

**PERIODIC REVIEW BOARD INITIAL HEARING, 17 MAY 2016
MOHAMMAD RAJAB SADIQ ABU GHANIM, ISN 044
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OPENING STATEMENT**

Good morning ladies and gentlemen of the Board. As Mohammad Rajab Sadiq Abu Ghanim, ISN 044, Personal Representative, we would like to thank the Board for allowing us the opportunity to present Mohammad's case and reveal how he is no longer a continuing significant threat to the United States.

From day one, Mohammad has actively participated in every meeting that we scheduled with him. He was always eager to provide any information that was asked of him, as well as provide any clarity to any situation that was not fathomable to us. During our meetings, Mohammad has expressed his desire to return home and to reunite with his family. He is aware that he may not be going back to Yemen, but he is willing to settle wherever the board determines for him. He is enthusiastically looking forward to the opportunity to have a wife and children of his own someday.

Since his detention in Guantanamo, Mohammad has been respectful to the guard force, and he has diligently tried to keep his fellow detainees from harming themselves and each other. He has been a compliant detainee and has taken advantage of the many opportunities presented to him to learn about American culture. He likes to read books written by American authors as well as watching several American television shows. He has become a person who is considerate and tolerant of others. Additionally, his time here has given him the opportunity to meet Americans and be exposed to American values and culture. This has given him an appreciation of the good things that America and Americans can accomplish.

Mohammad fosters no ill-will toward the United States and is no longer a threat to America; he is ready to answer any questions the Board may have for him at this time.