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ICRC ROTATIONAL MOVE AT GUANTANAMO

Q: Is it true that the ICRC is pulling its people out of Guantanamo?

**-- NO. THE ICRC WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THE SAME
ACCESS AND PRESENCE AT GUANTANAMO BAY.**

**-- OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE ICRC IS MAKING
STAFFING CHANGES AT GUANTANAMO BAY AS PART OF A
ROUTINE ROTATION PROCESS.**

**-- THE ICRC'S ROTATION PROCESS IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE
RELIEF TO PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN SERVING AT
GUANTANAMO BAY. THEY WILL EITHER RETURN AFTER A
SHORT BREAK OR BE REPLACED BY NEW PERSONNEL. WE
EXPECT THAT ANY INTERRUPTION IN THE ICRC'S PRESENCE
AT GUANTANAMO BAY IS TEMPORARY. IT WILL NOT
AFFECT THE TREATMENT OF DETAINEES OR THE
CONDITIONS AT GUANTANAMO BAY.**

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For Background Only:

The ICRC is an impartial, neutral, and independent organization whose main humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of war and to provide them with assistance. The ICRC serves as an intermediary between the detainees and the Detaining Power and works to facilitate compliance with and respect for international humanitarian law. In this case, its presence at Guantanamo Bay is designed to ensure -- in cooperation with the United States -- the proper treatment of detainees consistent with the Geneva Conventions and the laws and customs of war. The United States has permitted the ICRC to have a presence at Guantanamo Bay and to meet privately and individually with every detainee.

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