

Secretary Lloyd Austin
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Dear Secretary of Defense,

I am writing to you to express my serious concerns regarding Toffiq al-Bihani's fate.

Toffiq al-Bihani has been held at Guantánamo Bay detention camp since early 2003 without being charged with any offence. Initially turned over to US military personnel in Afghanistan in March 2002, he was transferred to Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) custody in October that same year, and for several weeks subjected to enforced disappearance as well as to other forms of torture or ill-treatment

Since 2003, he has been detained at Guantánamo without charge and has been awaiting a fair trial. The US government has long since made it clear that it has no intention of charging him, and he has been cleared for release since 2010.

I urge you to immediately release Toffiq al-Bihani and to grant him permission for a transfer to a host country, which will respect his human rights. Please also ensure that he is allowed access to appropriate remedies as well as rehabilitation, and that he receives compensation for the human rights violations he had to endure during his detainment.

Yours sincerely,

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