

**PERIODIC REVIEW BOARD FILE REVIEW, 27 SEP 2016  
SAIFULLAH ABDULLAH PARACHA, ISN 1094  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT**

Members of the Board, thanks for the opportunity to address the concerns raised by the Periodic Review Board, conducted on 08 MAR 2016 as well as the information contained in the recent unclassified dossier on Saifullah, dated 17 JUN 2016.

Saifullah has always been an exemplary detainee which is evident in both his behavior with fellow detainees and towards the administration. As the Personal Representative for Saifullah, I can attest that he has attended every meeting and he is ready and willing to participate throughout this process. Even when he received a continued law of war detention final determination, he continued to attend every meeting, sent letters preparing for his file review and maintained a calm demeanor in the camp and with the guard force.

Mr. Paracha understands the board's concern that his "extremist business contacts could provide him the opportunities to re-engage upon his release should he choose to use them." With that being said, Saifullah realized that being a businessman may not be the best path for his future. He has decided to retire once he finalizes the remaining legal and financial dealings for his businesses. Saifullah wants nothing more than to put GTMO and his poor business practices behind him.

Saifullah is an extremely proud businessman that desires nothing more than to be a provider and to take care of his family. There have been significant changes within Saifullah's life that necessitate a full review, to include a drastic change within his financial portfolio and within his family dynamics. If Saifullah is granted a full review, he would be more than willing to explain to the Board the changes in his life.

Mr. Paracha met and participated with the Board last spring, and he is willing to continue to answer any and all questions the Board may have. With this information in mind, a full PRB is more than warranted and would provide Saifullah the opportunity to demonstrate to the Board that he is willing to do whatever is necessary to leave Guantanamo and live out his life in peace.

I strongly recommend a full review as soon as practicable.

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**Saifullah Paracha (ISN 1094)**

**Statement of Private Counsel David H. Remes**

In its final determination of April 7, 2016, the Board gave two basic reasons for concluding that Mr. Paracha's continued detention is warranted. First, he did not persuade the Board that if he resumed his business career, he could or would avoid dealings with nefarious business contacts. Second, he did not indicate a sense of responsibility for his involvement with al-Qaeda or an awareness of the impact of his actions.

To meet the Board's first concern, Mr. Paracha will wind down his business affairs and retire when he returns to Pakistan. Mr. Paracha resolved to retire even apart from the Board's concern. He accepts that he is too old and his health too precarious to go back into business. He feels the tug of family.

Mr. Paracha is understandably concerned for the financial security of his family, but he has indicated that he has sufficient assets to allow him and his wife to live comfortably. His family members in Pakistan and America are ready, willing, and able to provide financial support. Reprieve, with its UN-funded "Life after Guantanamo" program and strong presence in Pakistan, will also help support him.

When the Board probed to determine whether Mr. Paracha accepts responsibility for his actions and recognizes their impact, Mr. Paracha did not understand what the Board was driving at. He never intended to promote what happened. But he fully accepts that he may have helped enable Al Qaeda to carry out the 9/11 attacks, and, as he says, this possibility will haunt him for the rest of his life.

For these reasons, I respectfully encourage the Board to convene a full review and hope that it will conclude that Mr. Paracha's continued detention is unwarranted.

David H. Remes