



NEWS RELEASE: Joint Task Force Guantanamo Releases Deceased Detainee's Identity

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MIAMI -- Joint Task Force Guantanamo released the identity of the detainee who died on Saturday, September 8, 2012. The detainee is identified as Adnan Farhan Abdul Latif, a 32-year-old Yemeni. Latif arrived at Guantanamo in January 2002 and was being detained consistent with the law of war. The detainee's name was withheld pending family notification.

Following the detainee's death, an autopsy was conducted by a medical examination team from the office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner to determine the cause of death. Autopsy results and cause of death determinations take time, and therefore are not available for release.

As a matter of Department of Defense policy, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service has initiated an investigation of the incident to determine the cause and manner surrounding the death. Additionally, Commander, U.S. Southern Command, JTF-Guantanamo's higher command, has initiated a Commander's Inquiry into the incident.

The remains of the deceased detainee are being treated with respect for Islamic culture and traditions. Following the autopsy, a Muslim military chaplain, the Joint Task Force Guantanamo Cultural Advisor, and Islamic volunteers from the staff were on hand to ensure the appropriate handling of the body.

Joint Task Force Guantanamo continues to provide safe, humane, legal and transparent care and custody of detainees. This mission is being performed professionally by the men and women of Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

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