

**Periodic Review Board:
Subsequent Full Review Hearing, ISN 1456 Hassan Muhammad Ali Bin Attash**

Hearing Summary:

The 24 September 2019 Periodic Review Board (PRB) Subsequent Full Review hearing for ISN 1456 Hassan Muhammad Ali Bin Attash convened before six members of the public, who represented Human Rights First, the International Committee of the Red Cross, Judicial Watch Inc., *Courthouse News*, and *AP News*.

ISN 1456 elected not to attend his subsequent full review. His personal representative reported that the detainee refused all 18 requests to meet and made no response to written communications. The detainee's private counsel, David Remes, submitted a statement explaining that ISN 1456 believes the PRB process to be useless since none of the detainees who have undergone subsequent full review have been authorized for transfer. The private counsel still pled for transfer approval for ISN 1456.

The government holds that ISN 1456 was both a facilitator and an explosives expert for Al Qaeda, and notes that he was captured in the company of ISN 10013 Ramzi Bin Al Shibh.

Observations:

ISN 1456 was the final detainee to undergo an Initial PRB in September 2016. At that time, the government had observed that the detainee was hostile and non-compliant toward the GTMO guard staff until a sudden change in August 2018, after which he became highly compliant while still stating an intent to re-engage if released. Though he expressed an interest in rehabilitation in Saudi Arabia, the detainee continued to correspond with recidivists and other extremists, and the government noted that ISN 1456's family actively supports and would probably press him back into terrorism. His personal representative and private counsel at that time both praised him for his pursuit of knowledge and his multilingualism with intent to become a translator, and for his determination to educate himself without reference to the other detainees to whom he attributed the peer influence that drew him into becoming a terrorist.

In 2016, the detainee's private counsel described him as "a young man, with a mind of his own, [...] no longer under the sway of others." That may be, and his choice not to participate was independently considered and justified, but the reasons he gave closely mirror those given by other detainees, whereas his refusal to participate began immediately after the initial PRB and before his first file review in March 2017. It is possible that his relative youth at the age of 35 is placing him under the control of the other remaining detainees.

Since the Board's initial retention determination was based on what it assessed as ISN 1456's refusal to discuss his past and present mindsets, it is unlikely to approve him for transfer based on his choice not to participate in this session.