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PARTIAL LIST OF DETAINEES SECRETLY TRANSPORTED BY AERO CONTRACTORS OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR TORTURE BY OR FOR THE CIA

Primary source: "Ghost Plane" by Stephen Grey, <http://www.ghostplane.net/>

This is by no means a complete list of the detainees secretly transported by Aero Contractors, or the planes used to transport them.

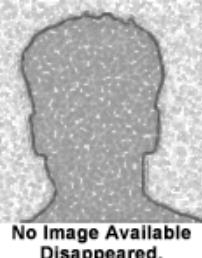


N379P was a Gulfstream jet based several years at Smithfield, NC; it was renumbered to N8068V in 2004.



N313P (renumbered to N4476S in 2004 or 2005) was a Boeing business jet based at the Global TransPark in Kinston, NC.

Both aircraft were operated by the CIA affiliate Aero Contractors Ltd., as documented in "Ghost Plane" and by the New York Times and other media. Aero Contractors continues to operate rendition-linked planes out of the Johnston County Airport in Smithfield, NC.



10/23/2001 **Jamil Qasim Saeed Mohammed**, Pakistan to Jordan, N379P. In the early hours of 26 October 2001, he was taken to a secluded part of Karachi International Airport. Shackled and blindfolded, he was delivered to U.S. agents, according to the Washington Post, "without extradition or deportation papers." From there, at about 2:40 a.m., Mohammed was put on a U.S.-registered jet and flown to Jordan. He has not been seen since.



Ahmed Agiza

12/12/2001 **Ahmed Agiza** and **Mohammed el-Zary**, Stockholm to Cairo, N379P. Delivered to CIA custody by the Swedish Security Service, upon approval of a cabinet minister who was subsequently murdered. Tried in a military proceeding based on evidence obtained under torture, and denied the opportunity to challenge witnesses against him. Sweden has awarded him the equivalent of \$4.75 million for its role in Agiza's torture. Held in solitary confinement in terrible conditions; shackled and blindfolded for extended periods; and interrogated, beaten, and tortured repeatedly. Agiza remains in prison in Egypt serving a sentence of 15 years.



Muhammad Saad
Iqbal Madni

1/11/2002 **Muhammad Saad Iqbal Madni**, N379P, Indonesia to Egypt via the UK territory Diego Garcia, according to the human rights organization Reprieve. Jailed and tortured in Egypt, then flown to Guantánamo. Later freed without criminal charges and returned to Pakistan "effectively crippled by his torture," according to Reprieve.



Omar al-Faruq

6/5/2002 **Omar al-Faruq**, West Java to Kabul, probably N379P. At Bagram, received brutal daily beatings; for 3 months given very little food, subjected to sleep and light deprivation, prolonged isolation, and temperatures from 10 to 100° F.



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Martin Mubanga

4/18/2002 **Martin Mubanga**, Zambia to Guantánamo, N379P. Shackled at Guantánamo so long he lost control of his bladder, and then daubed with his own urine. Released without charges in 2005.

Not pictured:

5/14/2002 **Abu Abdul Halim Dalak**, **Omar Ghramesh**, and **an unnamed teenager**, Pakistan to Syria, N379P. Rendered to the notorious "Palestine Branch" prison in Syria; disappeared, current whereabouts unknown.



Abou El-Kassim Britel freed after more than 8 years jail and torture in Morocco

5/24/2002 **Abou el-Kassim Britel**, Pakistan to Morocco, N379P. Tortured in Morocco; released February 2003; arrested again in May 2003 when Moroccan officials rounded up "the usual suspects" following a bombing in Casablanca. He was freed from a Moroccan prison after 8½ years of torture on April 14, 2011.

Kassim is a devout Muslim who sought to share his faith by translating religious texts into Italian.

During his captivity, his wife, Khadija Anna Brittel, courageously carried letters of apology from North Carolinians and reported back that he was encouraged to know that he was not forgotten.

Kassim was one of four plaintiffs, including **Binyam Mohamed** (below), **Ahmed Agizza** (above) and **Mohamed Bashmilah**, (below) who joined in a claim against Jeppesen Data Plan, which the U.S. Supreme Court recently refused to hear thanks to the Obama administration's insistence on shielding top officials in his predecessor's administration from facing consequences for the cruelty they inflicted.

7/19/2002 **Mohamedou Ould Slahi**, Jordan to Afghanistan, N379P, after eight months of incommunicado detention in Jordan, during which he was tortured twice a week. Held in Guantánamo since August 2002 and tortured based on statements coerced from CIA detainee Ramzi bin-al Shibh under torture.



7/21/2002 **Binyam Mohamed**, Pakistan to Morocco, N379P, interrogated and tortured for 18 months in Morocco. Routinely beaten, sometimes to unconsciousness; suffered multiple broken bones. Repeated sessions of genital slashing, including with a hot stinging liquid poured into open wounds on his penis. Frequently threatened with rape, electrocution and death; forced to listen to loud music day and night; placed in a room with open sewage for a month at a time and drugged repeatedly. On 1/21/2004, he was stripped and photographed extensively—quite possibly by a female Aero Contractors employee—and rendered in N313P to Kabul. Upon arrival at the "Dark Prison," captors repeatedly hit his head against the wall until he bled. Held in almost complete darkness for 23 hours a day and kept awake for days at a time by loud music and other frightening and irritating recordings, including the sounds of "ghost laughter," thunder, aircraft taking off and the screams of women and children. Transferred in September 2004 to Guantánamo, and released without charges in 2009.



Binyam Mohamed

9/28/2002 **Abdulsalam al-Hela**, Egypt to Kabul, N379P. Held in the Dark Prison; regularly stripped naked and interrogated; suspended from the ceiling for prolonged periods; one hand cuffed to the wall at all times to make it difficult to sleep or go to the toilet; subjected to loud "heavy metal" music 24 hours a day. Remains at Guantánamo.

Twenty-one poems written "inside the wire" in Arabic, Pashto and English have been gathered together despite formidable obstacles by Marc Falkoff, a law professor at Northern Illinois University who represents 17 of the detainees at the camp. The collection, entitled Poems from Guantánamo: The Detainees Speak, (University of Iowa Press, August 2007) with an afterword written by Ariel Dorfman.

It all began when Falkoff turned up at the secure facility in Washington, DC where all communications from detainees are sent, and found a poem waiting for him.

"The first poem I saw was sent to me by Abdulsalam al Hela," he says. "It's a moving cry about the injustice of arbitrary detention and at the same time a hymn to the comforts of religious faith."



Bisher al-Rawi

12/8/2002 **Bisher al-Rawi and Jamil al Banna**, the Gambia to Kabul, N379P. Al-Rawi was imprisoned, interrogated and tortured at two separate CIA facilities in Afghanistan. Both men transferred to Guantánamo in 2003, released without charges in 2007. Al-Rawi is suing Jeppesen DataPlan.



Jamil el-Banna

7/22/2003 **Saifullah Paracha**, Kidnapped in Thailand and flown to torture at Bagram Air Force base aboard N379P, an aircraft based in North Carolina.

Held at Guantánamo since 2004 without criminal charges. In his 60s, has suffered two heart attacks in detention, and has been medically neglected.

Most likely, one of about 4 dozen men that President Obama has determined will be held indefinitely at Guantánamo Bay, without ever being charged with a crime, or able to challenge the reason for his detention.



Saifullah Paracha



Mohamed Farag Ahmad Bashmilah

10/26/2003 **Salah Nasser Salim Ali and Mohamed Farag Ahmad Bashmilah**, Jordan to Afghanistan, N379P. Tortured in Jordan; rendered to Bagram air base; subjected to sensory manipulation, shackling in painful stress positions, and sleep deprivation. Transferred to "black site" and tortured. Released from "black site" in 2005 and held by government of Yemen; released in 2006, but Bashmilah reports, continue to be persecuted by Yemeni Intelligence.



Salah Nasser Salim Ali

1/7/2004 **Abduh Ali Shaqawi** and **Hassan bin Attash**, Jordan to Afghanistan, N313P. Shaqawi was seized in Pakistan in 2002 and rendered by the CIA to Jordan, where he was held for two years and tortured brutally. He was then rendered to Afghanistan and finally to Guantánamo, where he remains. Attash was 17 when arrested in Pakistan; tortured at the Dark Prison and then in Jordan for 16 months, including upside-down suspension, beating on the soles of his feet; then transferred to two Afghan prisons; since 2004 in Guantánamo. Neither man is charged with a crime.



Khaled al-Maqtari

1/22/2004 **Khaled al-Maqtari**, Baghdad to Kabul, N313P. In 2003 at Abu Ghraib, subjected to beatings, sleep deprivation, upside-down suspension in stress positions, intimidation by dogs, and induced hypothermia. Then held in CIA "black sites" in Afghanistan and an unidentified third country for three years in complete isolation. Released without charges in 2006, a "broken man."

1/23/2004 **Khaled el-Masri**, Macedonia to Afghanistan, N313P. Held at Dark Prison incommunicado, tortured and abused, then dumped in Albania after 5 months detention. Sued CIA and Aero Contractors, but U.S. government successfully used "state secrets" to block suit from being heard.



Khaled el-Masri



Omar Deghayes

9/8-9/2004 Libyan security agents flown in N8068V (N379P re-registered) from Libya to Guantánamo to threaten **Omar Deghayes**, a UK legal resident and refugee from Libya. After transfer from Bagram to Guantánamo, Deghayes was blinded in one eye by soldiers and had his face smeared with feces. Released without charges in 2007.



Abu Faraj al Libbi

4/30/2005 **Abu Faraj al Libbi**, Pakistan to Afghanistan, N4476S (N313P re-registered)

WHAT CAN WE DO?

North Carolina Stop Torture Now is a coalition of peace, human rights, and religious organizations working to end torture and the practice of “extraordinary rendition.” Our immediate goal is to get Aero Contractors investigated and evicted from public property. We want justice for all rendition survivors, and for the families of those disappeared by the U.S.

CALL PRESIDENT OBAMA AT 202-456-1414 AND ASK HIM TO:

- (1) **Launch a transparent investigation** of the U.S. torture program, **including extraordinary rendition**;
 - (2) **Stop asserting** that “**state secrets**” require us to deny rendition survivors their day in court – let the survivors’ lawsuits go forward; and
 - (3) **Close Guantánamo** and either try detainees in Federal court or release them to safe locations. No indefinite detentions without charges!
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CALL ON GOV. PERDUE, ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER, U.S. AND STATE LEGISLATORS TO END ALL NORTH CAROLINA SUPPORT FOR RENDITION AND TORTURE.

Specifically, ask them to urge the U.S. Department of Justice **investigate Aero Contractors and Centurion Aviation**, as requested by 22 state legislators and Congressional Representatives Mel Watt and David Price.

www.ncstoperturenow.net/1220_001-1.pdf
www.ncstoperturenow.org/IntelCommitteeLtr20080717.pdf

URGE CONGRESS TO:

- (1) **Establish an independent inquiry** on the development, approval, and execution of U.S. torture policy. The rule of law means nothing if it can be violated by the powerful without consequences.
 - (2) **Reinstate *habeas corpus*** immediately so all detainees have the rights to know the charges and evidence against them and to a fair and speedy trial.
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HELP NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEYS DEFEND GUANTÁNAMO DETAINEES: SEND CHECKS TO:

**EPM Civil Rights Fund,
c/o Elliot Pishko Morgan
426 Old Salem Rd.
Winston-Salem, NC 27101**

Encourage the three Aero pilots who are wanted in Germany to come forward and tell what they know about the renditions of Khaled El-Masri, Binyam Mohamed, and others.

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