

PERIODIC REVIEW BOARD, 05 APRIL 2016
SALEM AHMAD HADI BIN KANAD, ISN 131
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT

Good morning ladies and gentlemen of the board. We are the Personal Representatives for ISN 131. Thank you for the opportunity to present Mr. Salem Ahmad Hadi Bin Kanad's case.

For the past year, Salem has willingly participated in the Periodic Review Board process and has attended all meetings with his Personal Representatives. During this time, Salem has conducted himself in a professional manner throughout our engagements. We would characterize his personality as reserved, but warm.

In his approximately fourteen years at Guantanamo, he has demonstrated a history of compliant behavior and has not presented any significant force-protection problems while at Guantanamo. His good behavior is evidenced by the fact that he resides within a facility where only the most compliant detainees are authorized to live. In fact, his fellow detainees once elected him as the block leader and entrusted him with the responsibility of addressing detainee issues with the security guard force.

He has constructively engaged with the Joint Task Force Medical Staff in order to address and manage his chronic health issues. This team approach has greatly improved his physical condition and quality of life. Hence, he has resolutely pursued a daily exercise regimen of self care which includes cardiovascular activities.

He has taken advantage of the educational opportunities while detained at Guantanamo. These opportunities include English, Computer Science, and Life Skills classes where Salem looks forward to utilizing one day when he is reunited with his family members in Saudi Arabia. Salem would like to return to his home in Riyadh where he desperately wants to reunite with his father, brothers, and sisters. All of his family members have pledged unwaivering financial support, a place of residence, and assistance with his enrollment in a vocational school to further his education in English and Computer Science. He's confident these studies, along with the sales experience he gained while working in his father's auto detailing business will set him up well for a career in sales and marketing in order to be a supportive father to his daughters.

We are certain that Salem's desire to pursue a better way of life if transferred from Guantanamo is genuine and that he does not represent a continuing or significant threat to the United States of America. Salem is open to transfer to any country, but would prefer an Arabic speaking country if possible where he can be a productive member of society and live the rest of his life in peace.

Thank you for your time and attention. We are pleased to answer any questions you may have throughout these proceedings.