

Secretary Antony Blinken
United State Department of State
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Dear Secretary Blinken,

The US government's use of indefinite detention without charge at the military base in **Guantánamo Bay** as a response to 9/11 has been unlawful from the outset. I urge you to immediately prioritize and expedite the closure of the detention facility at the base.

One man who is currently detained in Guantánamo Bay, **Toffiq al-Bihani**, has been held since early 2003 without being charged with any offense. He was subjected to torture and other ill treatment at the hands of US authorities. He has been cleared for release since 2010, yet he remains still imprisoned in Guantánamo today. His continued detention is unconscionable and arbitrary, a clear violation of his human rights.

I urge you to work toward a lawful solution for the detainees still held at Guantánamo by either transferring them to other countries where their rights will be protected or by supporting fair judicial resolutions of the cases of those charged with crimes. Those detainees who suffered torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment must receive genuine access to an effective remedy, including rehabilitation and redress. Those responsible for the detained men's torture and enforced disappearance should be brought to justice in a fair trial without recourse to the death penalty.

Yours sincerely,