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TREATMENT OF DETAINEES IN GUANTANAMO

Q: Please update guidance rebutting allegations of the inhumane treatment of the prisoners in Cuba. Do we have a interpretation of the Geneva Convention that allows us to designate the detainees as "unlawful combatants" as opposed to prisoners of war?

– ALL DETAINEES IN THE CONTROL OF THE UNITED STATES ARE BEING TREATED HUMANELY . THEY ARE VERY DANGEROUS PEOPLE WHO ARE PROPERLY HELD AS CRIMINALS PENDING INVESTIGATION AND QUESTIONING TO PREVENT FURTHER TERRORIST ACTS.

– THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE RED CROSS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE DETAINEES AT GTMO TODAY TO INSPECT CONDITIONS.

-- THE DETAINEES AT GTMO DO NOT QUALIFY AS PRISONERS OF WAR UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS. THEY ARE UNLAWFUL COMBATANTS WHO HAD NO LEGAL RIGHT TO ORGANIZE THEMSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING HOSTILITIES AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

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Q: Please rebut allegations about the inhumane treatment of the prisoners in Cuba. Provide as much detail as possible.

-- ALL DETAINEES IN THE CONTROL OF THE UNITED STATES ARE BEING TREATED HUMANELY.

-- EACH DAY THE DETAINEES ARE GIVEN THREE CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE MEALS.

-- THEY HAVE DAILY OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOWER, EXERCISE AND RECEIVE MEDICAL ATTENTION.

-- WE EXPECT REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE RED CROSS TO VISIT THEM LATER THIS WEEK.

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Q: Any comment on Amnesty International's report criticizing detentions in Guantanamo Bay?

- THE INDIVIDUALS BEING DETAINED AT GUANTANAMO ARE BEING TREATED HUMANELY CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS.**

- EACH DAY THE DETAINEES ARE GIVEN THREE CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE MEALS.**

- THEY HAVE DAILY OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOWER, EXERCISE AND RECEIVE MEDICAL ATTENTION.**

- IT IS OF COURSE THE CASE THAT THESE DETAINEES ARE VERY DANGEROUS PEOPLE, AND ALL APPROPRIATE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN.**

- WE ARE CONTINUING TO INVESTIGATE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE DETAINEES AND AL QAEDA, AND ARE**

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**COLLECTING ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIMES THEY MAY HAVE COMMITTED.**

**-- THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE RED CROSS
HAS ACCESS TO THE DETAINEES AT GUANTANAMO TO
MONITOR THE CONDITIONS THERE.**

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