

The Future of Guantanamo under the Trump Administration

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Fifteen years have passed since the first prisoner arrived in Guantánamo Bay, and the Trump administration is the third administration to take it over.

Almost 800 men have passed through Guantánamo's cells. Today, 41 Bush-era detainees remain, only 10 of whom have been charged with a crime. The rest face indefinite detention by the Trump administration, including 5 men who have already been cleared for release by a panel of security experts.

President Trump campaigned on a promise to "load up" Guantánamo Bay, and a leaked draft of an Executive Order shows he intends to do just that.

The side event will discuss the future of Guantanamo under the Trump administration and the role of the Human Rights Council and special procedures in addressing ongoing violations, including indefinite and arbitrary detention, unfair trials, and lack of judicial remedies.

Panelists:

- Nils Melzer, Special Rapporteur on torture
- Jamil Dakwar, Director, Human Rights Program, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
- Peter Jan Honigsberg, University of San Francisco Law School, Founder & Director of Witness to Guantanamo

Moderator: Connie de la Vega, University of San Francisco Law School & Human Rights Advocates

