

**Periodic Review Board:  
Subsequent Full Review, 17 May 2022, ISN 242 Khalid Ahmed Qasim**

*Events:*

Members of two non-governmental organizations observed the May 17, 2022, Periodic Review Board (PRB) subsequent full review hearing for Khalid Ahmed Qasim (ISN 242). These observers represented:

- Judicial Watch, Inc.
- Indiana University, McKinney School of Law

The detainee, Khalid Ahmed Qasim (Qasim), actively followed along with the scripted portions of the session but otherwise tended to look toward the ceiling. He wore a white t-shirt and maintained a short beard and mustache.

The government noted that the detainee had attended the Al Farouq training camp for advanced training in combat and had gone on to administering training in turn. He was potentially a member of Al Qa'eda and had been captured in Tora Bora, on the way to Jalalabad, Pakistan, fleeing along the same route as other Al Qa'eda members and combatants.

Qasim's assigned personal representative reported that the detainee had attended all meetings, had made significant improvements, and reported his progress regularly. The personal representative also noted that the detainee gained self-fulfillment through art and had expressed openness to a rehabilitation program.

The private counsel thanked the Board for scheduling another PRB session so quickly after the last one. Though he expressed disappointment in the results of the previous hearing, he also expressed confidence that the problems the Board identified could be resolved at this PRB. He related that the detainee had chided him for being too complimentary the last time. He then portrayed Qasim as a good, thoughtful, kind, and funny man with an even temper. The private counsel also praised the detainee for his perseverance in the face of roadblocks and for his wise use of GTMO time to self-improve and transform himself from the man he was when captured into someone better.

*Observations:*

Though small in stature, ISN 242 appeared healthy. He did not appear to be engaged or interested in the hearing. His inattentiveness could have been the result of his familiarity with the hearing process, having recently attended a hearing with no active role in the public session, but his apparent distractedness could also be consistent with knowledge of a predetermined outcome.

Khalid Ahmed Qasim's prior subsequent full review occurred on November 16, 2021, which was only six months earlier. Subsequent full reviews are scheduled for every three years unless the Board determines significant new facts in evidence, or the private counsel presents additional evidence or information. The private counsel made no mention of additional information, other than he and the Reprieve program had identified mental health providers who would be able to treat and counsel the detainee after transfer should he develop problems. In prior years, this would not have been enough to justify a subsequent review hearing in less than a year. Additional classified details may have become evident, but additional political pressure may also have influenced the scheduling.