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Summary of Allegations

The Special Rapporteur has received information regarding acts of ill-treatment allegedly perpetrated by US soldiers during the conduction of military operations in Afghanistan. In particular, the Special Rapporteur has received information on the following individual cases:

A compound near Kandahar was reportedly raided by US soldiers on 17 March 2002. According to the information received, at least 31 people were reportedly detained and later released after it was established that they were members of neither the Taleban nor *al-Qa'ida*. It is reported that the detainees had their feet bound, their hands tied behind their backs and black hoods placed over their heads while US soldiers allegedly punched and kicked them. They are said to have been driven to the Kandahar base, where they were allegedly made to lie on their stomachs on rocky ground and kicked in the back. As a result, many of them are believed to have sustained variety of cuts and bruises. They were allegedly held in 10 by five metre cages, each holding between 10 and 18 people, with buckets as toilets for four days. It is also alleged that the detainees had their beards and heads shaved by the military.

The Uruzgan province was reportedly raided by US Special Forces on 23 and 24 January 2002. It is alleged that in the course of the operation 27 villagers, among which [redacted] aged 17, [redacted] aged 40, and [redacted] aged between 60 and 65, were taken into custody. All 27 people are said to have been released on 6 February after two weeks in detention after it was allegedly determined that they were villagers mistakenly identified by US forces as Taleban or *al-Qa'ida* members. According to the information received, at the scene of the raid they had their hands and feet tied, were blindfolded and hooded, and flown to the US base at Kandahar. It is reported that upon arrival at the base, the prisoners were beaten, kicked and punched by soldiers, made to lie on their stomachs with their hands tied behind their backs and their legs chained, whereupon soldiers walked across their backs. Two men were said to have lost consciousness during the beatings, and others to have suffered broken ribs and loosened teeth. [redacted] was allegedly kept in solitary confinement in a shipping container for eight days. An investigation on the facts is reported to have been carried out. The Special Rapporteur would appreciate receiving information on its results.

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