’s national rally in DC to Close GTMO on CCR’s [Facebook](#) page, and commit to joining us on January 11, 2012 if at all possible.

* Read, sign, and disseminate the [Close Guantánamo with Justice](#) petition. Let all your Facebook friends, email contacts and co-workers know that you support the immediate closure of Guantánamo.

Jan. 3 – **Write your congressperson** a letter telling them to close GTMO and end Congressional restrictions preventing the release of men who have been cleared by the US government for release. To find your congressperson go to the [U.S. House of Representatives](#) website. To find your U.S. Senator, visit the [Senate](#)’s website.

Jan. 4 – **Support Witness Against Torture (WAT)** activists who were arrested in the House gallery on June 23, 2011, after engaging members of Congress about the continuing crime of Guantánamo. They go to trial on January 3, 2012. You can show your support by coming to the courthouse, signing up for trial updates, posting their [press release](#) on Facebook and twitter, and joining their fast from January 2nd – 12th, 2012. Visit [WAT](#) for more information.

Jan. 5 – **Write Secretary of State Hillary Clinton** and demand that the State Department:

1) *Publicly disclose the names of the 89 detained men approved for transfer.* Even President Bush disclosed this information, & there is no reason for President Obama to make this information secret. He promised more transparency & less secrecy in government. Releasing the names of the cleared men will help us advocate for their freedom.

2) *Transfer detained men who have countries willing to accept them.* Over half of the men imprisoned at Guantánamo have been cleared for release, & most could leave tomorrow if the blanket ban on repatriations to Yemen were lifted, & 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, & this is a trend that must be reversed.

3) *Announce an end to forced repatriations of men to countries where they fear torture, including Algeria.* Over 20 detained men have expressed strong fears of returning to their countries of origin, & 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**

Jan. 6 – Contact Attorney General Eric Holder & demand the Department of Justice:

- 1) *Hold U.S. officials accountable for torture & other serious violations of international law at Guantánamo & other U.S. detention sites.*
- 2) *Appoint an Independent Prosecutor with a full mandate to investigate & prosecute those responsible for torture & other war crimes, as far up the chain of command as the facts may lead.*
- 3) *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.*

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

Jan. 7 – Situate GTMO in the larger context of unjust US detentions.

GTMO is a deeply important but single piece of a larger unjust US detention system. While precise data on the use of solitary confinement nationwide is elusive, we know that at least 20,000 individuals are held in solitary confinement in America's Supermax prisons, while tens of thousands more are held in isolation in other prisons and jails. *Like water boarding, prolonged solitary confinement does not leave marks on the body, but it does constitute severe torture.* Some pre-trial suspects have been held for over five years in solitary confinement, decimating their capacity to effectively participate in their own defense.

** Contact the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) and the Department of Justice today and demand an end to prolonged solitary confinement in federal prisons and jails; Contact state correctional departments and demand an end to its use in state prisons.*

While racism has long affected which populations are subjected to solitary confinement and other abhorrent prison conditions, a pattern of religious profiling is also emerging. Muslim prisoners are being disproportionately sent to units such as the Communications Management Units (CMUs), where their contact with the outside world is severely restricted, without due process.

** Demand that the BOP and DOJ institute a transparent process before designating individuals to CMUs, and end their practice of racial and religious profiling.*

See text box above for Department of Justice contact info.

**WRITE: Federal Bureau of Prisons
320 First St. NW, Washington DC 20534
CALL: (202) 307-3198 EMAIL: info@bop.gov**

Jan. 8 – Print out the **Close Guantánamo poster**. Put it up on your home windows, on your office window or door, on the back windows of your car, and share with friends. Post on every telephone pole on your block! Posters are available on our [Facebook](#) page and will be available on at www.ccrjustice.org/closegitmo in early January.

Jan. 9 – **Write a letter to a current Guantánamo detainee**. Visit [Reprieve](#) for the names and addresses for current detainees. Let them know they are not alone. We will stand in solidarity with them until Guantánamo is closed and they receive just trials!

Jan. 10 – **Call the White House** comment line to tell President Obama that you haven't forgotten his broken promise to close Guantánamo. Let him know that you still demand that he act to close Guantánamo and end indefinite detention by charging or releasing the men who remain. To write, call or email President Obama find information on [the White House website](#) (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/write-or-call#write>).

- **Jan. 11** – **Join the rally in DC or organize a local demonstration** in front of a government building or at a busy spot in your own town. It doesn't have to be big for you to be seen in your community! Download and print signs for your demonstration from www.ccrjustice.org/closegitmo.



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CLOSE GUANTÁNAMO

of the Executive Order mandating the closure of the detention camp at Guantánamo within a year.

RECOMMENDED READING / RESEARCH

Provided by Witness Against Torture (WAT)

I. Who's Still Being Held At Guantánamo

This is the list of detainees currently held at Guantánamo. McClatchy Newspapers used secret U.S. military intelligence summaries provided by WikiLeaks to determine who was still being held there. April 29, 2011

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2011/04/29/113407/secret-files-reveal-whos-still.html>

List of Men in Guantánamo, Washington Post

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/nation/Guantánamo_names.html

Wikipedia list of Guantánamo Bay men

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Guantánamo_Bay_detainees

Printable List (PDF) from NRCAT: www.nrcat.org/gitmo_names

II. Basic Information About Guantánamo:

Guantánamo Timeline, Washington Post,

<http://projects.washingtonpost.com/Guantánamo/timeline/>

Guantánamo by the Numbers

http://www.ccrjustice.org/files/9.15.11_Guantánamo%20by%20the%20Numbers.pdf

Reprieve UK, Guantánamo Work

<http://www.reprieve.org.uk/Guantánamo/>

No More Guantánamos, a Massachusetts based organization, has a great “Learn More” page

<http://www.nogitmos.org/learnmore>

III. Basic Information About Bagram:

American Civil Liberties Union, Freedom of Information documents

<http://www.aclu.org/national-security/bagram-documents-released-under-foia>

Redacted List of Bagram Detainees from Defense Department

<http://www.aclu.org/national-security/redacted-list-detainees-held-bagram-air-base>

Andy Worthington Annotates the Redacted List

<http://www.andyworthington.co.uk/bagram-the-first-ever-prisoner-list-the-annotated-version/>



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S MEDIA ACTIVISM GUIDE

Use this guide to write a "Letter to the Editor" or Op-Ed calling for the closure of Guantánamo! Questions? E-mail security@aiusa.org.

How to work with the media

Engage your local media to promote your *10 Years Too Many: National Day of Action Against Guantánamo* event and to increase awareness about security with human rights.

How to: Engage online and alternative media

Join the conversation online and on air by offering human rights commentary about Guantánamo. Follow AIUSA on Twitter and re-tweet breaking news about security and human rights. Also Tweet details about your events with the hashtag #CloseGitmo. Become a fan of AIUSA on Facebook and repost reports about the national day of action to your profile and how to join. Be sure to link back to additional resources on AIUSA's website.

How to: Get your message on the radio

Call early in the program even though you may still be put on hold. Be prepared to answer questions or address statements made by the show's host about the national day of action but always remember that your real target audience is the show's listeners. Have two or three key points prepared to make sure you get your message across, using simple statements, words and images (please see this year's messaging). Assume listeners do not know much about the topic so be sure to construct your statements to have the greatest appeal. Follow-up your call by visiting the show's website to post additional commentary as well as AI resources.

How to: Write a letter to the editor

Editorial pages can be used effectively to promote AIUSA's work by offering a brief response to an article or adding a missing perspective. Length, accuracy and timing are key. Consult papers for submission guidelines. Generally letters should be 150-250 words and include the headline and date of the original article. Make one or two key points with specific facts to back you up. Submit your letter via email with your contact information the same day to increase the odds of getting published. Please reference Amnesty International or your AIUSA affiliation to show readers, especially policymakers, that human rights activists are engaged in current affairs.

How to: Use events as media opportunities

Submit a media advisory to the local media, including the local *NPR* station and *Associated Press* daybook editor, 3-5 days before the National Day of Action Against Guantánamo. Invite local public figures (politicians, athletes, musicians, actors) to increase interest and submit rally details to event calendars of traditional and online media. Take photographs of the rally and submit them electronically to your weekly paper and post on social media within 48 hours.

How to: Write a media advisory (Please see template)

Issued a few days before your event, a media advisory will provide journalists and planning editors with basic information for your *10 Years Too Many: National Day of Action Against Guantánamo* event and should answer the questions: WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, and WHY. Brevity is key: on one page clearly state the news value of your event and any photo opportunities with props to build interest. A catchy headline, list of speakers with titles, contact information and a quote (if space permits) should also be included. Distribute the advisory via email 3-5 days before the event and make follow-up pitch calls to assignment editors 1-2 days before the event. Pitch calls should be brief, between 10 am and 2 pm before journalists are on deadline and include a clear ask for the outlet to cover your event.

Helpful tips

Reporters are interested in a local angle; emphasize you are a local group of a global organization that represents more than 3 million members engaged in an international day of awareness. Beware of acronyms. Stick to your three talking points and repeat, repeat, repeat. When you've answered the question to your satisfaction, STOP TALKING. Build a press list of reporters and contact your regional office for help.

JANUARY 11, 2011 MESSAGING AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Overall message:

President Obama, keep your promise and shut down the U.S.-controlled detention center at Guantánamo Bay. It is a symbol of a decade of damage to human rights. Military commissions must be abandoned, and the United States needs to return to the rule of law.

President Barack Obama signed an executive order on the second day of his presidency that would shut down the U.S detention facility in Guantánamo Bay.

- President Obama said after signing the executive order, “The message that we are sending the world is that the United States intends to prosecute the ongoing struggle against violence and terrorism and we are going to do so vigilantly and we are going to do so effectively and we are going to do so in a manner that is consistent with our values and our ideals.”
- The executive order clearly comports with Obama's campaign pledge to close Gitmo and set a one-year timeline, which has been delayed for almost three years.

The U.S. detention facility at Guantánamo Bay is a symbol of how the United States has failed to respect the rule of law and human rights in its response to 9/11, and how it is still failing a decade later.

- The Obama administration’s adoption, virtually wholesale, of George W. Bush’s “global war on terror” has ensured a continued assault on human rights principles and the nation’s bedrock principle of the rule of law.
- U.S. authorities must work to unblock the domestic political impasse now preventing resolution of the Guantánamo detentions and to address the detentions as a human rights issue. Guantánamo cannot be forgotten due to indecision in U.S. domestic politics.
- Gitmo weakens our national security by increasing the number of enemies we face and reducing the number of allies we have to work with; endangers American lives; damages our reputation and principles; and is a stain on America’s image and moral authority. Closing Gitmo is critical to “reasserting American leadership” and “retaking the moral high ground in the fight against terrorism.”
- Those who cling to keeping GITMO open continue to perpetuate the Bush/Cheney era strategy of invoking fear to score political points, of seeking political victories instead of doing what’s right to protect our country.

Military commissions must be abandoned. The U.S. government should either charge the detainees and ensure fair trials or release them.

- Guantánamo detainees should either be charged and prosecuted in fair trials in federal courts or released to countries that will respect their human rights.
- Military commissions, despite revisions, do not meet international fair trial standards.
- Any detainee whom the United States does not intend to prosecute should be released.
- It is shameful that the United States has failed to provide the victims and the general public the opportunity to see those accused of responsibility for the 9/11 attacks brought to justice in fair trials.
- As long as the prison remains open it deters some other allies from cooperating with the United States in the war against terror.

Background

Amnesty International's previous media messaging around Guantánamo has focused on a "Close Guantánamo!" headline. For this 10th anniversary the message is broader, more analytical, and acknowledges that domestic U.S. politics is blocking a resolution on the detentions.

Guantánamo continues to be used as an effective recruiting tool for al-Qaeda. As the Arab spring continues to encourage democracy across the Middle East, we should eliminate one of the last effective propaganda tools left at our enemies' disposal.

Guantánamo puts our troops and citizens abroad in danger. Most recently, American hikers imprisoned in Iran reported that their guards justified their imprisonment and abuse because Guantánamo remains open.

When President Obama signed the executive order, Amnesty International said, "Amnesty International commends President Obama and his administration for moving quickly to restore the United States' role as a positive force for human rights in the world. While the executive order leaves many questions unanswered, including the possibility of detainees being held for up to a year without charge, Amnesty International welcomes this very important measure and hopes it signals a commitment to place human rights at the heart of the new administration."

Guantánamo 10th anniversary: Facts and Figures

- January 11, 2012, marks 10 years since the first detainees were transferred to the U.S. detention center in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.
- According to the U.S. authorities, 779 detainees have been held in Guantánamo, the vast majority without charge or criminal trial. [It is not clear whether this total includes any detainees held only in exclusive CIA custody at the base, where the CIA is believed to have operated a "black site" prior to 2004.]
- All but one of the 779 detainees were foreign nationals. One detainee discovered to have U.S. citizenship (as well as Saudi Arabian) was immediately transferred out of the base in 2002. After holding him in military custody in the United States for over two years, the government transferred him to Saudi Arabia under a deal in which among other things, the detainee renounced his U.S. citizenship.
- In 2002, 632 detainees were transferred to Guantánamo; the totals in the following years were: 2003 – 117; 2004 – 10; 2005 – 0; 2006 – 14; 2007 – 5; 2008 – 1. The last detainee transferred to the base had been held in CIA custody at an undisclosed location before transfer to military custody in March 2008.
- In 2011 two detainees died—both Afghan nationals. One detainee was transferred out of Guantánamo during 2011 (by December).

- Since 2002, eight detainees have died at the base, six by reported suicide, and two as a result of natural causes.
- 171 men from more than 20 countries were still held at Guantánamo in early December 2011, four of whom were serving sentences after being convicted by military commission.
- 48 detainees could neither be released nor tried, but should be held in indefinite detention, according to the Obama administration.
- 90 of those still held at Guantánamo are Yemenis, including one serving a life sentence after being convicted by military commission. President Obama imposed a moratorium on detainee transfers to Yemen in January 2010. One Yemeni detainee has been released since then.
- Since 2002, six detainees have been convicted by military commission, four of whom pleaded guilty under plea trial arrangements, two of whom have been repatriated.
- The United States intend to pursue the death penalty against six detainees who have been charged for trial by military commission. All six were subjected to enforced disappearance in secret CIA custody prior to being brought to Guantánamo. All six were subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, held incommunicado in solitary confinement for up to four years. Two were subjected to “waterboarding”. Precisely what interrogation techniques and conditions of confinement detainees were subjected to in CIA custody remains classified at the highest level of secrecy
- One Guantánamo detainee has been brought to the United States for trial in federal court. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in January 2011.No detainee has been released into the United States.
- More than 600 detainees have been transferred from Guantánamo to other countries since 2002, including Albania, Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Libya, Maldives, Mauritania, Morocco, Pakistan, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.
- It took six-and-a-half years of detentions at Guantánamo before the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the detainees had the right to challenge the lawfulness of their detention in U.S. federal court. By the time that ruling, *Boumediene v. Bush*, was handed down in June 2008, over 500 detainees had been transferred out of the base.
- Between June 2008 and late November 2011, there were 47 rulings by the District Court on the merits of habeas corpus petitions. In 22 cases, concerning 38 individuals (including 17 Uighurs) the judge ruled the detention unlawful. In 25 cases, the court

ruled the detention lawful under the United States' global "war" framework. On appeal, the Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit has issued 16 decisions – ruling against the detainee in 12 cases and remanding to the District Court for further proceedings in four cases.

- At least 12 of those held at Guantánamo were under 18 years old when taken into custody. One Canadian national taken into U.S. military custody in 2002 at the age of 15, remains in Guantánamo where he has spent more than a third of his life.
- Detainees have been taken into custody in at least 10 countries – Bosnia and Herzegovina, Pakistan, Indonesia, Thailand, Azerbaijan, Zambia, United Arab Emirates, Kenya, Djibouti, and Afghanistan – before eventually being transferred to Guantánamo.
- In September 2011, 2,100 people were being held in U.S. custody in the U.S. Detention Facility in Parwan (DFIP) on the Bagram air base in Afghanistan.
- Five former Secretaries of State and dozens of former senior military, intelligence and national security officials, Republican and Democratic alike, agree that Guantánamo Bay must be closed.

Validators

General Colin Powell on *Face the Nation* explained why it is so important to close the detention facility: "I think Guantánamo has cost us a lot over the years in terms of our standing in the world and the way in which despots have hidden behind what we have at Guantánamo to justify their own--- their own positions... And so I think we ought to remove this incentive that exists in the presence of Guantánamo to encourage people and to give radicals an opportunity to say, you see, this is what America is all about. They're all about torture and detention centers." [Colin Powell, *Face the Nation*, 2/21/10]

General David Petraeus said "I've been on the record on that for well over a year as well, saying that it [Guantánamo Bay] should be closed." The General has further explained how keeping Guantánamo Bay open is a security liability. Telling FOX News that, "Gitmo has caused us problems, there's no question about it. I oversee a region in which the existence of Gitmo has indeed been used by the enemy against us. We have not been without missteps or mistakes in our activities since 9/11. And again, Gitmo is a lingering reminder for the use of some in that regard." [David Petraeus, *Meet the Press*, 2/21/10. David Petraeus, 5/29/09]

Brigadier General Michael Lehner, the man responsible for setting up the Guantánamo facility has called for the facility to be closed, saying that it caused the U.S. to lose the moral high ground in the eyes of the world: "for those who think our standing in the international community is important, we need to stand for American values. You have to walk the walk, talk the talk." [Brig. Gen. Michael Lehner, 9/25/09]

(Opposition arguments are pulled directly from Opinion Pieces over the past 10 months)

Opposition argument: It was the constraints of “reality” (rather than Congressional interference) that prevented the Obama administration from closing Gitmo:

REBUTTAL: Time and time again it is Congress who has tied the Administration’s hands in closing GITMO and prevented 9/11 terrorists from being brought to justice. Guantánamo backers continue to put politics ahead of our national security interests, reject the advice of our national security leaders and ignore our legal systems’ long history of successful terror prosecutions.

Opposition argument: Keeping the prison open is the key to preventing future attacks, protecting innocent American civilians (keeping Gitmo open is synonymous with caring about the welfare of the American people).

REBUTTAL: National security leaders want to close Guantánamo. Politicians want to keep it open. Five former secretaries of state, who served Republican and Democratic presidents alike (Kissinger, Albright, Powell, Baker, and Christopher), and numerous prominent national security and intelligence experts argue that it is a national security imperative that we close GITMO and that doing so is critical to the success of our counterterrorism efforts and saving lives.

Opposition argument: Multiple articles put forth specific stories of recidivists; including estimates of 14% and higher of detainees who have returned to “militant activity.”

REBUTTAL: The reality we now have to face in trying to clean up the mess is that according to experts for every one person who may or may not return to the battlefield 12 new are recruited as long as GITMO remains open. (Note: further would be good to include in top messages in order to rebut proactively)

Opposition argument: Civilian trials are dangerous to the safety of Americans.

REBUTTAL: Hundreds of terror suspects have been successfully prosecuted by America’s justice system. This argument can also be challenged by, “Some Members of Congress are so scared, so easily intimidated and so willing to buckle in the face of terrorism that they put no faith in America’s law enforcement agencies to get the job done.”

Opposition argument: “Military has spent millions to make a model facility”

REBUTTAL: We spend millions keeping this expensive facility open when there is no good reason not to move prisoners to federal facilities.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR TEMPLATES

Template 1

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To the Editor:

Ten years later, Guantánamo Bay remains open. The United States continues to hold detainees indefinitely, without charge.

Guantánamo has corroded the United States' moral standing and reputation abroad. It has provided a rhetorical cover for human rights' violations around the world. Most recently, American hikers imprisoned in Iran reported that the guard's justification of their imprisonment and abuse was the continued existence of Guantánamo.

As long as the prison remains open, we are turning our backs on America's well trusted judicial system and ignoring warnings from numerous national security and intelligence professionals, including five former secretaries of state. Every day that it remains open, Guantánamo is weakening our national security by increasing the number of enemies we face and reducing the number of allies we have.

The United States must immediately close down Guantánamo, and either charge and fairly try the detainees held there, or release them. It is imperative that we rebuild our credibility as a nation and close down Guantánamo.

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To the Editor:

Contrary to international human rights law, and President Obama's promises upon inauguration, Guantánamo Bay remains open. Detainees have not yet been given fair trial rights. A decade later, the prison must be shut down, and the detainees must either be released or charged and given the right to a fair trial.

The current standard for military commissions undermines the American justice system and the standard for the human right to a fair and open trial. These commissions lack the legitimacy and transparency that is expected of the American legal system.

More than 120 national security and political leaders have released a letter supporting trials in federal courts because it will not only bring terrorists to justice, but it will also make America safer.

The continued existence of Guantánamo and the application of military commissions in lieu of fair trials has damaged America's reputation abroad, undermined international respect for our moral legitimacy, and created difficulties in finding the allies we need to fight terrorism around the world.

It is time to put faith in our justice system and reclaim our moral authority and credibility by ending military commissions and finally closing down Guantánamo Bay.

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To the Editor:

As we approach ten years of the Guantánamo prison's existence, it is evident that the call to close Guantánamo is stronger than ever. Five former U.S. Secretaries of State who served both

Democratic and Republican presidents concur that closing the detention facility is important in order to regain credibility and bolster international opinion.

This detention facility is a symbol of how the United States failed to respect human rights in response to 9/11, and how it is still failing an entire decade later.

A solution needs to be found that gives these men an opportunity to get on with their lives after years of facing violations of their human rights. The United States cannot miss this opportunity to rebuild moral authority and to make policy decisions that will end injustices committed in the name of national security.

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Activists' Opinion Piece Template for 10 Year Anniversary of Guantánamo Bay **[Please personalize before sending to local paper]**

A decade after the U.S. detention facility at Guantánamo Bay was opened, there has been no serious attempt to close the prison and restore America's international reputation as a democracy that respects the rule of law.

Just a few days after President Obama was inaugurated in January 2009, he promised to close down Guantánamo—only to later announce that it would remain open and that 9/11 suspects would be tried by military commissions rather than in U.S. courts.

As the 10th anniversary of Guantánamo approaches, the chorus of experts calling for its closure—both Democrat and Republican—is growing. Today, five former Secretaries of State—including Henry Kissinger, Madeline Albright and Colin Powell—all concur that closing down the prison camp would be a major step toward repairing our image abroad. Even George W. Bush has said he would "like Guantánamo to end."

Yet Congress has ignored the recommendations of numerous security, intelligence and military experts. It has failed to pass legislation to shut down Guantánamo and insisted on a system of military commissions that both undermines our entire system of justice and squanders our financial resources. While nearly 200 9/11 conspirators have been tried and charged in U.S. courts since the attacks, only three detainees were convicted in Guantánamo during the same time period.

The continued existence of Guantánamo weakens our national security by giving our enemies a powerful recruiting tool. It puts our own troops and citizens abroad in danger—American hikers imprisoned in Iran, for example, reported that their guards cited Gitmo as justification for their abuse—and has not led to any substantive intelligence breakthroughs. Matthew Alexander, the pseudonym of the Air Force major and interrogator who extracted valuable intelligence without the use of torture, says that the continued existence of the prison is a recruiting tool for al Qaeda and creates obstacles for interrogators seeking information regarding future plots.

Finally, national security, image and international influence aside, detaining prisoners indefinitely, in poor conditions without the right to a fair trial and using 'enhanced interrogation techniques' such as waterboarding, is illegal under international and national law. These human rights abuses provide a rhetorical cover for those elsewhere in the world who routinely violate human rights.

Guantánamo is a stain on America's leadership on human rights. Guantánamo must be closed to in order to restore this nation's credibility abroad and at home. It is time for the United States to take a stand for the human rights we push other nations to respect.

MEDIA ADVISORY

For Immediate Release:

[Date submitted to the media]

To Commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the First Detainees to Guantánamo, Amnesty International Activists in [Your City] Mobilize for Victims of Human Rights Violations

[Your City/School] Amnesty International Chapter Joins Activists around the World in "10 Years Too Many: National Day of Action Against Guantánamo"

[Your town, state] - As part of the 10th year anniversary, [Name of Person Leading Effort], representing the [Your City/Town/School] Amnesty International Group, will host a rally for local activists to call on the Obama administration to finally put an end to unlawful detentions at Guantánamo. The group will [add a brief description of your group's event]. This event is just one of thousands that will be carried out throughout the United States including a rally in front of the White House where activists will make a human chain representing detainees at Guantánamo to the Capitol.

"The actions of people in our community and thousands of others around the world will help bring freedom and justice to an individual being denied their basic human rights," said [name and title of spokesperson].

The U.S. detention facility at Guantánamo Bay is a symbol of how the United States failed to respect human rights in its response to 9/11, and how it is still failing a decade later. Unlawful detentions at Guantánamo Bay were in part one outcome of this global approach to counter-terrorism, and have become possibly the best-known and enduring symbol of the assault on human rights principles that the United States unleashed in the wake of the 9/11 attacks.

The [your city/town] Amnesty International group welcomes the general public to its meetings, which take place [detail schedule of meetings].

WHO:

WHAT:

WHEN:

WHERE:

Amnesty International is a Nobel Peace Prize-winning grassroots activist organization with more than 3 million supporters, activists and volunteers in more than 150 countries campaigning for human rights worldwide. The organization investigates and exposes abuses, educates and mobilizes the public and works to protect people wherever justice, freedom and dignity are denied.

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For more information, please visit: <http://www.amnestyusa.org/security>

PARTIAL COALITION INFORMATION / ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR)

CCR has led the legal battle over Guantánamo for the last 10 years – representing clients in two Supreme Court cases and organizing and coordinating hundreds of pro bono lawyers across the country to represent the men at Guantánamo, ensuring that nearly all have the option of legal representation. Among other Guantánamo cases, the Center represents the families of men who died at Guantánamo, and men who have been released and are seeking justice in international courts. In addition, CCR has been working through diplomatic channels to resettle men who remain at Guantánamo because they cannot return to their country of origin for fear of persecution and torture.

The Center for Constitutional Rights is dedicated to advancing and protecting the rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Founded in 1966 by attorneys who represented civil rights movements in the South, CCR is a non-profit legal and educational organization committed to the creative use of law as a positive force for social change. Visit our continuously updated Close Guantánamo page (www.CCRjustice.org/closegitmo) and our Guantánamo [Facebook](#) page for more information and resources on the January 11th demonstration and related events. To learn more, visit www.CCRjustice.org.

Code Pink

CODEPINK is a women-initiated grassroots peace and social justice movement working to end U.S. funded wars and occupations, to challenge militarism globally, and to redirect our resources into health care, education, green jobs and other life-affirming activities. For more information visit <http://www.codepink.org/>.

No More Guantánamos

No More Guantánamos is a coalition of concerned U.S. residents, communities, organizations, and attorneys who are working together to ensure justice for the prisoners at Guantánamo Bay, Bagram air base in Afghanistan, and other offshore prison sites maintained by the CIA and the Pentagon around the world. Additional web-based toolkits and other resources are available [online](#). For questions about the 10th Anniversary of GTMO email. info@nogitmos.org or visit www.nogitmos.org.

National Religious Campaign Against Torture

The National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT) is a membership organization of religious organizations committed to ending torture that is sponsored or enabled by the United

States. Planning an event? [Tell us about it!](#) NRCAT is providing congregations and people of faith a variety of resources to mark these important anniversaries. For more information, visit http://www.nrcat.org/guantanamo_activities.

Voices for Creative Non-Violence

Voices for Creative Nonviolence has deep, long-standing roots in active nonviolent resistance to U.S. war-making. Begun in the summer of 2005, Voices draws upon the experiences of those who challenged the brutal economic sanctions imposed by the U.S. and U.N. against the Iraqi people between 1990 and 2003. For more information visit <http://vcnv.org/>.

Witness Against Torture

Witness Against Torture is also planning to spend two weeks in Washington fasting from [January 2 - January 12](#) while engaging in daily activities to highlight the ongoing crimes of Guantánamo, Bagram, indefinite detention, and lack of accountability. For more information, visit <http://2012.witnesstorture.org/> or e-mail jan11@witnesstorture.org or fast@witnesstorture.org.

World Can't Wait

World Can't Wait is a national movement formed to halt and reverse the terrible program of war, repression and theocracy that was initiated by the Bush / Cheney regime and the ongoing crimes that [continue to this day](#). Visit <http://www.worldcantwait.net/> for more information.