

**Periodic Review Board:
Subsequent Full Review Hearing, ISN 10029 Muhammad Rahim Al Afghani**

The 22 October 2019 Periodic Review Board (PRB) Subsequent Full Review hearing for ISN 10029 Muhammad Rahim Al Afghani convened before seven observers representing:

- Indiana University
- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
- International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC)
- Human Rights First (HR 1st)
- Judicial Watch, Inc.
- The *Miami Herald*
- The Military Commissions Defense Office (MCDO)

ISN 10029 elected to attend his subsequent full review and was accompanied by a personal representative, a translator, and his public defender from his *habeas corpus* case.¹ The detainee appeared healthy and engaged, with a swarthy complexion, and well-groomed curly beard. He still wore the soft wrist braces that he sported in 2016,² but exhibited no motion restrictions as he pointed, looked around, conversed with his public defender, manipulated documents, and actively listened to the translator during the session.

The government stated that the detainee had been a translator, courier, facilitator, operative, financier, and planner for Al Qaeda and the Taliban. The personal representative noted that ISN 10029 had met with him prior to November 2018 and allowed that the detainee had refused meetings between November and July, but blamed missed meetings in August and September on operational cancellations. The personal representative also indicated that the main topic of conversations with the public defender has been ISN 10029's health.

The public defender made no statement, as he is technically paid by the government and not permitted to engage in the PRB process as a representative.

Observations: The presence and active engagement of the detainee in the PRB session, including the presence of a translator to ensure understanding, along with the presence of the public defender and the MCDO representative all show a commitment to cooperating with the PRB process, which gives ISN 10029 the best chance for transfer as a result. Unlike at his initial PRB, the detainee wore no other traditional clothing than what appeared to be a white jellabiya, and he appeared respectfully interested and engaged in the PRB process. This appears to comply with the suggestions of the Board from the initial determination.

If the detainee complied with the Board's suggestions throughout the detainee session, he has the best chance to be approved for transfer of all detainees reviewed in 2019.

¹ *Habeas corpus* case 1:09-cv-01385-UNA is fully available on PACER. Video was not clear enough to identify if the public defender in attendance was Carlos Warner or Darin Thompson, but social media indicates it was Carlos Warner.

² Per the MCDO representative, these assist with permanent damage caused by stress positions applied at the RDI site where ISN 10029 was held prior to his transfer to GTMO, as confirmed by official government documents.