Since 2002, the naval base has contained a military prison, the Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp, where over 800 detainees have been held (of them, at least nine have died in custody). Many were captured in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other places during the “War on Terror” and are considered “unlawful combatants”. Many of the prisoners, held for years without being charged, were tortured. In these cases of torture, the prisoners have been denied protection under the Geneva Convention.

Why we need to close the US Naval Base in Guantanamo?

In its motto, the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base claims to be “Honor Bound to Defend Freedom” despite the fact it occupies a part of Cuba against the wishes of its people and government. It’s been over 100 years since the oppressive and colonial Platt Amendment was implemented.

The Illegal Occupation of Guantanamo Must End

Not only must the military prison close, ending the torture of its detainees, but the territory must be returned to its rightful owners. The people of Cuba and its government remain committed to securing its return by legitimate and diplomatic means until justice prevails.

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