Periodic Review Board: 17 August 2023, Subsequent Full Review ISN 10017, Mustafa Faraj Muhammad Masud Al Jadid Al Uzaybi

Events:

Civilian observers from Judicial Watch, Indiana University, and the international press attended the 17 August 2023 subsequent full review Periodic Review Board (PRB) for ISN 10017 Mustafa Faraj Muhammad Masud Al Jadid Al Uzaybi, kunya Abu Faraj Al Libi (Al Libi). The detainee himself elected not to attend.

Members of the review board (the Board) addressed the detainee as "Al Libi." The government made a short statement describing ISN 10017 as a member of Al Qa'ida who had joined in his youth and crested as an advisor and communicator to its leadership. Accompanying documents note that the detainee is a 53-year-old Libyan who reached GTMO just prior to his 36th birthday.

The personal representative noted that Al Libi's family is in constant contact with both the detainee and himself, and they have expressed full willingness to participate in and support the detainee's reintegration. The personal representative said that Al Libi was actively working with him, always taking extensive notes, and he quoted the detainee as thanking the Board and acknowledging that the process needed to start with a conversation.

Observation:

Previous reviews have noted that Al Libi (ISN 10017) is largely non-violent, but that he has been committed to supporting and praising Al Qa'ida's ideology and attacks. They have also noted that the detainee specialized in functionally non-combat roles involving finance, logistics, communication, and planning. Though the detainee has said he is interested in a conversation with the Board, he neither followed through with holding that conversation nor gave any reason why he is not going to recidivate if transferred out of custody. If the Board chooses to authorize him for transfer, it will not be because he is no longer a threat to the United States.