

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MAJID ABDULLA AL JOUDI, *et al*

Petitioners / Plaintiffs,

- vs -

Civil Action
No.: 05 CV 0301
(GK)

GEORGE W. BUSH, *et al*

Respondents / Defendants.

HAMID AL RAZAK,

Petitioner,

- vs -

Civil Action
No.: 05 CV 1601
(GK)

GEORGE W. BUSH, *et al*.

Respondents.

DECLARATION by ALAN N. SUSSMAN

I, Alan N. Sussman, under penalty of perjury declare that the following statements are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

1. I am an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of New York and am co-counsel for Petitioner HAMID AL RAZAK. I make this declaration in support of Petitioner's Motion to Compel Access to Counsel and for Information Related to Petitioners' Medical Treatment.

2. Based upon information appearing in the press and upon communications with other counsel representing inmates at the Guantanamo Base in Cuba, I believe that a significant

number, perhaps the majority, of detainees held therein are participating in a hunger strike, in which my client, HAMID AL RAZAK, and his "Next Friend", may be included. Respondents themselves or their agents have admitted at least 128 participants in said strike.

3. Through information gathered by communication with other counsel who have visited their clients at Guantanamo, who participated in a previous hunger strike, the inmates have taken this course of conduct to protest abusive and inhumane treatment, lack of proper medical care, denial of legal process.

4. I have not yet been granted security clearance though I filed an application for same a few weeks ago. Because of my lack of security clearance, I am unable to visit my client, HAMID AL RAZAK, nor his "Next Friend," BISHAR AL RAWI, to ascertain the exact status of my client's current medical condition.

5. The Respondents have not yet filed a Factual Return in response to the *Habeas Corpus* petition I filed on behalf of AL RAZAK in mid-August.

6. For these reasons, I believe it is incumbent upon Respondents to be compelled by an Order of this Court to provide the undersigned with immediate access to both HAMID AL RAZAK and his "Next Friend" BISHAR AL RAWI, by telephone and in person, and to be provided with information regarding their current status of health, medical treatment, meal schedules, punishment and hospitalization.

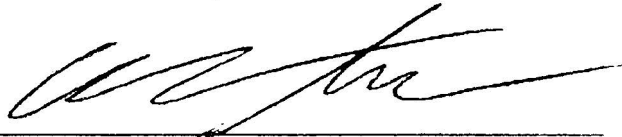
7. Time is of the essence.

WHEREFORE, I join in the motion of AL JOUDI and respectfully request the Court to grant the relief requested therein.

FURTHER DECLARANT SAYETH NOT

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 16 September, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan N. Sussman', is written over a horizontal line.

ALAN N. SUSSMAN