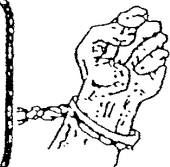




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TORTURE SHAMES AMERICA ITSELF
PROTESTING THE INJUSTICE AGAINST BINYAM MOHAMED

Ethiopian born British citizen, Binyam Mohamed, was arrested by Americans in Pakistan and then taken to Morocco, one of the countries where the CIA runs secret prisons. The British MI5 was fully aware of this fact. The guilt of Binyam was never proven and his long detention and suffering was illegal and a travesty of justice. A report follows:

"During his time in Morocco, Binyam was subject to really medieval torture, among other horrors; a razor blade was regularly taken to his genitals. After spending a year and a half in Morocco, Mohamed was taken to a prison in Afghanistan and kept in complete darkness and tortured for another six months before being taken to Guantanamo Bay. He remained in captivity there for an additional four years.

Mohamed explained that the "dark prison" in Afghanistan resembled a medieval dungeon with loud music and noise 24 hours a day.

"It was pitch black, no lights on in the rooms for most of the time," he has said. "They hung me up for two days. My legs had swollen. My wrists and hands had gone numb. There was loud music, Slim Shady (by Eminem) and Dr. Dre for 20 days. Then they changed the sounds to horrible ghost laughter and Halloween

sounds. At one point, I was chained to the rails for a fortnight. The CIA worked on people, including me, day and night. Plenty [of the detainees] lost their minds. I could hear people knocking their heads against the walls and the doors, screaming their heads off."

Cruel and inhuman punishment, torture is illegal and condemned by the world and all human rights conventions. Prisoners, taken from Somalia and Kenya and thrown into Ethiopian jails that are monitored by the CIA have also complained of being tortured.

SOCEPP condemns the brutal torture and illegal imprisonment of Binyam Mohamed and calls on the USA to end such practices and to compensate Binyam for the damages done to him.

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