

## Guantánamo by the Numbers

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### The Detainees

- ✓ Total number of detainees ever incarcerated at Guantánamo: 779.<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ Detainees released under President Bush: over 500.<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ Detainees at start of Obama Presidency: 242.<sup>3</sup>
- ✓ Number of 242 detainees approved for release: 126.<sup>4</sup>
- ✓ Detainees transferred, repatriated or resettled under Obama: 70.<sup>5</sup>
- ✓ Detainees transferred to US for prosecution: 1.<sup>6</sup>
- ✓ Detainees who died in custody since January 2009: 3.<sup>7</sup>
- ✓ Detainees currently held at Guantánamo: 169.<sup>8</sup>
- ✓ Remaining detainees approved for release: 87.<sup>9</sup>
- ✓ Detainees convicted by military commission before 2009 and still held at Guantánamo: 1<sup>10</sup>
- ✓ Detainees Obama Administration designated for trial or commission including those tried since January 2009: 36.<sup>11</sup>
- ✓ Detainees Obama Administration has designated for indefinite detention without charge or trial: 46.<sup>12</sup>
- ✓ Yemenis not included in above totals under conditional detention: 30.<sup>13</sup>
- ✓ Number of countries that have accepted Guantánamo detainees: 51.<sup>14</sup>

### Financial Costs

- ✓ Yearly cost to U.S. taxpayers of a federal prisoner: \$27,251.<sup>15</sup>
- ✓ Yearly cost to hold each captive at Guantánamo instead of federal prison: \$800,000.<sup>16</sup>
- ✓ Annual cost to operate Guantánamo: \$150 million.<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/us\\_and\\_americas/article5425956.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/us_and_americas/article5425956.ece)

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.justice.gov/ag/guantanamo-review-final-report.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.justice.gov/ag/guantanamo-review-final-report.pdf> ; <http://projects.nytimes.com/guantanamo/timeline>

<sup>6</sup> <http://projects.nytimes.com/guantanamo/detainees/10012-ahmed-khalfan-ghailani>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.miamiherald.com/2007/11/27/322461/by-the-numbers.html>

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.andyworthington.co.uk/2012/04/21/guantanamo-who-are-the-two-ughurs-freed-in-el-salvador-and-why-are-87-men-cleared-for-release-still-held/>

<sup>10</sup> Ali Hamza al Bahlul , convicted in 2008. <http://www.miamiherald.com/2007/11/27/322461/by-the-numbers.html>

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.justice.gov/ag/guantanamo-review-final-report.pdf>

<sup>12</sup> <http://www.justice.gov/ag/guantanamo-review-final-report.pdf>; <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/06/28/2289119/latest-guantanamo-prison-camp.html>

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.justice.gov/ag/guantanamo-review-final-report.pdf>

<sup>14</sup> <http://projects.nytimes.com/guantanamo/transfer-countries>

<sup>15</sup> <http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2010/09/13/100518/cost-of-housing-prisoners-at-guantanamo.html>

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/11/08/2493042/guantanamo-bay-the-most-expensive.html>

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### Federal Courts & Challenges to Military Commissions

- ✓ Federal court convictions since 9/11 on terrorism-related charges: over 400.<sup>18</sup>
- ✓ Detainees at GTMO convicted by military commission: 7.<sup>19</sup>
- ✓ Detainees prosecuted in U.S. federal courts: 1 -- Ahmed Ghailani.<sup>20</sup>
- ✓ Detainees federal courts have determined were being held unlawfully: 38.<sup>21</sup>
- ✓ Detainees who have lost their habeas corpus petitions challenging their detention: 21.<sup>22</sup>
- ✓ Times military commissions have been re-vamped: 3.<sup>23</sup>
- ✓ Cases involving detainee rights that have gone before the U.S. Supreme Court: 4.<sup>24</sup>
- ✓ Times Supreme Court Justices have sided with the detainees: 4.<sup>25</sup>

### Federal Prisons Holding Terrorists

- ✓ Those convicted of terrorism-related charges being held in U.S. prisons: 355.<sup>26</sup>
- ✓ Those convicted of terrorism-related charges who have escaped from any part of the federal prison system: 0.<sup>27</sup>

### Deaths in Custody

- ✓ Detainees who have died at Guantánamo: 8.<sup>28</sup>

### Additional History

- ✓ First detainees brought to Guantánamo: January 11, 2002.<sup>29</sup>
- ✓ Last known arrival: March 14, 2008.<sup>30</sup>
- ✓ Last known departure: April 19, 2012.<sup>31</sup>
- ✓ Date military commissions first established, by military order: November 13, 2001.<sup>32</sup>
- ✓ Bounties paid by Bush Administration to anyone who would hand over a possible terror suspect: \$3,000 to \$25,000.<sup>33</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/06/AR2010060604093.html>

<sup>18</sup> <http://www.justice.gov/cjs/docs/terrorism-convictions-statistics.pdf>

<sup>19</sup> <http://www.miamiherald.com/2007/11/27/322461/by-the-numbers.html>, <http://ht.ly/9mMJJ>

<sup>20</sup> <http://projects.nytimes.com/guantanamo/detainees/10012-ahmed-khalfan-ghailani>

<sup>21</sup> <http://www.miamiherald.com/2009/09/03/v-fullstory/1216218/guantanamo-timeline-captives-sue.html>

<sup>22</sup> Ibid.

<sup>23</sup> <http://projects.washingtonpost.com/guantanamo/timeline/>, <http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/paperchase/2009/10/house-passes-amendments-to-military.php>,

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

<sup>24</sup> <http://www.miamiherald.com/1339/story/322461.html>

<sup>25</sup> Ibid.

<sup>26</sup> <http://www.usdoj.gov/opa/pr/2009/June/09-ag-564.html>

<sup>27</sup> [http://www.nytimes.com/2009/06/17/us/17victorville.html?\\_r=3](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/06/17/us/17victorville.html?_r=3)

<sup>28</sup> <http://www.miamiherald.com/2007/11/27/322461/by-the-numbers.html>, <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/may/19/guantanamo-prisoner-dies-apparent-suicide>

<sup>29</sup> <http://projects.washingtonpost.com/guantanamo/timeline/>

<sup>30</sup> <http://www.miamiherald.com/1339/story/322461.html>

<sup>31</sup> <http://www.foxnews.com/world/2012/04/19/us-transfers-2-guantanamo-prisoners-to-el-salvador/>

<sup>32</sup> <http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2001/11/mil-011113-milorder.htm>

<sup>33</sup> [http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/8049868/ns/world\\_news/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/8049868/ns/world_news/)