

## CIA Torture and Rendition

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The Bureau and The Rendition Project publish first quarterly report publish their first quarterly report into CIA torture.



An unprecedented picture of the 119 individuals secretly detained and tortured by the CIA as part of the US's war on terror has been published following new research by the Bureau of Investigative Journalism and [The Rendition Project](#). The analysis, which is summarised in [our first quarterly report](#), reveals 101 of the detainees were held by the CIA for more than a month, and 47 of these for more than a year. All detainees were held without access to lawyers, their families or the International Committee of the Red Cross. The Bureau and The Rendition Project launched a [joint investigation](#) in January to examine the CIA's actions and find out what happened to the people they held.

**[Download the full report here. An infographic summarising the main findings is here. Please donate to the funding of this important project here.](#)**

Also this week, the Bureau has published an exclusive extract from Chris Woods' book *Sudden Justice*. In this section, the former Bureau reporter shows how Germany's role in the CIA's covert drone wars has been highly controversial for years. [Read the extract here](#). And the Bureau has published an analysis of documents obtained by Corporate Europe Observatory through Freedom of Information requests that reveals the inside story of how big business worked with lobbyists to influence the EU in drawing up controversial trade secrets proposals. [Read the full investigation here](#). Congratulations to our reporter Nick Mathiason who has been shortlisted for the prestigious Orwell Prize for [his investigation A Great British Housing Crisis](#) published last December.







# THE 119 CIA DETAINEES: WHAT WE KNOW

Since January 2015, the Bureau of Investigative Journalism and The Prisoners Project have been investigating and exposing all 119 prisoners who went through the CIA's rendition, detention and black programs.



We know the nationality of 76 detainees. Nationalities of 43 are unknown.



The map shows where 73 detainees were captured. We don't know where 46 were captured.

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WERE HELD FOR **MORE**  
THAN A MONTH

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HAD ANY ACCESS TO THEIR  
FAMILIES, LAWYERS OR THE  
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE  
OF THE RED CROSS

## WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THEIR CIA DETENTION?

**35 PRISONERS SENT TO BAGRAM**  
**16 SENT TO QUANTANAMO**  
**21 SENT TO FOREIGN CUSTODY**  
**12 RELEASED**  
**34 ARE STILL UNTRACED**  
**1 HAD BEEN KILLED IN CUSTODY**



**GUL RAHMAN** WAS SHACKLED TO THE WALL OF HIS CELL IN A PRISON SITE IN AFGHANISTAN, WEARING ONLY A SWEATSHIRT. HE WAS FOUND DEAD FROM HYPOTHERMIA, THE NEXT DAY.

### DETENTION IN BAGRAM, AFGHANISTAN

**35** were handed over to the US military at Bagram prison in Afghanistan.  
**21** of these were then sent to Guantanamo Bay.  
**14** continued to be held in Bagram.

**OF THE 14 LEFT IN BAGRAM,**  
**06** have been released  
**04** escaped  
**02** have been transferred to Afghan custody  
**02** are unaccounted for

### IN JULY 2005, 4 OF THE PRISONERS ESCAPED FROM BAGRAM

**UMAR FARUQ** killed by British forces in Iraq, September 2006

**MUHAMMAD JAFAR JAMAL AL-QAHTANI** recaptured in Afghanistan in November 2006 and transferred to Saudi Arabia

**ABDULLAH ASHAMI** killed in an airstrike in Afghanistan, July 2009

**HASSAN MUHAMMAD ABU BAKR QA'D** killed by drone in Pakistan, June 2012

### DETENTION IN QUANTANAMO

**37** ENDED UP IN QUANTANAMO

**6** were there already from CIA custody, pending  
**21** who had been sent from Bagram  
**07** HAVE BEEN RELEASED  
**01** HAS BEEN TRIED AND CONVICTED

### DETENTION IN OTHER LOCATIONS

**21** prisoners were transferred to custody in other locations, including Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Libya, Yemen, Jordan and Pakistan.

**6** released | **01** still held | **01** died in custody | **03** unaccounted for

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

**33**

are known still to be in detention

**39**

have now been released

**07**

have died or been killed



**WHAT BECAME OF 40 OF THE PRISONERS IS STILL UNKNOWN**

**EVEN ACCORDING TO THE CIA, 26 HAD BEEN 'WRONGLY DETAINED'**

## [For the full Report Click here](#)

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