

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AHMED ZAID SALEM ZUHAIR,

*Petitioner,*

v.

GEORGE W. BUSH, ROBERT GATES,  
REAR ADM. MARK H. BUZBY, and  
ARMY COL. BRUCE VARGO,

*Respondents.*

Civil Action No. 08-864 (EGS)

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DECLARATION OF MAMDOUH HABIB

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I certify that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

1. My name is Mamdouh Habib. I am over 18 years of age and a citizen of Australia.
2. I was abducted by authorities while traveling in Pakistan in October 2001. Pakistani interrogators suspended me by my wrists from the ceiling of an interrogation room and forced me to rest my feet on a metal drum that interrogators electrified at the flip of a switch. When the drum was electrified, I was forced to raise my legs until exhaustion would force me to lower them and touch the electrified drum. This process would last for hours until I fainted.
3. Later that month, I was transferred to Egypt. Egyptian interrogators beat me and subjected me to electric shock on my genitalia. They gave me drugs that made me feel my mind was moving so quickly that my head would explode and that made me bleed through my nose and ears. They also gave me drugs that made things move so slowly I felt I was over 100 years old.
4. After six months in Egypt, I was transferred to the U.S. military base at Bagram in Afghanistan. We were held in cells with mesh walls and could see into other cells.
5. During this time, I met Ahmed Zuhair, whom I knew as Ahmed al-Makki. He was detained there with other detainees, including Moazzam Begg and a Saudi named Rashid.
6. I personally witnessed American interrogators forcibly dragging Ahmed upstairs for interrogation on several occasions. These guards would beat Ahmed with baseball bats, while other guards with guns stood nearby.
7. I arrived in Guantánamo in April or May 2002.
8. One night, months after my arrival in Guantánamo, a detainee in the cell next to mine began speaking to me through the window. His name was Sa'd Iqbal Madani.
9. Sa'd said that we had been held together in Egypt, that he overheard my screams during interrogation, and that we were on the same flight together from Egypt to Bagram.
10. Although I did not see Sa'd while in Egypt, his descriptions of the prison in Egypt, down to the numbers and physical appearances of the guards and the physical appearance of



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the rooms, were extremely detailed and left me with no doubt that he had been held there as well. Moreover, he described being tortured there in ways that were almost identical with what I experienced. Sa'd also knew the detainee number assigned to me in Bagram.

11. Specifically, Sa'd explained that interrogators in Egypt had subjected him to electric shock, applied to both the groin and his earlobes. He developed hearing problems because of the shock to his ears. He also said he had been drugged and described symptoms identical to those I experienced. He said that the drugs were the worst part of his experience in Egypt.
12. Sa'd also told me that interrogators in Bagram had threatened to send him back to Egypt, where he had already been through too much. He told me that he was terrified of returning to Egypt and would die if sent back there. He said that he had had to cooperate to avoid going back to Egypt.
13. Sa'd said that interrogators at Bagram threatened to bring his mother, who he understood was being detained in Indonesia, to Bagram. He was under many threats and a lot of pressure.
14. Sa'd and I were both under extreme pressure in Guantánamo. Eventually Sa'd lost his mind and was sent to Delta Block, which is the mental health ward in Guantánamo.
15. On January 28, 2005, I was released from Guantánamo and repatriated to Australia. I was never charged or detained since my return.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Sydney, Australia

Executed on this 29th day of December, 2008



MAMDOUH HABIB