

Project SALAM
Support and Legal Advocacy for Muslims
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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, DC. 20500

Attorney General Eric Holder
Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington DC. 20530-4371

Dear President Obama, and Attorney General Holder,

On February 17, 2009 we wrote you a letter, signed by 970 people, to request that you investigate the unfair and illegal tactics used to convict and incarcerate Muslims after 9/11 by the Bush Justice Department. On April 4, 2009 we wrote to you requesting an investigation of 4 specific cases in which innocent Muslims appear to have been unfairly targeted, and prosecuted. In this letter we want to call to your attention to the ongoing problems created because the present administration has apparently continued the illegal policies and practices of the Bush Administration.

We had hoped that the Obama Administration would quickly end the illegal policies of the Bush Administration, but the suffering of the Muslim community continues. These policies include the continued use of agents provocateur to entrap innocent Muslims, the holding of Muslims without charges in secret under isolating conditions that amount to torture, and the lack of transparency and accountability with which our present system of justice is infected. In addition, the Obama Administration has continued to invoke the State Secrets Doctrine to cover up the illegal wiretapping and illegal secret rendition of the Bush Administration. The continuation of the policies of the Bush Administration is so alarming that we feel the necessity of calling these matters to your attention now, even though the facts in many cases are not yet clear.

1. Using Agents Provocateur, and Charging Muslims Who Refuse To Be Coerced into Cooperating with the FBI – The Case of Ahmad Niazi

In 2007, Ahmad Niazi reported to the FBI the suspicious behavior of a new Muslim convert at his mosque in Irvine California, Craig Montieilh. The new convert was talking about jihad and trying to get others at the mosque to join in planning for terrorist attacks. The FBI said that they would investigate the matter, and the mosque obtained a court injunction to keep Mr. Montieilh away from the mosque.

Later, FBI officials contacted Mr. Niazi and asked him to become a paid informant for the FBI. When he refused, the FBI agents allegedly threatened him by saying that they would make his life “a living hell.” In February 2009, the FBI arrested Mr. Niazi and charged him with perjury, fraud and false statements on his immigration papers. He was released on \$500,000 bail.

Now the FBI has identified Mr. Montieilh as a “government informant.” (The term “informant” does not seem to accurately describe Mr. Montieilh, whose efforts to engage members of the mosque in

terrorist plots were so aggressive that the mosque had to obtain an injunction to keep him away. The term that would describe this kind of aggressive searching for people to entrap would be an “agent provocateur”). Newspaper articles describing this case are attached.

These are the bare facts that have been reported. However, even without knowing all of the details, this case is very troubling. The FBI should not be using agents to create criminal conspiracies where none exist. The fact that the mosque had to obtain a restraining order against the FBI “informant’s” aggressive attempts to entrap members of a religious community in criminal conduct, demonstrates the same overreaching and illegal conduct by the FBI that we wrote to you about earlier in connection with the Aref and Hossain cases. This effort by the FBI to entrap innocent Muslims needs to be stopped immediately. Moreover, you should vigorously investigate any retaliation by the FBI against individuals who refuse to become undercover informants. The illegality of this is obvious. We have recently heard of other similar stories of illegal coercion and the use of agents provocateur, and we believe that this is still a practice of the FBI that cannot be justified and needs to be brought to a halt.

2. Secret Detention – The Case of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui

Dr. Aafia Siddiqui in a sense represents the face of the thousands of people who have “disappeared” during the war on terror in violation of numerous international treaties. The facts of the Siddiqui case are bizarre and fragmented because, like many Muslims who were secretly detained and “disappeared,” little information is publicly available. What makes her case unusual is that after about 5 years she reappeared under shocking circumstances, and her case raises the most fundamental issues of justice, not just for her but for all of those who have “disappeared” in the war on terror.

From various media reports on the Siddiqui case, the following description can be constructed, although it is impossible to say whether it is entirely accurate. Dr. Aafia Siddiqui, 36 years old, a brilliant Pakistani doctor with degrees from MIT and Brandeis, left the US with her three young children on January 2, 2003 to visit her parents in Karachi, Pakistan. On March 30, 2003, she and her children supposedly got into a car in Karachi to go to the airport, and “disappeared.” Statements by her parents and her lawyer have suggested that she and the children were arrested by the Pakistani government and turned over to the American government, and that she was held in secret custody at the US base at Bagram, Afghanistan, where she was tortured. At various times US officials have claimed that she might have information about a connection to Al Qaeda, that they were looking to interview her, that she was an Al Qaeda supporter, that she was involved in smuggling diamonds from Liberia to finance terrorism, that the US was not holding her, and that she was being held by the Pakistani government.

Over the next 5 years, prisoners who were released from Bagram began reporting that Dr. Siddiqui was being held at Bagram as Prisoner 650. She was known there as the “gray lady of Bagram” because she looked like a ghost who had all the blood sucked out of her. Her face showed signs of severe beatings, including broken teeth and a twisted nose. Supposedly her cries of agony while being tortured were so haunting that prisoners went on a hunger strike to protest.

On July 7, 2008, UK journalist Yvonne Ridley publicly identified Siddiqui as Prisoner 650 at Bagram and described how she had been tortured there. One theory, discussed in the media, was that Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, under torture himself, supposedly revealed information about Siddiqui, and the US had since then been trying to get her to incriminate herself or Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. (Mohammed was arrested on March 1, 2003, just one month before Siddiqui disappeared. Siddiqui is supposedly related by marriage to Mohammed’s nephew).

On July 17, 2008, only a few days after Ms. Ridley’s article was published, Siddiqui was reportedly seen standing, apparently at liberty, outside the governor’s compound in Ghazni, Afghanistan with

one of her children, supposedly carrying with her a number of incriminating documents. She was arrested by Afghan police. Supposedly the next day a group of armed American personnel came to the Afghan facility where Dr. Siddiqui and her son were being held to interrogate her. According to the US government, Dr. Siddiqui, standing unrestrained behind a curtain when the Americans entered the room, walked into the room, grabbed an American gun, and shot twice at the Americans, missing both times. She was then shot by the Americans. She is now charged with attempted murder and assault on the US soldiers, and is awaiting trial. The judge in charge of her case has recently ruled that she is mentally incapable of standing trial. The fate of her two other children is not publicly known at this time.

These are all public allegations being discussed in the media about the Siddiqui case, but what is one to make of them? Was Dr. Siddiqui Prisoner 650 at Bagram? Was she tortured there for 5 years to obtain evidence against Khalid Sheikh Mohammed? Is it a coincidence that just 10 days after she was publicly identified by a British journalist as Prisoner 650, she was found, supposedly at liberty, wandering around outside a government compound in Ghazni, Afghanistan with incriminating documents on her? (If so, were the incriminating documents planted on her in a pre-arranged attempt to frame her in order to justify her incarceration?) Is it conceivable that Dr. Siddiqui, by all accounts a tiny, frail woman, so beaten and dehydrated that her life was in peril, would have assaulted 6 armed American soldiers who came to interrogate her? Is she now mentally incapable of standing trial because she was tortured for part of the 5 years during which she disappeared? And what happened to her children during the time that she disappeared? These questions demand explanation because they raise the most serious fundamental issues of law and justice, and because the credibility of the US Justice Department depends on the honesty with which these questions, and those about thousands of other people who disappeared, are answered.

Various treaties signed by the US, including the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances (CED) of 2005, make it a crime to detain people under circumstances which cause them to “disappear,” including secret renditions. Over the last few years there have been varying estimates by different human rights organizations as to the number of people whom the US caused to disappear at its various secret or semi-secret prisons around the world, but because the disappearances are secret, in violation of our treaty obligations, the exact number is unknown. Some of those who disappeared have died in custody, including those who died under torture, and their deaths have never been acknowledged; others have been secretly rendered to other countries; other have been held as “ghost” detainees, secret detainees in known prisons; others have been held in “black sites,” secret prisons not known to the public. It seems likely that the total number would be in the tens of thousands or more. It is imperative that you fully comply with our treaty obligations under the CED to publicly account for all persons who have been held or who are presently being held by the US, including among others, Aafia Siddiqui.

3 – Detention In Solitary Confinement

It has been a practice of the Bush Administration to hold Muslims, detained in connection with terrorist allegations, in solitary confinement almost indefinitely. Before trial, such defendants who are presumed to be innocent, are routinely held in solitary confinement under Special Administrative Measures (SAMs) or in Special Housing Units (SHUs).

Article 21 of the Third Geneva Convention (TGC, 1949), prohibits a detaining power from holding prisoners of war in “close confinement” (defined as holding a prisoner alone in a cell), except for disciplinary reasons or for limited periods to preserve the prisoner’s health. It is well known that solitary confinement is psychologically damaging to prisoners. Article 90 of the TGC prison regulations prohibit a prisoner from being held in solitary confinement as punishment for more than 30 days. Yet Muslim prisoners are routinely held in solitary confinement for months or even years until they are too

psychologically impaired to be able proceed to trial. Dr. Siddiqui appears to be such a case. Syed Fahad Hashmi, whom we wrote to you about in our first letter, has been held in solitary confinement for over 18 months. Ali Al-Marri was held in solitary confinement on a ship in Charleston, South Carolina for about 5 years until he was recently moved into the regular prison system. Ehsanul Sadequee has been held in solitary confinement for 3 years, and his health has markedly deteriorated as indicated in the attached petition. These are examples of what has become a pervasive practice, first under the Bush Administration and now continued under the Obama Administration.

It is fundamentally unfair to impose solitary confinement selectively on Muslim prisoners. After months in solitary confinement, these defendants cannot receive a fair trial because they are usually too psychologically impaired to assist in their own defense or to testify. Holding a person in such solitary detention amounts to torture, in violation of numerous treaties including the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT, 1985).

4. Detention in a Special Muslim Prison – the CMU

After conviction, Muslim defendants are often sent to a special Muslim prison at Terre Haute Indiana, and their communication with the outside world, including with their families, is severely restricted in a special unit – the Communication Management Unit (CMU). In virtually all such cases the isolation is completely unnecessary and is very harmful to the prisoners involved. The Communication Management Unit (CMU) opened in 2006 in violation of Department of Justice policy, without any of the advisory input that is required for such a special segregated unit with severe and punitive policies. It is a unit composed of nearly 100% Muslims of Middle Eastern descent with “terrorism-related convictions.” The men are not allowed to pray together; are totally segregated from the general prison population and allowed no freedom of movement whatsoever except within their small unit; allowed no outdoor exercise except in a small cage; are never allowed contact visits with their families; allowed only one monitored 15-minute phone call a week; have every possible form of communication, both incoming and outgoing—letters, phone calls, e-mail—monitored and censored; are video-surveilled 24 hours a day in their cells; and are not allowed any visitors with whom they did not have acquaintance before their convictions.

Removing prisoners far from their families is a violation of the bureau’s general policy of placing an inmate no more than 500 miles from home to facilitate visits. Many prisoners in the CMU receive no visitors at all because there is no practical way for their families to visit and because the prison arbitrarily refuses visits even by people who knew the prisoner before the charges were brought. (Note that the Bureau Of Prisons considers the CMU at Terre Haute to be only a medium-security prison. The prisoners are not considered to be highly dangerous, yet they are treated as though they must be sealed off from society like some form of highly contagious virus).

I am attaching for your information a Washington Post article from February 2007 that discusses the illegality of the CMU and its constitutional issues. The Justice Department must promptly move to end the selective isolation of Muslim prisoners, under conditions that amount to torture and cruel and inhuman treatment.

5 – Use of the State Secrets Doctrine To Block Consideration of Illegal Wiretapping (US v. Al-Haramain), and Illegal Rendition (US v. Arar, and US v. Jeppesen)

Recently we have been dismayed to see that you have invoked the States Secrets Doctrine to continue a coverup of the crimes committed by the Bush Administration with respect to illegal warrantless wiretapping and illegal extraordinary rendition. There is no doubt that the Bush Administration engaged in illegal warrantless wiretapping of US citizens. The question is whether any person will be able to

get a ruling from the courts that will finally put a stop to the practice. Because the practice is secret, it is impossible for most people to establish that they were subjected to illegal warrantless wiretapping in order to get a ruling from the courts that the practice is illegal and must be stopped. (A ruling from the Court is necessary, because the government so far has not acknowledged that the warrantless wiretapping by the National Security Administration is illegal, and has not committed to stopping the practice.) The Al-Haramain case is one of the few cases in which it was possible to establish illegal wiretapping because the government by mistake sent the lawyer for Al-Haramain documents showing that his client was illegally wiretapped. Invoking the States Secret Doctrine to suppress this case (and a court ruling on illegal wiretapping) thus appears as an unjustified attempt to cover up the crimes of the Bush Administration, and to continue the Administration's war on the Constitution.

In the same way, there is no doubt that many people have been subjected to illegal extraordinary rendition in violation of the 2005 Convention on Enforced Disappearances and the Third Geneva Convention (1949), Art. 12. The US needs to disclose the extent of its illegal rendition program and make restitution to those who were injured. Both Arar and Jeppesen involved victims who were subjected to extraordinary rendition by the US government and were tortured in violation of the Convention Against Torture (1985). Eventually they were released without charges against them, and sued the US government because of the US government's complicity in their torture. First the Bush Administration in the case of Arar, and now the Obama Administration in the case of Jeppesen (and 4 others), have sought to have the cases dismissed on the grounds that they cannot be heard without revealing state secrets. (The secrets, presumably, are that US government officials engaged in serious criminal conduct).

It is wrong to seek dismissal of claims by victims of governmental criminal wrongdoing by making the very criminal conduct a state secret that cannot be disclosed. The Convention on Enforced Disappearances (2005), Art. 24(4), guarantees that victims of enforced disappearances have the right to obtain "reparation, and prompt, fair and adequate compensation." Invoking the State Secret Doctrine here not only denies victims their rights guaranteed under treaty, but covers up the crimes of the Bush Administration. You must comply with our treaty obligations by giving victims their day in court. Covering up the crimes, and denying victims their rights, only makes you part of the problem, rather than part of the solution.

6 – Continued War Crimes

Finally, we want to raise very delicately the issue of war crimes – an inconvenient truth. Under various treaties and conventions, the US is obligated to treat prisoners humanely, to avoid torture (defined in great detail), to avoid detaining people in secret, to avoid holding people indefinitely without charges, and to avoid extraordinary rendition. (See Third Geneva Convention [TGC, 1949]; Convention Against Torture [CAT, 1985]; Convention on Enforce Disappearances [CED, 2005]; Convention on the Treatment of Prisoners of War, 1929). Michael Haas has written a book entitled *George W. Bush – War Criminal?*, setting out 269 war crimes of which the former Bush Administration may be guilty. It is unnecessary here to analyze all of these possible violations. However, Article 6 (1) of the Convention Against Torture requires that when any person is alleged to have attempted to commit torture or was complicit in participation in torture, the State shall "take him into custody...to enable any criminal or extradition proceedings to be instituted." Thus, failure to investigate and prosecute violations of CAT may by itself be a war crime for which the Obama Administration will become responsible as a result of inactivity.

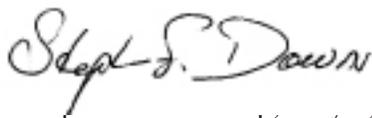
Similarly, under the Convention on Enforced Disappearances (CED), the state is required to bring criminal charges against any person who violates the treaty by causing people to "disappear." Other treaties require the Justice Department to bring charges against people who violate protections for detainees and prisoners of war. The need to act swiftly in dealing with these ongoing violations

and crimes is thus a matter of great urgency – for the victims, of course, but also to restore public confidence that the Justice Department once again is following the rule of law.

In 1973, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn published the English translation of his masterpiece, *The Gulag Archipelago*, to document the vast Soviet system of prisons (gulags), a system so vast and so secret that most people despaired of ever being able to describe it. But Solzhenitsyn, the conscience of Russia and indeed the world, wrote about this secret world of horror, carrying information about the prisoners from his cell to the world in his memory so that the world would never forget. Other countries such as Argentina, China, and Nazi Germany have also struggled with secret systems of gulags in which people simply “disappeared.” The various treaties cited here were adopted in part because of revulsion against the mindless cruelty of these earlier lawless regimes.

During the Bush Administration, an American gulag was constructed – CIA black sites, kidnapping and secret renditions, prisons abroad such as Abu Ghraib, Bagram, and Guantanamo, and Muslim prisons in the US, such as the CMU unit at Terre Haute. The Obama Administration has pledged to close Guantanamo, and to end torture, but it has not yet dealt with the fundamental problem that has made the American gulag archipelago a cancer growing on the Justice Department: the lack of accountability for what happened in the past, the refusal to lift the veil of secrecy which has hidden the Bush Administration’s war crimes, and an unwillingness to restore the legal rights guaranteed under treaty to the victims. You must dismantle the US gulag soon, and account for the crimes that we committed there, or risk becoming a part of it. We are confident that the Obama Administration will wish to stay clear of any charges of collusion with war crimes, including charges based on a failure to prosecute such crimes committed by agents of the United States.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sept. S. Down".

26 Dinmore Road, Selkirk NY. 12158

Signature

Comment

Lynne Jackson	I it is time to stop the wrongful prosecution of Muslims. The Justice Department should be investigated.
Anne Sombor	
Anonymous	
Grace Nichols	This man is not a criminal.
John Meyers	I have followed the Yassin case and find it to lack the constitutional requirements. It is time to reestablish what makes our country different from so many.
Anita Thayer	
Nancy Meyers	Such injustices should not have been allowed to happen and should be ended now.
Joseph Piette	
Michael Rice, Esq.	The FBI has repeatedly invited citizens to contact the FBI about suspicion of terror advocacy, and has faulted entrapped suspects for failing to do so. Here we have a case of a man who did exactly that and is now accused of a crime as a result!
Ron wood	I am a former Peace Corps volunteer and am very concerned about such matters.
Shamshad Ahmad	The Obama administration must come forward openly, and undo and discontinue the wrongful policies of the past administration- in real terms, not in symbolic terms. This definitely was a big factor on voters mind when they voted Obama in.
May Saffar	We are still waiting for the claimed Change.
Jeanne Finley	A "US Gulag" is exactly what these prisons are, both here and abroad. It should not take a Solzhenyitsn to shame this country before the world.
Dave Capone	The injustice against Muslims continues. Just last week , 4 days after being acquitted of all charges, Youseff Megahed was arrested by immigration officials. American persecution of Muslims goes on. Mr. President, please, on behalf of all decent, compassionate American citizens reign-in these evil forces at work in our government agencies.
Rev. William L. Coop	
Catherine Callan	
Margaret Murtagh	
Teresa Foudriat	
Lisa Sarinelli	All members of the Bush Administration who authorized and practiced torture must be held accountable and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law!
Thomas C. Washburn	
Jeanie Shaterian	
Kathy Manley	
Cynthia (aka: Someyah) Bennekaa	More effectively than as petitions, these letters read as manifestos, of our (WE, these signees) responsibilities toward eachother, as well as, to our citizen-brethren, by virtue of our realization-- that, to whom these letters are addressed has NO INTEREST, in honoring our pleas--WE, the signees, are the court , the verdict, the sentence, and, thereby, encumbent upon us, are all the duties as above and aforementioned codified...Most respectfully--
Dianne Saichek	
Donna Wallach	This is a powerful document covering the many ways the U.S. govt. has been violating the U.S. Constitution and the human and civil rights of people for a long time:1. - Using Agents Provocateurs, and Charging Muslims Who Refuse To Be Coerced Into Cooperating With The FBI2. - Secret Detention3. ,À Detention In Solitary Confinement (U.S. prisons have been confining prisoners in solitary confinement for decades, i.e. there are American citizen non-muslim prisoners who have been in solitary confinement for over 4 decades)4. - Detention in a Special Muslim Prison ,À the CMU5. ,À Use of the State Secrets Doctrine To Block Consideration of Illegal Wiretapping (US v. Al-Haramain), and Illegal Rendition (US v. Arrar, and US v. Jeppesen)6. ,À Continued War CrimesAnd the U.S. government violating Third Geneva Convention (TGC, 1949); Convention Against Torture (CAT, 1985); Convention on Enforce Disappearances (CED, 2005); Convention on the Treatment of Prisoners of War, 1929)It is about time that the U.S. government stops violating the of human rights of human beings, no matter what their citizenship, religion, political beliefs, ethnicity, age, gender, etc.
Janet McMahon	No country should be above the law.

LYNNE STEWART

Ralph Poynter

Betsy Wolf-Graves

Dear Attorney General Holder: I do not think Stephen Downs is exaggerating when he discusses the conditions at CMU in Terre Haute. A recent article in the New Yorker by Atul Gawande might confirm his concerns: http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2009/03/30/090330fa_fact_gawande?currentPage=all During the Bush administration a young man, of Pakistani descent, a rather simple person, was tricked into a stance which has ended up with his imprisonment. This happened here, in California, in Lodi. I have never thought it is the role of government to manufacture suspects but to find them. Also closing Guantanamo does not mean retaining other gulags. Stephen Downs seems to be as eloquent as he is wise.

nazie sockolov

bruce gowdy

I expected these kind of unconstitutional violations under Bush, but from the Obama Administration, this is shameful and criminal!!!

Sarah Walker Birn, Esq.

Remember the wolf story told at the National Cathedral. DO WHAT IS RIGHT. You are doing so well on other fronts. Why do you ignore investigation of the due process abuses of Muslims. They mock our justice system. Thanks in advance. Sarah W. Birn

Connie Frisbee Houde

Joseph Koczaja

The whole world is waiting to see if the USA has common sense and is willing to discharge itself of its present moral bankruptcy.

abuhorayra hossain

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khadiza hossain

habibah_hossain

Daniel W. Van Riper

Those who falsely arrested and prosecuted these men need to be brought to justice immediately. But even these corrupt prosecutors deserve the right to habeas corpus.

Anonymous

Ethan Vesely-Flad

J. Kadir Cannon

Alisha Mohammed

Jeffrey Tamizkar

paul kane

Diana Greene

Enid Futterman

Charles Lane

hlanda

marjorie

The Muslims have suffered long enough, due to our presidents unwillingness to go against Israel, in spite of their atrocities against the Muslims. Please try and bring justice to the Middle East

Dina Refki

sami

Sarah Marusek

Martha H. Katz

Dear President Obama--We must reverse the wholesale miscarriages of justice which took place in the Bush administration.

Karin & Craig Henrikson

ali imran

Rami

margaret W Slocum

kim petersen

Ray Nakley

STOP IT NOW AND BEGIN INVESTIGATING THE WAR CRIMES AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL TORTURE. YOU WILL BOTH BE COMPLICIT IF THE COVER UP CONTINUES, LET ALONE THE PRACTICES. WHERE IS THE CHANGE WE VOTED FOR????????!!!!!!
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Grace Nichols	Trample the rights of an ethnic group and endanger the rights of all. We should be ashamed of the magnitude of our prison population and outraged at all those there for fictitious crime or nonviolent offenses. Free Aref and Houssain and retry the other Muslim prisoners now that the political climate is more conducive to justice.
Ilse Heinigen Baker	I am very grateful, that there are people such as Stephen Downs, who work for peace and justice.
Steve Trimm	
Deb Cavanaugh	
Sue Cerniglia	
Philip Downs	
Suzanne Abrams	
Kia Bazargan	
Paul Larudee	
Stephen Lendman	No nation can claim democratic credentials when it wages a war on Islam, criminally imprisons innocent people, and savages them mercilessly. Outrage can barely describe these practices.
J Short	
Mary Janean Sylvester	
Jonathan House MD	As a Jew, I feel a particular responsibility to speak out on this matter.
Karen Lewis	
Jeffrey Turner	
Fahima Hoque	
Anonymous	
Linda Drozdyk	
Katherine Hughes	
Bob Newman	
k. santana	
Nicholas Heer	
Tim Pracher-Dix	
Russell Bates	
Meredith Tupper	
Sumaya Bezrati	President Obama, Please be the leader you promised. Do not let us down or we will not re-elect you.
Adrienne Fong	
Jean A. Blackwood	
Wilton Vought	
Kamal Yassin	It has been long over due, that justice be applied to all individuals not based on race, or religion. The administration has no choice but to correct mistakes done in the immediate past by previous administrations. It is like inheriting a bad debt, heirs have to pay it.
Elijah Kagan	
Shirley Warren	
Graham McEvily	
Anonymous	
Thayer Heath	
Omar Nasr	
Sandra Myers	
Anonymous	These injustices need to be dealt with urgently. Failure to do so is likely to lead to more radical behavior by Muslims here and elsewhere. Whether those who carried out such acts are prosecuted is less important than righting the wrong done to these and thousands of other people.
Tracy Frisch	

Anonymous
Emily Maloney
Mickie Lynn
Alicia Virani
Suhail Shafi
paul kane
masuma walji

A serious problem that needs to be addressed.

Please Sir let the inosent people be free, so they can lead their lives in this world. Life is too short and prasciouse. It is too late to think about the past and what they went through and how many family member of theirs died in the war. But you can give them something to look forward to and let them fulfill their dreams of what time they have to live in this beautiful world that God has provided for us to live in peace and harmony.

Rebecca McBride
Joan R. Snyder
Furqan M. Akil

The mentioned Muslims in this petition is by no means exhaustive, but by definition includes the many Muslims languishing in US prisons on politically -motivated trumped up charges origination of which is right here in the USA! Many of these cases need to be reviewed and justice delivered! Set at liberty the captive believers!

eric cantine
Joan Collins
Shamshad Ahmad

Let us seek pride in holding the laws and human values, rather than seeking joy in treating those in shackles inhumanely to satisfy emotions.

Michael Levin
Qadeer Azam
Yasir Abunamous
Nazie Azam
martin Jerisat
Barbara Bailey
Doris Rausch
Anonymous

force an accused or a prisoner to admit to something is not permitted in Islam, nor is it acceptable from a human point of view. This act is only accepted by people of no faith, oppressors and tyrants who want to convert people into slaves. All faiths condemn this act. The history of Islam shows that the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) used to tell the criminals who came to him voluntarily admitting their crimes, to repent and seek forgiveness from Allah.

Anonymous
luke haydn charles
Dan Ciaramella

Mr.Obama, I am sure you know who the real terrorists are. They are the invaders and occupiers of Palestine that have been committing atrocities and genocide against Palestinian people since 1940. They are the ones that ignore UN resolutions and international law, They are the ones that prevent peace on earth at every turn. They are NOT the ones that try to fight back with whatever means they can to remove the horror YOKE from innocent men women and children.If you care for justice at all this is the most important issue for you to look into and take action to end the barbaric treatment by this people.Thank you for reading what most Americans know to be true, Dan Ciaramella. A donated to your campaign and who voted for you.

Martha Perez
Fatima
ed kinane
Evemarie Moore
Anonymous
Catherine Callan
Warren Kundis

So far I have not seen change I can believe in. Mr President, you can still make a believer out of me if you pick justice as the standard.

Mohsen Sharifi MD
khalqillah

Tanja Winter	Justice for All !!!!
Yasmena	To sum it up His Holiness Pope John Paul II, for the celebration of the World Day Of Peace said "No Peace Without Justice; No Justice Without Forgiveness". All issues need to be adressed.
Chrys Ballerano	
Mabel leon	
Mahya	
Margaret Murtagh	
Rev Max B surjadinata	
Susan Hassib	
Dr.Zia Hussain	
Anonymous	
Jeanie Shaterian	
Esther Kleine	
Joe Binard	
Satanay Koushbay	Thank you for your consideration on this matter.
stewart m. robinson	
Thomas C. Washburn	
elizabeth grot	live and let live. the justice system was established for a reason. not to be side swiped by fear and domination.
Maliheh Movassat	
Mahmud Elias	
David Burke	
Marya Bangee	
Anonymous	
Adrian Dee	
Eleanor Mathews	
Wesley Clark	
Fuad	
john mc gillion	
Elaine Donovan	
Georg Kleine	
Zakira Kalyan	
Michiko Bickelman	Stop using our tax money, 3 billion per year to aid Israel!
Leonard B. Bjorkman	
Iona Brucknerr	
Anonymous	
grace b white	The rights guaranteed under the constitution belongs to everyone
Anonymous	Let justice be done unto the real terrorists! Bush and the likes!
Anonymous	
C.J. Kavanaugh	
June Forsyth Kenagy	If even 10% of this is true, it is completely anti-American and paranoid for our government to participate in such violations of human rights.Please stop the violations of our constitution which the Bush Administration initiated. End the paranoia!
Kenneth A. Lerczak	For the Rule of Law and especially forJUSTICE & THE TRUTH.... Please considerthe above request, Thank you.....
Cheryl Qamar	
Sylvia Barnard	
joseph j. bailey	

Barbara

Ann Tiffany

Kathleen Bates

Anonymous

Shahid Murtuza

Naoma Murtuza

Lois Griffin

I am appalled by the sting operations and the entrapment used against the Muslims.

Toma Begum

Melva Underbakke

Linda Richard

Peggy Boyd

There is so much injustice to remedy!

Ali

Rose Wilcher

Catherine Nolan

Richard Angehr

Mariel Caldwell

Jennifer Illenberg

Susan Harman

Prosecute BushCo.

Nevin Sabet

Thanks to people like Stephen Downs for using his knowledge of the law to speak out and stand up for U.S. victims of this War on Muslims.

Tricia E. Bratton

Mark Jacquinet

Najeeb Rehman

Omar Zarka

Cynthia Capone

Anonymous

Anonymous

It is wrong to profile any ethnic group!

Mary Ibarra

tabassam waheed

Elaine Hencke

Amani

Nabih Ammari

Torturing people will not make us safer. There must be other ways to get information from suspects.

Barbara F. Hildebrand

Philip Rich

While this petition is a lot for you to read, Mr. President, I hope you and the Attorney General will take it to heart.

SHABBIR AZAM

Diana Hasna

Mahmoud Charif

Anonymous

Anonymous

Lamese Shnewer

Ayat Shnewer

Israa Shnewer

Hanan Shnewer

Inas Shnewer

Faten Shnewer

Ibrahim Shnewer

Kamal Yassin
James Rothenberg
Ziad Taha
saghir azam
ayman
ruksi
Allan B. Greene
Joseph Anthony Yuja Upholding rule of law
James Dittrich The time has come for putting the flagrant abuses of the Bush administration to rest.
Anonymous
Robert H. Stiver
Jamal Khanfer Enough, it is time we started having some fun in the Middle East, that is fun and happiness for all.
Fawaz Tello
Nancy Stop the bigoted prosecutions by the Fed NOW!
Suhail Ahmad
Dianne Leung
Anonymous
Anonymous
Akhtar Ehtisham Agree with the thrust of the letter.All oppressed communities should be protected against discrimination, political. religious and economic
Anonymous
Faisal Azam
Carrie Kuehl
Kathleen M. Pelton
JERRY HINNANT
Anonymous I appreciate the difficulties your administration has faced in these times. But you MUST address these issues, as raised above, and help bring our country back to a democratic and honorable state.Thank you, Patricia Carey Schwarzlander
Karl Butts
Richard Kavanaugh
Jacob Nammar
Anonymous I have also witnessed the harsh treatment of Sami Alarian who was a respected professor at the University of South Florida where I attend. He has been held in solitary confinement for years after a trial that did not find him guilty of any crime.
Tanweerul Haq
Mohammad babar
Doris Norrito A study of Am. history shows a pattern of targeting of ethnic and political groups. Muslims/ Arabs are the newest victims. The early 1900s saw union groups, Italians, Germans and other imigrants the victims. WWII increased victimization of Germans and Japanese - then considered the "axis of evil." The book "Darkest before Dawn," by Clemens P. Work, (Journalism prof. at U of Montana), is a well documented history of sedition and free speech in the early 1900s in the Am. West and revels strong parallels today.
Bonnie Koshofer
Robert Williams Please serve justice.
hlanda Muslim prisoners deserve human right protections
Diana Shaheen
Ted Smith
Lois Price In addition to all of the cases listed above, I am extremely concerned about the fate of my friend, Dr. Sami Al-Arian, who has remained in custody for more than 6 years, in spite of the fact that a Tampa jury failed to find him guilty on even a single charge.

Anonymous

Burim Duka

please release all innocent people not just muslims alone but others as well and i am the youngest brother of the fot dix 5 case that happend in new jersey they pure innocent

Amin Ezzeddine

I am appalled at the US we live in today. This is not the country I know when I came as a foreign student in 1977 nor the country I served for the last 22 years as a US citizen working at the edge of technologocal innovations.

Shakil B. Zaman

Mr. President:How can you talk about reaching out to Muslims, when you continue to look the other way on issues of torture.

Jean Braun

zurata duka

jenniffer marino

Susan J. DuBois

ferik duka

naze duka

irfan smailji

adnan smailji

ismet smailji

mumin smailji

muarem smailji

lejla duka

xhebrail duka

elizabeth marke

trandafil marke

mira marke

agron marke

nuri marke

adrian ambari

linda ambari

hnan shnewer

inas shnewer

isra shnewer

lemise shnewer

ibrahim shnewer

fatin shnewer

dritan gorenza

lumi duka

shaban shatku

xhenete shatku

idris duka

yasmena duka

aneesa duka

fatimah duka

grigori ilchenko

ali je marke

ali marke

jevonn adderly

laurence coney

tina cutrone

grace fiumara
elez duka
lulje duka
gunxhe duka
mirushe duka
florina duka
naze duka
patrit duka
cija duka

Abdulrahman Ayad
Sabina Swift
Anonymous

Joe Lombardo

Obama, where are you?

BAKER AWSHAH

Erica Brodman

Faisal Azam

Carole Brodman

Arthur R. Mink

Anonymous

Time to drop these prosecutions and "Move on." Thank You,

Please, WE MUST COEXIST. Why target those that may have a different faith while other home grown individuals speak hate and retubution to having a "black president"?

Isra Ayad

Darby Penney

Connie LaPorta

Adam Matar

Joanne Herrmann

Inas Shnewer

joan schulz

Linda Ritchie

All what we ask for is justicThank u

AMERICA MUST WAKE UP!!!

Please let us show our values and let justice prevail. We must show we are a better people by our actions not just words. The words mean little if we do not back them up.

Nancy J. Smith

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Anonymous

Rubia Khalak

Theodore P. Wright, Jr.

I cannot vouch for the facts of any of these cases, but think they are symptomatic of FBI procedures, as illustrated here in Albany, which Steve Downs has investigated and which need to be stopped.

Sami Ibrahim

Jytte Springer

Anonymous

Fawzi

judith barlow

Rafi Ziauddin

Linda Muralidharan

I know of othere cases of injustice involving Muslims since 9/11, some widely publicized, some simply described in published narratives of life in the Islamic community under post 9/11 governmental policies and practices. Please stop the abuse and begin to invistigate a few of the significant cases where abuse is continuing.

karla kavanaugh

Barbara Murphy

I just came from a church meeting where teenagers were being asked to help Iraqi refugee families who are only slowly being allowed into America. How can we ask these young people to act responsibly when we as adults are acting irresponsibly?

Marilyn Sandberg
mohammad shirmohammadi

Jennifer Hogan

Jennifer Castle

Ebraheem Fontaine

Todd Turner

Francine Frank

Priscilla Fairbank

Rev. Marcia C. Free

Dear President Obama, Please investigate these abuses in our system of justice.

Anonymous

Aida Porteneuve

Anonymous

Anonymous

Daniel Straw

Mary Anne Fratelli

Mohammed-Afzal Somji

Please be just in your approach. No justice, no peace!

Mark C. Johnson

Mauricio Vasquez

Please show your ethics and compassion toward other races. We are in the 21st Century and is not possible to make the same mistakes from the past, and continuing spreading the virus of racism and xenophobism, after all we all are children of this Univers created equally to all regardless our skin color or our believes Justice should be aply not to some, but to all equally. Peace,Mauricio vasquez

Diane Emira

Maud Easter

Bertha Kriegler

Anonymous

Shahar tirmazi

Bob Elmendorf

Anonymous

Rita Nolan

Justice denied to one is justice denied to all.

Ruth C. Fort

Johanna D. Movassat, Ph.D.

Susan Peinhaupt

Ali Hassanali

Ramzy Kilic

In order to preserve the dignity of our justice system in America, we must end the scourge of racial profiling of American Muslims.

Laura Murphy

David Hartsough

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Linda HaRT

James F. Bryant

So Vais

Edwin Ali

Is liberty and justice only for some people. What about the Muslims?

Abrar Syed

ziaul islam

ziaul islam

Anonymous

Anonymous
Fuad Limani
Janice Gittino
Anonymous
Bassam Saddik
A sakkal
Naseem
Raza Panju
Anonymous
Anonymous

Muslims are being treated like animals by the american administration. Politicians and officials of government have tortured innocent men, women and children and have got away with it, showing total disregard to international law and the human rights of individuals. American administration is behaving that this planet earth belongs to the zionists and anglosaxons.

Aminah
John Nettleton
G.V. Langlely
Carmen Hendershott

It is imperative for the US to renounce torture. It is against international law, moral codes, and common sense.

Yasmeen Salhab
Terry Phelan
sarahchristinedeboer
Anonymous
francesca manderson

justice for Muslims...justice for ALL.....

Anonymous
Hussam Kubtan
Irfan Ahmad
Mustafah A. Alhark
Mustafah A. Alhark

Anonymous
Anonymous
Miranda Allen

Anonymous
Anonymous
Akbar Khan

Thomas Ellis
Salah Muhiddin

You promised us change we could believe in. It is time to deliver.

Anonymous
A.MONEIM SAID
hanieh amoozegar
Claire Shearer

Anonymous
Anonymous

The Bush-Cheney administration orchestrated many un-constitutional programs through congress and by Presidential Order using irrational fear as its primary weapon. While, as individuals, we can choose to oppose living under these fear-arousing threats, we still must take responsibility for the human toll that has been damaged. Our tools must be truth, justice and mercy. The CMU unit at Terre Haute is a national disgrace. Just because the national media does not see this, is no excuse for the Obama-Biden administration not to take steps leading to remediation and reconciliation. This part of our "Gulag" is too important to ignore any longer.

Nancy Kricorian
Yahia Megahed

Stefanie Collins

Terry Aqqad Please give us our free America back

Ahmed Saleh

Lois Rogers-Watson

Hertha L. Poje

S.A. Sherif

Laura Baboulis

Pamela Bond

Zohran Kwame Mamdani

Victoria Fox

Anonymous Free All the Muslims wrongfully detained NOW.
amin` justice for muslims and all will make u sleep at nite
moses seenarine end the internment of muslims now!

Mohamed Khater

Jane Killgore

Joe Seeman

Nova Budiman

Michael Severson I whole heartedly sign this letter and ask you to call upon me to elaborate reasons to heed its advice.

Lameese El-Desouky

Burton Steck

Anonymous

Anonymous

Muhammad Azemoun

Miriam Adams

alex jamljee

Joshua Nouril Please stand true to the values of our country.

Nancy Bennett

Anonymous

Anonymous

nidal.barakat

sami

Farida Humaidan Please the shameful and discriminatory regulations established by the previous administration. They are a shame to our democratic system.

Karin Baker

Frank L. Houde, Lt Col Ret. USAF

Anonymous I do call for an end to the illegal policies of the Bush administration forthwith. President Barak Obama most adopt peaceful policies with the Muslims and this is what are hearing from him but we want to see it practiced all through his White House administration personnels.

vera michelson How can you possibly not do what is bing asked in this letter? Your inaction would be a violation of all that we are supposed to stand for.

Anonymous

Beverly Jahn

Elizabeth Molchany, J.D.

Faisal Hashmi

Anonymous

Armand F. Baker Something must be done to correct the injustice that has been done because of these sting operations that coerced innocent people into crimes they would have never committed otherwise.

Anonymous

Joanne Mann	
Kate Gulliver	I voted for Barack Obama to end such actions. Why have they not ended and been repudiated by your administration?
Erin Fox	
Susan Youssef	
Thayer Heath	
Asim Usman	
Anonymous	Mr. Obama, we counted on you to investigate the illegal acts that occurred under the Bush administration: in particular, the prisons here and abroad where persons were held without just cause and trials and where torture was sanctioned. Please carry out the wishes of most Americans and not only end all of these practices but bring them to light so they do not fester as a dark period of our history. It is far better that we know that such things happened, so that we can ensure that they never happen again. You also need to make sure that the problems this petition addresses are investigated fully, without wasting any more time, and with complete fairness. Thank you.
Mahmood Ibrahim	Let us live up to our values and principles
Kristin Elmendorf	
Jennifer Morgan	
saddaf	
Anonymous	
Anonymous	
Anonymous	
Muniba Hassan	
dean shamsedin	
Anonymous	
Ruth Schaefer	
Rasheed	
Sid Badakhsh	
Ethel	
Anonymous	
Margaret Slocum	
Anonymous	
Lois Griffin	I am appalled when people come to the USA seeking freedom and justice that they find the opposite.
Ron Chew	
Nadia S Bettendorf	
Meisam Movassat	
Meisam Movassat	
vahid sharifi	
Priscilla Crago	We, in Albany, NY, are asking for a Justice Dept. government who are among those caught in entrapment by the FBI and now sitting in federal prison. They are innocent.
mary ann lettau	
Abbas Hooda	
Marie Drislane	
Nezzi	
Jeanne DeSocio	
Nora H. McDowell	
Dr. Mohammad Ala	I support this petition.
Royce Hawkins	Justice for All, not just the privileged
Ira Zimble	

Chellsea Jones
Teresa Foudriat
Ahmed s binjahlan
Najat Mishalanie
Cynthia Capone
Anonymous
joe Sokolinsky
Mauri Saalakhan

Please do just and fear Allah swt for what you do in this world.

This important petition drive has my full endorsement! If the new, historically appointed, U.S. Attorney General is truly sincere about bringing much needed CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM to the Justice Department, he will give this urgent appeal every consideration it deserves...and he will do it post-haste!

joe Sokolinsky
Anonymous
Ephrosine Daniggelis
Richard E. Mann
Afifa
Zuhair Al-Atwi
MA Khader
Virginia Hammer
Connie Frisbee Houde
Askeri

Leave the Muslims alone

Please take action

Please give serious attention to this example of a miscarriage of justice.

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Dear President,More than 100 days of your presidency have past.We are waiting for your compassion and justice.Please free the innocent held in prison.Particularly :Seyed Mahmood MousaviRegistration No 45193-112FCI TERRE HAUTEFEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONP.O. BOX 33TERRE HAUTE, IN 47808http://www.freeseedmousavi.com/We have a Credit Crunch - severe Economic Depression - Let these folks go back to their families.God Bless =====

Hatem Abou-Senna
Mark Yolles

The Albany, NY case is an especially clear example of over zealous entrapment.
MPY

ROHA
Jack Cohen-Joppa
Anonymous
Haseeb Abdullah
Haseeb Abdullah
Stacy Pettigrew
Dr.Zia Hussain
Ajazz Abedi
Anonymous
pervin aybalik

This is a disgrace to humanity and needs to be addressed immediately. President Obama, I urge you to address this injustice.

sajjad
A.Mazhari
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
zareena grewal
Anonymous
Malika Zafar
Anonymous
Anonymous

Hanife Demiral
Ashraf Salem
Frederick Eames
Anonymous
Peter Klosterman
Bajis Dodin
Huma Ahmad
Deborah Gordon
James Faris
Sadaf Ahmad
Shakil Zaman
Rand Carter
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anne Sombor

President Obama: Is your effort to reach out to Muslims sincere, or this just talk?