Detainee Transfer Announced

The Department of Defense announced today that Ibrahim al Qosi was transferred from the detention facility at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to Sudan.

In July 2010, al Qosi pleaded guilty in a military commission to both conspiracy and providing material support for terrorism, as defined by the Military Commissions Act. He was sentenced to 14 years confinement for his crimes. In exchange for cooperating with prosecutors as required by the terms of his pre-trial agreement, the Convening Authority for Military Commissions suspended all but two years of that sentence, starting from July 7, 2010, the date of his plea. The United States government has returned al Qosi to Sudan at the conclusion of the unsuspended portion of his sentence.

The United States coordinated with the government of Sudan regarding appropriate security and humane treatment measures. In accordance with statutory reporting requirements, the administration informed Congress of its intent to transfer al Qosi to Sudan.

Documents related to al Qosi’s military commission proceedings are available on the Office of Military Commissions website at: http://www.mc.mil/.

Today, 168 detainees remain at the detention center in Guantanamo Bay.