Detainee Transfers Announced
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As directed by the president’s Jan. 22, 2009, executive order, the Interagency Guantanamo Review Task Force conducted a comprehensive review of these cases. As a result of those reviews, which examined a number of factors, including security issues, 6 of the 15: al-Busi, Sulayman, Kassas, al-Muhajiri, al-Adahi, and al-Mudaffari were unanimously approved for transfer by the six departments and agencies comprising the task force.

Periodic Review Boards consisting of representatives from the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, Justice, and State; the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence determined continued law of war detention of 9 of the 15: al-Mujahid, Jarah, Kamin, bin Hamdoun, al-Razak (aka Haji Haridullain), Ahmed, Salih, Obaidullah, and al-Marwahil does not remain necessary to protect against a continuing significant threat to the security of the United States. As a result of those reviews, which examined a number of factors, including security issues, al-Mujahid, Jarah, Kamin, bin Hamdoun, al-Razak (aka Haji Haridullain), Ahmed, Salih, Obaidullah, and al-Marwahil were recommended for transfer by consensus of the six departments and agencies comprising the Periodic Review Board. The Periodic Review Board process was established by the president’s March 7, 2011 Executive Order 13566.

Name Date of Periodic Review Board final determination
Mohammed Kamin Sept. 28, 2015
Zahar Omar Hamis bin Hamdoun Jan. 12, 2016
Harid al-Razak (aka Haji Haridullain) Feb. 11, 2016
Majid Mahmud Abdur Rahman Feb. 18, 2016
Obaidullah May 19, 2016
Bashir Naas Al-ri Marwahil May 31, 2016

In accordance with statutory requirements, the secretary of defense informed Congress of the United States’ intent to transfer these individuals and of the secretary’s determination that these transfers meet the statutory standard.

The United States is grateful to the Government of the United Arab Emirates for its humanitarian gesture and willingness to support ongoing U.S. efforts to close the Guantanamo Bay detention facility. The United States coordinated with the Government of the United Arab Emirates to ensure these transfers took place consistent with appropriate security and human treatment measures.

Today, 61 detainees remain at Guantanamo Bay.