



Demonstrate against the UAE: worse than Guantanamo!

Protest the UAE's indefinite detention of Ravil Mingazov and other ex-GTMO detainees!

Oppose UAE rendition to Russia or Yemen!

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**UAE Cultural Attaché Office
2406 Massachusetts Ave NW
Washington DC**

Ravil Mingazov, a former ballet dancer, fled Tatarstan Russia to escape religious persecution and find a new life in a Muslim country for his young family. In 2002, Pakistani police seized Ravil and sold him for bounty to the U.S. He was tortured, heavily interrogated, and then shipped to Guantanamo, where he was trapped **for 15 years**. In 2010, a federal court ordered his release, and in 2016, the U.S. cleared him as “not dangerous.” Ravil could not be sent home to Russia, which would kill or imprison him (as were other Russians rendered home from GTMO). In 2017, the U.S. transferred Ravil to the UAE, which assured that he would be treated well, detained for six months in a “rehabilitation center,” and then released with a job and modest residence. The U.S. paid the UAE for this “diplomatic assurance.” But **the UAE LIED**. Instead, they threw them into the dungeons of al-Razeen prison, one of the most notorious prisons in the world. And that is where Ravil and the others have been kept – under tortuous, inhumane conditions – for four-and-a-half years.

The United Nations has condemned the UAE for this. The Trump Administration did nothing, and so far, the Biden Administration has done nothing, to rectify the situation. Now the UAE may be preparing to render Ravil to Russia, in violation of international law. The UAE has already rendered some of the men to their (dangerous) home countries, several of whom died. It's hard to believe, but **the UAE is WORSE THAN GUANTANAMO!** The UAE is the embarrassment of the Muslim world and of all nations. And the US remains complicit in this atrocity. Soon Ravil's odyssey will be 20 years in total.

Join us, in front of the UAE Cultural Attaché office on “Embassy Row”:

- To DEMAND that the UAE release Ravil and the 17 other former GTMO detainees, with immediate humane treatment subject to oversight, and **NO RENDITION** to Russia or Yemen.
- To DEMAND that the Biden Administration demonstrate concern for human rights, and DO SOMETHING about the UAE's promises to the U.S. that turned out to be lies, with a terrible consequence for the 18 human beings the UAE still holds. Not a single one of them was ever charged with a crime, let alone found guilty of anything. In fact, the opposite is true: every man either was found by federal courts to be wrongfully detained or was cleared by the U.S. as no danger to anyone. How can the UAE keep doing this?! **Why is the U.S. paying our tax dollars to the UAE to keep these men in a hellhole worse than GTMO?**

JOIN US TO BRING ATTENTION TO THIS TRAVESTY OF JUSTICE!!!

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