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Statement by Pentagon Press Secretary Geoff Morrell and Special Envoy for Closure of the Guantanamo Detention Facility Ambassador Daniel Fried

"It is unfortunate that several news organizations have made the decision to publish numerous documents obtained illegally by Wikileaks concerning the Guantanamo (GTMO) detention facility. These documents contain classified information about current and former GTMO detainees, and we strongly condemn the leaking of this sensitive information.

"The Wikileaks releases include Detainee Assessment Briefs (DABs) written by the Department of Defense between 2002 and early 2009. These DABs were written based on a range of information available then.

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"Both the previous and the current administrations have made every effort to act with the utmost care and diligence in transferring detainees from Guantanamo. The previous administration transferred 537 detainees; to date, the current administration has transferred 67. Both administrations have made the protection of American citizens the top priority and we are concerned that the disclosure of these documents could be damaging to those efforts. That said, we will continue to work with allies and partners around the world to mitigate threats to the United States and other countries and to work toward the ultimate closure of the Guantanamo detention facility, consistent with good security practices and our values as a nation."



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WikiLeaks Guantanamo Files Reveal Faces, Lives of 'Enemy Combatants'



(ABC News)

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By DEVIN DWYER (@devindwyer)

April 25, 2011

WikiLeaks' latest release of more than 700 secret U.S. government documents unveils previously unknown details on the hundreds of detainees held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, since the Bush administration opened the military detention facility there nearly a decade ago.

The so-called Detainee Assessment Briefs, written by the Department of Defense between 2002 and early 2009, were released to the New York Times, Washington Post, NPR and the Guardian and published late Sunday.

The thousands of pages of documents reveal why each of 776 detainees was apprehended, what intelligence they might have been able to provide and why each should remain in custody or be turned free. Many include photos of the men seen publicly for the first time.

One hundred seventy-two detainees remain in U.S. military custody; most are designated "high risk" for posing a threat to the United States if they were to be released, according to the Times.

The information in the dossiers was largely gleaned from years of interrogations and evaluations by military intelligence analysts, but is impossible to independently verify.

The document dump sheds light on cases of accidental detentions of innocent or seemingly harmless men,



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including an Afghan shepherd who spent three years at Gitmo after being arrested near the scene of a roadside explosion, according to the Times.

The files show that some of the earliest prisoners included an 89-year-old man, whom U.S. military doctors described as suffering from "major depressive disorder, senile dementia and osteoarthritis," and a 70-year-old man who arrived in Gitmo to have authorities later conclude "there is no reason on the record for detainee being transferred to Guantanamo Bay detention facility." Both were released after several months, the Guardian found.

Some of the captives have also included children as young as 14, the files show. Naqib Ullah, 14, spent one year at Gitmo before military investigators concluded he was telling the truth about being kidnapped by the Taliban and returned to Afghanistan to "afford him an opportunity to 'grow out' of the radical extremism he has been subject to," the Guardian reported from his file.

The findings also include new details on alleged 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who is believed to have ordered a Baltimore, Md., resident to carry out a suicide-assassination attempt against Pakistani president Pervez Musharraf, the documents show. The plot turned out to be a test of the man's "willingness to die for the cause."

Mohammed also reportedly told investigators that he intended to "somehow try to attack the White House again one day" since it was not hit on 9/11, and that al Qaeda was determined to create a "nuclear hell storm" in America."

Al Qaeda explosives trainer Tariq Mahmud Ahmad al-Sawah told interrogators he designed the prototype for the shoe bomb used by Richard Reid in a failed attempt to take down a U.S. plane mid-flight in late 2001.

The detainee charged with orchestrating the USS Cole bombing in 2000, Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, told investigators he was "so dedicated to jihad that he reportedly received injections to promote impotence and recommended the injections to others so more time could be spent on the jihad [rather than being distracted by women]," his file shows.

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WikiLeaks publishes Guantanamo detainee documents

By the CNN Wire Staff

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WikiLeaks reveals terrorist information

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

WikiLeaks begins releasing documents on Guantanamo detainees

It says it is describing cases against nearly 760 prisoners

The Obama administration disapproves of the documents release

(CNN) — WikiLeaks' latest release of secret documents provides details on the behavior and treatment of detainees being held at the U.S. Navy's detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Classified military files described some as being compliant while others threatened violence against guards and one stated he would fly planes into houses, according to the WikiLeaks documents.

In a statement accompanying Sunday's release of the first of 700 classified files, WikiLeaks said the documents dating from 2002 to 2008 are "shining the light of truth on a notorious icon of the Bush administration's 'War on Terror'" and were described in memoranda from the joint task force at Guantanamo to U.S. Southern Command in Florida.

"Most of these documents reveal accounts of incompetence familiar to those who have studied Guantanamo closely, with innocent men detained by mistake (or because the U.S. was offering substantial bounties to its allies for al-Qaeda or Taliban suspects), and numerous insignificant Taliban conscripts from Afghanistan and Pakistan," the anti-secrecy website said.

Most of the 171 remaining prisoners at Guantanamo have been rated as a "high risk" of posing a threat if released without adequate rehabilitation and supervision.

But, according to The New York Times — one of several news organizations that saw the files — an even larger number of the prisoners who have left Cuba were also designated "high risk" before they were freed or passed to the custody of other governments.



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The documents are largely silent about the use of the harsh interrogation tactics at Guantanamo that drew global condemnation, according to the Times.

The documents are intelligence assessments of nearly every one of the 779 individuals who have been held at Guantanamo since 2002, according to the Washington Post, which also saw them.

The documents offer glimpses into whereabouts and operations of Osama bin Laden and his Egyptian deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri, the Post reported.

Four days after the Sept. 11 attacks, bin Laden visited a guesthouse in Afghanistan's Kandahar province, according to the files, which detailed his movements over the next few months.

CNN was not among the news organizations granted early access to the latest files.

The U.S. government, as in previous document dumps by WikiLeaks, expressed disapproval at their release.

"It is unfortunate that several news organizations have made the decision to publish numerous documents obtained illegally by WikiLeaks concerning the Guantanamo detention facility," said Dan Fried, the U.S. envoy for Guantanamo, and Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell in a joint statement. "These documents contain classified information about current and former GTMO detainees, and we strongly condemn the leaking of this sensitive information."

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The Obama administration has repeated its determination to close the terrorist detention facility.

Under the Obama administration, 126 detainees have been approved for transfer and 59 of those still remain at the Navy base. A total of 171 men still remain in detention at Guantanamo, including those awaiting prosecution and those deemed too dangerous to release but not feasible for prosecution. During the Bush administration, 537 detainees were transferred, including almost 200 to Afghanistan.

The Obama administration announced earlier this month it would hold military trials at Guantanamo for the suspected conspirators of the September 11, 2001, terror attacks. That decision will delay indefinitely plans to close the detention facility.

WikiLeaks gained international prominence after leaking thousands of papers about the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan. Earlier this year it released a huge cache of secret American diplomatic papers.

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as Ron Paul says - in a free society, we are suppose to know the truth. When truth becomes treason, we are in big trouble

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Rexa - Let other people take care of it. <- That's your real reasoning

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Rexa

If you want to continue being free maybe let the higher powers continue to do their work while you sleep peacefully in your bed at night - that's my reasoning.

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dustinhin - All the time. I work for a non-profit, trying to help others. Sometimes it feels like a losing battle.

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Mcwhiteys

I have problems with guys with two first names

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NakedforTSA

McW - like Billy Bob Thornton, Joe Don Baker and Willy "T" Ribbs?



dustinhin

binary, have you ever had to go out of your way to help someone?



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Indefinite imprisonment and torture behind the pretense of maintaining freedom. This facility is a disgrace.

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ScottNH

I think it is even worse than that. indefinite imprisonment without trial and torture of innocent people under the pretense of maintaining freedom that's 1984 wordspeak if ever I've heard it

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