

Guantanamo Bay factfile

Military judges have dismissed charges against two alleged al-Qaeda figures held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, marking a stunning setback to Washington's attempts to try detainees in military courts

Omar Khadr:
Canadian, so-called "**enemy combatant**" who allegedly killed a U.S. soldier in Afghanistan in 2001, when he was 15 years old



Salim Ahmed Hamdan:
37-year-old Yemeni accused of chauffeuring **Osama bin Laden** and being **al-Qaeda** chief's bodyguard

■ **Military Commissions Act:**
Signed by **President George W. Bush** in 2006, says only "**unlawful enemy combatants**" can be tried by military commissions

■ **Status:** Legal experts say Khadr and Hamdan lack critical "**unlawful**" designation and are therefore entitled to prisoner of war status under the **Geneva Conventions**

■ **Current detainees:** **380**
Down from peak of about 760 – held on suspicion of links to al-Qaeda or the **Taliban** – in 2002

■ **Key suspects:** **14**
Believed to have contributed to 9/11 terrorist attacks in United States

■ **Convictions to date:** **1**
Australian detainee **David Hicks** pleaded guilty in March to providing material support for terrorism. Currently serving nine-month sentence in Adelaide prison

■ **Suicides:** **4**

■ **Force-fed hunger strikers:** **32**
Force-fed through tubes in their noses

■ **Released or transferred to other governments:** **395**