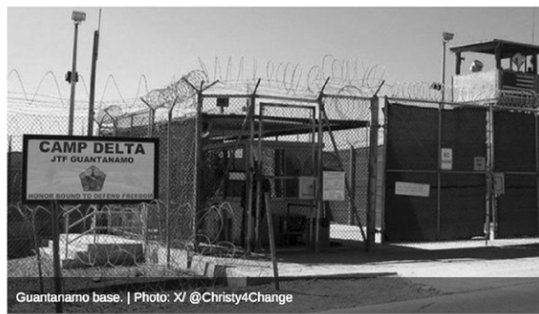


Guantanamo: 22 Years of Imprisonment without End... for 30 People

Friday
January 12 2024
4:30-6:00 PM
Pioneer
Courthouse
Square
SW Yamhill
and Broadway

Guantanamo: 21 Years of Frustrated Search for Justice



Guantanamo base. | Photo: XI @Christy4Change

The United Nations Human Rights Committee expressed concern about the lack of a planned closure date for the facilities

More than two decades after Guantanamo received its first detainees in 2002, this U.S. prison on Cuban soil continues to grapple with the challenge of delivering justice.

"Guantanamo is a symbol of what not to do," summarizes the coordinator of the defense teams at the base, Brigadier General Jackie Thompson

Telesur
November 7, 2023

Expanded Friday rally and march

Portlanders will gather for a rally and march calling once again to close down the prison camp in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The US opened this "detention facility" on January 11, 2002, twenty-two years ago. Thirty (30) people remain there. Most of the active military aspects of the "war on terror" have subsided and over 700 prisoners have been released. Many of those remaining have never been charged with a crime. Guantanamo is seen as a blemish on human rights, including its history of torture and endless incarceration. Brigadier General Jackie Thompson of the United States Army Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps recently said "Guantanamo is a symbol of what not to do" (Telesur, November 7, 2023).

Efforts to shut down Guantanamo have been hampered by Congressional bills prohibiting funds being used to do so. Instead, America spends hundreds of millions of dollars a year to maintain this site of injustice.

The Friday Rally for Peace and Justice has been held weekly since November, 2001. For the first 18.5 years it was coordinated by Portland Peaceful Respose Coalition, and since March, 2020 by Peace and Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group. Normally the rally begins at 5 PM; this event begins at 4:30 to underscore its importance. **Due to the ongoing pandemic we ask that participants mask up and stay distanced.**

*Event coordinated by Peace and Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group,
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