

Djamel Ameziane, Algerian Man Detained in Guantánamo Needs Urgent Humanitarian Protection and Resettlement



Age:	Born on April 14, 1967
Place of Birth:	Algiers, Algeria
Ethnicity:	Berber
Education:	college diploma
Languages:	French, English, Arabic, German
Residences:	Vienna, Austria; Montreal, Canada
Employment:	chef; hydraulics technician
Personal interests:	soccer, cooking, drawing, writing, reading mystery novels
Status:	detained since February 2002 without charge; cleared for release since October 2008

"Djamel Ameziane . . . **will be at risk of** . . . grave human rights violations if transferred to Algeria."

—Amnesty International, August 19, 2008

"**All necessary measures must be taken** to ensure Djamel Ameziane is not transferred to a country where he would face persecution."

—Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Urgent Precautionary Measures issued August 20, 2008

What you can do for Djamel Ameziane

1. WRITE Secretary of State John Kerry and demand that the State Department:

- Prioritize finding Djamel Ameziane a safe new home in which he can rebuild his life.
- Announce an end to forced repatriations of men to countries where they fear torture, including Algeria.

About 12 detained men have expressed strong fears of returning to their countries of origin and they should not be repatriated against their will. The Obama administration has already forcibly repatriated two Algerian men and Djamel Ameziane fears that same fate. This policy of forcible transfers must end.

ADDRESS: Secretary of State John Kerry, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520

2. CONTACT the White House and tell President Obama that he should release Djamel Ameziane and all other men unjustly detained at Guantánamo.

Remind President Obama that Djamel Ameziane has been cleared since 2008, and that it is unconscionable that he is still detained. Tell the President that unless he meets his unfulfilled promise to close Guantánamo by releasing Djamel and all the men he does not intend to try in a fair court, his legacy will be marred forever.

ADDRESS: The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20500. Comments: 202-456-1111

3. WRITE to Djamel with messages of hope at:

ADDRESS: Djamel Ameziane, ISN 310, U.S. Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, Washington, DC 20355