

# Six Years of Injustice!

January 11, 2002: US opens prison at Guantánamo

January 11, 2008: International Day of Action to

## Shut down Guantánamo



Today, along with thousands of others in cities around the world, we express our outrage and sorrow at the injustices and abuses our government is committing in the prison at Guantánamo and others overseas.

### Please join us!

*“If it were up to me, I would close Guantánamo, not tomorrow, but this afternoon . . . it is causing us far more damage than good.”*

*Colin Powell, former secretary of state, June, 2007*

*“Immediately close the detention center at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, and either release its inmates or bring them before an impartial tribunal”*

*United Nations Human Rights Commission*

# At Guantánamo, our government has:

- ◆ held prisoners for years without charges
- ◆ denied them the right to challenge their detention
- ◆ subjected them to beatings, excruciating “stress positions,” sleep deprivation, extremes of hot and cold, and other cruel and degrading treatment.

The prison at Guantánamo has become an international symbol of the US government’s violations of human rights, along with “waterboarding” (near-drowning) and other torture techniques, illegal wiretapping, and more.

To justify the practices used at Guantánamo and other US prisons overseas, Congress passed the Military Commissions Act, which:

- ◆ Allows presidents to declare anyone they want an “enemy combatant” with no right to challenge their detention (right of habeas corpus)
- ◆ Allows the government to ignore the Geneva Conventions
- ◆ Allows prosecutors to use secret evidence and evidence obtained by torture

***Will you step up to help end our government’s shameful abuses?***

Tell California’s senators and your Congressional representative to:

- ◆ Shut down Guantánamo, Abu Ghraib, Bagram, and all other US prisons overseas
- ◆ Repeal the Military Commissions Act and restore habeas corpus.

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