

PERIODIC REVIEW BOARD INITIAL HEARING, 16 FEB 2016
AYYUB MURSHID ALI SALIH, ISN 836
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OPENING STATEMENT

Members of the Board, we are the personal representatives for Ayyub Murshid Ali Salih. Ayyub was extremely happy when we made our initial visit to notify him about the Periodic Review Board process. He realizes this review process provides him the best opportunity to leave Guantanamo and become a free man. He also recognizes that in order to get the Board's recommendation for transfer, he must answer your questions truthfully and honestly. Ayyub is here and ready for your questions.

Ayyub admitted that he has made mistakes in his past, to include transgressions with the guards at a time when most of the camp was on a hunger strike. However, many things have changed since that time, and he has a new outlook on life. He hopes that his transfer from Guantanamo will make up for the lost years of his life. Ayyub dreams to find a wife and start a family of his own where he can be a contributing member of society, avoid any political problems and enjoy living in a society that is acceptable of people from diverse cultures and different religions. So, he is willing to be transferred to any country to get on with his life.

Ayyub has experience as a shopkeeper, having worked in his family's store when he was growing up. After securing a job, he would like to return to college and study business administration, work on his communication skills and gain some computer proficiency to help ensure his success. Additionally, his family is able to provide financial assistance during his transition to freedom, and they are willing to provide the support he will need to live a normal life with a wife and children.

Ayyub has not expressed any ill will or anger about his detention at Guantanamo. He has denounced terrorist acts and organizations that claim to base those acts upon religion. Ayyub wants to make it perfectly clear to the Board that he is not a threat to the United States or any other country.