Ismael Ali Faraj Ali Bakush
ISN 708

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Backgrounder


During his incarceration at GTMO, ISN 708 has taken many health and life skills classes and regularly uses his cooking skills to prepare meals for other detainees. He seems to be generally disinclined to participate in legal procedures, having fired his private counsel and declined to attend most Periodic Review Board (PRB) sessions beyond his initial review. During his initial review, the Board noted that ISN 708 had made few or no plans to support himself after departing GTMO. He may consider himself a “GTMO Martyr.”

The detainee underwent his initial PRB on 14 July, 2014. It was determined that he remained a threat due to his continued hostility toward other countries in reaction to the Libyan civil war and his refusal to renounce extremist activity. The PRB conducted file reviews on 8 February, 2017; 30 August, 2017; 14 February, 2018; 13 February, 2019; 14 August, 2019; and 13 February, 2020, all concluding that detention remained warranted. His first subsequent full review on 21 August, 2018, was triggered by process requirements, as was his latest subsequent full review on 20 October, 2020.