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TREATMENT OF DETAINEES IN GUANTANAMO

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 APPRORIATE 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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