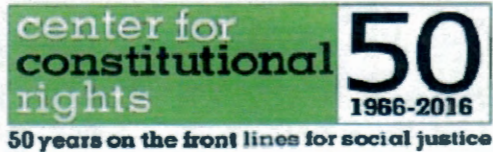


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Periodic Review Board  
c/o Periodic Review Secretariat  
U.S. Department of Defense

**Re: Statement by Private Counsel for Mohammed al-Qahtani (ISN 063)  
Periodic Review Board File Review Scheduled 14 February 2018**

To the Members of the Periodic Review Board:

On behalf of our client Mohammed al-Qahtani (ISN 063), we respectfully submit this written submission in support of his February 14, 2018 file review. At our direction, Mr. al-Qahtani will not be submitting a separate statement at this time, but remains eager to attend future hearings and speak with the Board again regarding his mental illness and other matters.

In its Final Determination following Mr. al-Qahtani's initial hearing in July 2016, this Board "commend[ed] the detainee for his recognition of his mental health diagnoses, ... and encourage[d] the detainee ... to cooperate with mental health officials." Mr. al-Qahtani continues to acknowledge the severity of his illness, to engage with prison mental health professionals and to take medication. He continues to engage productively with his court-appointed psychiatric expert, Dr. Keram, as well. However, as detailed in her earlier-submitted report and declaration, it remains the case that he cannot be effectively treated for his illnesses while he remains at Guantánamo.

For the reasons set forth in our first file review submission of December 2, 2016, and the accompanying declaration of Dr. Keram, we continue to believe there is a significant question as to whether the continued imprisonment of Mr. al-Qahtani is necessary to protect against a continuing, significant threat to the security of the United States. Mr. al-Qahtani's repatriation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia would be in the United States' interest as well as the interest of justice. His return home would be welcomed by the government of Saudi Arabia, where he would be transferred to long-term or permanent psychiatric confinement, and finally receive the care he has needed since long before he ever arrived at Guantánamo.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> We note that Mr. al-Qahtani has formally requested the convening of a Mixed Medical Commission pursuant to Army Regulation 190-8 in order "to confirm that his illness and prognosis satisfy the criteria for repatriation." The federal District Court for the District of Columbia is in the process of scheduling oral argument on this motion during mid-March 2018 or shortly thereafter.

Thank you for taking into consideration the information we have provided. We remain at your disposal to assist with any questions you may have regarding Mr. al-Qahtani.

Very truly yours,

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**PERIODIC REVIEW BOARD FILE REVIEW, 14 FEB 18  
MOHAMMAD MANI AHMAD AL-QAHTANI, ISN 063  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT**

Good morning ladies and gentlemen of the Board, I am the Personal Representative for Mr. Mohammad Mani Ahmed al-Qahtani.

Mohammad continues to face challenges due to his medical condition. He is exhausted and is not always able to participate fully in our meetings. He is polite and tries to engage, but I do not feel that he fully understands the process.

Mohammad struggles with the constant change of medical professionals here in GTMO. It takes him a little while to build rapport with his medical team, but they rotate so quickly that he is constantly starting a new process. Although he has struggled with side effects of certain medications the staff have tried prescribing him, Mohammad continues to accept psychiatric medication and has continued to engage with medical staff about his treatment.

Mohammad has a large family, who have committed support upon his release/repatriation. They wish to support him both financially and emotionally. The family understands the severity of his condition, and they realize that Mohammad requires long term care, and that he will most likely be committed to a psychiatric hospital.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has affirmed that they are ready and willing to receive Mohamed. They guarantee to place him in the government supported rehabilitation and aftercare programs.

Mohammad is hopeful about the opportunity for a new Board where he can share his hopes for the future and his desire to return to Saudi Arabia where he can get the specialized medical care he so desperately needs.

We feel that under the watchful eye of the Saudi Arabian government, the al-Qahtani family, and with specialized medical care, that Mr. al-Qahtani will get the help he needs. With this long term care, I believe that Mohammad will not pose a significant or continuing threat to himself or the safety and security of the United States.