

PERIODIC REVIEW BOARD FILE REVIEW, 28 June, 2017  
**MOHAMMED ABDUL MALIK BAJABU, ISN 10025**  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT

Good morning ladies and gentlemen of the board, I am the Personal Representative for Mr. Mohamed Abdul Malik Bajabu, ISN 10025. Abdul Malik continues to participate in the PRB process and is one of the more compliant detainees. Abdul Malik has continued his studies on farming, and raising honey bees. His plans for a future involve starting a family farm that will enable him to provide for his family.

Abdul Malik spends most of his time reading, and writing long letters to his wife. He is always very involved in our meetings, and he is hopeful that the Board will give him another opportunity to answer any questions. He longs for the day he will be reunited with his wife and children.

Abdul Malik's wife works as a mid-wife with advanced certification in women's health care. She continues to stand by Abdul Malik and remains committed to provide the financial and emotional support to Abdul Malik through reintegration and any program prescribed by this Board.

In addition to the family support for Abdul Malik, Reprieve has also agreed to support Abdul Malik, and they have specialized staff on hand to assist in this area through their Life After GTMO program.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in offering Mr. Abdul Malik another opportunity to appear before the Board.



405 Lexington Ave. Fl. 62  
New York, NY 10074

June 09, 2017

Re: Statement by Shelby Sullivan-Bennis, Private Counsel for Abdul Malik Bajabu (ISN 10025)

Esteemed Periodic Review Board Members,

My name is Shelby Sullivan-Bennis and it is my privilege to represent Mr. Abdul Malik Bajabu in this proceeding.

In our last submission, we detailed the massive spread of familial and programmatic support Mr. Bajabu would receive if released. Several relatives—all gainfully employed and living peaceful lives, absent entirely of any connection to terrorist activities—submitted statements on his behalf. Reprieve, members of which have repeatedly traveled to Kenya for his case, continue to be willing to expend that same effort to support him through this process and beyond. Moreover, Mr. Bajabu is represented by a trifecta of attorneys in three different countries: the U.S., Kenya, and now Israel.

It is not support he lacks.

With regard to his character, the man whose fate you consider today is hands-down one of the most peaceful detainees in this prison.

He told me once that when he is feeling frustrated or angry, he spends the day in his cell, so that his mood does not affect those around him. The first time I met him, he quoted Martin Luther King Jr. and Mother Teresa. Mr. Bajabu spends his time in Guantánamo taking out library books by the half dozen and exchanging long, poetic letters with his wife. When we met last month, he read, in English, out of the book "Tuesdays with Morrie," a story with which many Americans are familiar about accepting the conditions of your life and being kind to those around you.

You can consider these positive advancements in the life of a previously dangerous man, or you can consider them representative of who he has always been, but what is undeniable is that this is who he is today. I am confident that not only my word, but also behavioral records and the testimony of everyone with whom he interacts in Guantánamo support this conclusion.

In considering whether this man is a threat to the security of our country, I hope that the Board will weigh properly the unassailable evidence (his behavior and support) with the information that remains unreliable.

Very Truly Yours,

Shelby Sullivan-Bennis  
Reprieve US

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shelby Sullivan-Bennis", is written over a horizontal line.

Statement by Private Counsel for Abdul Malik Bajabu (ISN 10025)

PERIODIC REVIEW BOARD FILE REVIEW, 28 JUN 2017  
**Mohammed Abdul Malik Bajabu, ISN 10025**  
DETAINEE STATEMENT

To The Honorable Periodic Review Board, I am happy for any opportunity to appear before the board to answer any remaining questions you may have. I continue to work with my Personal Representative and my Personal Counsel and I remain hopeful that the PRB process will assist in my release from detention.

There has been no change since my last submission, my family is still ready and willing to receive me and to support me in my transition back into society. Reprieve also remains committed to offering their support and services.

While here in detention, I continue to read and learn about farming and honey harvesting. I am a hard working man, and I am confident that I can run a farm and support my family upon my release. Farming is a sustainable business plan, regardless of where I am transferred.

I hope and pray that I will be repatriated to one of the Middle Eastern Arabic speaking countries, where I would like to reunite with my family and start a family farm near the City on good agricultural land.

I am a peaceful man; I pose no threat to the United States, or anyone. I am a moderate Muslim and I do not believe in violence. My hope is to live in a peaceful society where I can rejoin my wife and family and raise my children.

Thank you for your time, and I remain ready and willing to appear before the board to answer your inquiries at your earliest convenience.