

The Yemeni Embassy in Washington receives an official American report regarding the death of a Yemeni detainee [Adnan Latif] in Guantanamo.

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[On November 10, 2012, Adel Ali Asenaini, Acting Charge d'affaires in the Yemen Embassy in Washington, D.C., met with William K. Lietzau, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Detainee Affairs. SabaNet, the official Yemen news service, [ran this statement in Arabic](#) on November 11, 2012. Truthout commissioned a translation of the news release, which contains information about the death of Adnan Latif and discussions surrounding the remaining Yemeni detainees at Guantanamo and Bagram prison in Afghanistan.]

Mr. Asenaini received, during his meeting yesterday with Mr. Lietzau, the official report of the medical examiner in the death of the Yemeni national Adnan Farhan Abdul Latif—32 years old—in the detention center at the American Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

During his visit to the Yemen Embassy, Mr. Lietzau conveyed to the Embassy officials, and through them to the Yemeni government and the deceased's family, his country's condolences, explaining that the American government is dealing seriously and in a transparent manner in the death issue. He added that the concerned authorities in the American government will provide the Yemen Embassy with all the details during the investigation process, which could take some time because of conclusive on the spot investigation.

Mr. Lietzau mentioned all the legislative, legal and security obstacles that made transferring the detainees to Yemen difficult in the past.

Mr. Asenaini confirmed the concerns of president, brother Abed Rabbu Mansour Hadi, for the status of the Yemeni detainees . . . [sic] stressing the importance to Yemen of having the Yemeni detainees brought back home and rehabilitating and reintegrating them back into the Yemeni society, and referring the files of anyone with charges to the legal system for a fair hearing.

Mr. Asenaini explained that the president had told both Secretaries of Justice and Defense, during his meetings with them in his visit last September, that Yemen has abandoned the prior conditions regarding the return of the 88 detainees in Guantanamo and Bagram, so as to facilitate their return to their homes, and noted the assurances of the president that the Yemen government will finance the construction of a rehabilitation center for the detainees.

He hoped to have the issue of the Yemeni detainees take priority on the agenda of the high officials of the Department of Defense right after the presidential elections and to try to find legal and diplomatic ways to free and transfer them to their home land.

While Mr. Asenaini expressed his extreme sorrow for the death of the Yemeni national, Adnan Farhan Abdul Latif, in mysterious circumstances, he stressed the instructions of

the president to the Embassy to follow up with the American officials to perform an accurate and quick investigation in that unfortunate incident.

Mr. Asenaini also expressed the interest of the Yemen government to work closely with the American officials to uncover the circumstances and reasons for the death of the Yemen national as soon as possible, demanding that the American government share with the Yemen government all the medical reports and also the details of the field investigations of the death.

Mr. Asenaini noted that the concerned parties are in direct contact with the family of the deceased and that the Yemen government had offered its condolences and deep sympathies to the family of "Adnan" right after his death, and noted the president's readiness to visit the Yemeni detainees at Guantanamo Bay in the coming few weeks.

At the meeting, Asmaa Katah, the political official at the Yemen Embassy, and several other concerned officials in the detainee affairs from the American Department of Defense, were present.

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