Periodic Review Board:
Subsequent Full Review Hearing, ISN 569 Suhayl Abdul Anam Al Sharabi

Hearing Summary:
The 26 March 2019 Periodic Review Board (PRB) Subsequent Full Review Hearing for ISN 569 Suhayl Abdul Anam Al Sharabi convened before eight members of the public representing:
- Human Rights First
- Judicial Watch, Inc.
- American Civil Liberties Union
- International Committee of the Red Cross
- Indiana State University
- Student competitive team for Moot Court from Thailand

ISN 569 underwent his initial PRB hearing on 1MAR2016, and the Board found him to be a continuing threat to the U.S., so recommended him for continued detention under the Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF). The Board cited the detainee as providing “evasive and implausible answers to basic questions” in conjunction with customary defiance while in custody as indicating no change in mentality. The Board subsequently performed file reviews on 20SEP2016, 19APR2017, 24JAN2018, and 9AUG2018, each time determining that “no significant question is raised as to whether the detainee’s continued detention is warranted.” This Subsequent Full Review was triggered by the requirement to conduct full reviews every three years.

The detainee is a citizen of Yemen and turned 42 this year. He arrived at GTMO in May, 2002. He has a number of kunyas (aliases), and the government’s summary choses to insert the phrase “See Compendium” in lieu of listing them. Per the government summaries supplied for all reviews, ISN 569 trained in combat and hijacking in Afghanistan prior to 9-11, subsequently became a bodyguard for Osama Bin Laden, and potentially participated in an aborted airplane hijacking planned by ISN 10024 Khalid Sheikh Muhammad that targeted Southeast Asia.

In this Subsequent Full Review, ISN 569’s Personal Representative reported that the detainee has refused meetings all seven times they were arranged for him over the course of six months. The Private Counsel sent a message through the Personal Representative that all statements from previous reviews should be resubmitted for this review. The Periodic Review Secretariat appears to have elected not to re-post previous statements, so it is unclear whether the Board will reconsider them.

The Private Counsel for ISN 569 is Darold Kilmer, of Kilmer, Lane & Newman, LLP in Colorado.

This detainee has never authorized the publication of his written statement.

Personal Observations:
This detainee was not expected to appear for the Board. General discussion indicates that he refuses contact with all legal representation, the ICRC, and when possible the members of GTMO staff who are responsible for his health. With little means of evaluating ISN 569’s mindset or any ideas he has for supporting himself if released from GTMO, the Board has little choice but to retain him in custody.