

## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Detainee Transfer Announced**

The Department of Defense announced today the transfer of Hashim Bin Ali Bin Amor Sliiti and Husayn Salim Muhammad Al-Mutari Yafai from the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay to the Government of Slovakia.

As directed by the president's Jan. 22, 2009, executive order, the interagency Guantanamo Review Task Force conducted a comprehensive review of this case. As a result of that review, which examined a number of factors, including security issues, these men were approved for transfer by consensus of the six departments and agencies comprising the task force.

In accordance with statutory requirements, the secretary of defense informed Congress of the United States' intent to transfer these individuals and of his determination that this transfer meets the statutory standard.

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

Today, 143 detainees remain at Guantanamo Bay.