

# Detention without trial in 2004



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## Belmarsh - Britain's Guantanamo Bay?

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**You don't have to go to Cuba to find terror suspects controversially imprisoned. Nine foreigners have been held in London's Belmarsh Prison for almost three years without charge or trial. So is it the UK's Guantanamo Bay?**

In December 2001 nine foreign nationals were removed from their families by police and taken to Belmarsh Prison in south east London. They have been held there ever since and still do not know why.

The detainees are unable to see the intelligence evidence against them and are confined to their cells for up to 22 hours a day. Their solicitors say they have been "entombed in concrete".



Protesters have made their views known

The men are being held under anti-terror laws brought in following September 11, which allow the home secretary to detain without trial foreign nationals he suspects of terrorism, but cannot deport because it would endanger their life.

To date a total of 17 foreigners have been detained, 11 of whom are still being held - mainly in Belmarsh. It has prompted human rights organisations to brand it "a Guantanamo in our own back yard".

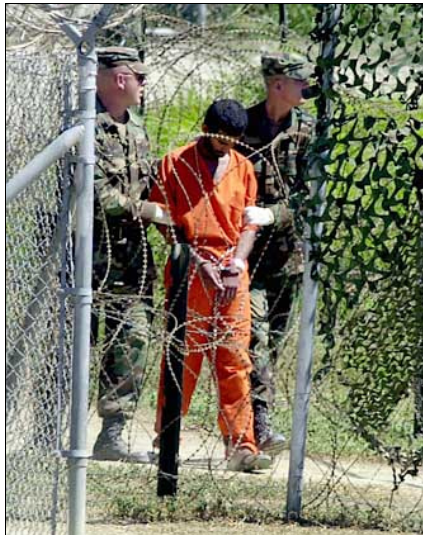
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# The Boston Globe

## US to hold detainees at Guantanamo indefinitely

By Bill Dedman, Globe Correspondent, April 25, 2004

WASHINGTON -- Most of the 595 suspected terrorists detained by the United States at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, will be held indefinitely, even though there is not yet enough evidence to charge them with crimes, a senior Pentagon official said in an interview with the Globe.



The accounting by Paul W. Butler, special assistant to Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, was the first acknowledgment by the government that hundreds of detainees will probably be held without facing military tribunals. Officials have spoken publicly about the prospect of indefinite detentions for some, but they had not disclosed that the majority could be held until the war on terrorism is finished. Unless the US Supreme Court intervenes, the Bush administration plans to hold

the prisoners who it believes are dangerous or who can provide useful information in fighting Al Qaeda and other terrorist groups.

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In October 2004 Amnesty International records more than 100 documents relevant to detention without trial. Some of the countries involved are:

**USA (Guantanamo Bay)**

**Israel**

**United Kingdom (Belmarsh)**

**Australia**

**Iraq**

**Yemen**

**Saudi Arabia**

**Afghanistan**

**Pakistan**

**China**

**Malaysia**

**Indonesia**

**Uganda**

**Cameroon**

**Liberia**

**Burundi**

**Venezuela**

**Cuba**