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**TREATMENT OF DETAINEES IN GUANTANAMO**

**Q: Please update guidance rebutting allegations of the inhumane treatment of the prisoners in Cuba. Do we have a interpretation of the Geneva Convention that allows us to designate the detainees as "unlawful combatants" as opposed to prisoners of war?**

**-- ALL DETAINEES IN THE CONTROL OF THE UNITED STATES ARE BEING TREATED HUMANELY . THEY ARE VERY DANGEROUS PEOPLE WHO ARE PROPERLY HELD AS CRIMINALS PENDING INVESTIGATION AND QUESTIONING TO PREVENT FURTHER TERRORIST ACTS.**

**-- THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE RED CROSS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE DETAINEES AT GTMO TODAY TO INSPECT CONDITIONS.**

**-- THE DETAINEES AT GTMO DO NOT QUALIFY AS PRISONERS OF WAR UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS. THEY ARE UNLAWFUL COMBATANTS WHO HAD NO LEGAL RIGHT TO ORGANIZE THEMSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING HOSTILITIES AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.**

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**-- REFER YOU TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR  
FURTHER INFORMATION.**

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