Detainees Transferred to Joint Task Force Guantanamo

On order of the President of the United States and by direction of the Secretary of Defense and Commander, U.S. Southern Command, Joint Task Force Guantanamo has taken custody and control of fourteen high-value detainees captured in the War on Terror.

These detainees will be treated appropriately and in accordance with Guantanamo policies and procedures. It is our policy that every detainee that has come under DoD control be treated humanely as directed by the President’s order of Feb 7, 2002 and in compliance with Secretary Rumsfeld’s Directive of Jan 19, 2002.

They will be treated in accordance with U.S. law and international obligations under treaties to include the Convention Against Torture, Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions, the Detainee Treatment Act and Defense Department Directives and Instructions governing detainee operations.

As a result of this transfer, there are now approximately 460 detainees at Guantanamo Bay.

JTF-GTMO continues to perform its mission of providing safe, humane care and custody of detained enemy combatants and gathering intelligence in support of the global war on terror.

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