

# The king of Guantanamo

*Abdul Salam Zaeef, a founder of the Taliban Islamic movement in Afghanistan, became a leader among the detainees at Guantanamo.*

- **1967** Born in Kandahar province, Afghanistan

**Early 1990s** Helps found the Taliban

**1996** Taliban takes control of Afghanistan

**Late 1990s** Zaeef part of Taliban leadership; named ambassador to Pakistan

**October 2001** U.S. invades Afghanistan in response to Sept. 11 attacks; Zaeef holds press briefings for Taliban regime that are broadcast globally

**December 2001/January 2002** Captured by Pakistanis; held in U.S. prison camps in Afghanistan

**Mid-2002** Moved to Guantanamo; helps organize hunger strikes, other protests against conditions

**September 2005** Released; remains under loose house arrest by Afghan government

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