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## Torture, Former Combatants, Political Prisoners, Terror Suspects, & Terrorists

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*November 6, 2013, Richmond, VA* Today, in a lawsuit brought by the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) and co-counsel on behalf of four Iraqi men who were tortured at Abu Ghraib, six amici parties urged the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals to reinstate the case, which was dismissed by the district court in June. Plaintiffs in the case, [\*Al Shimari v. CACI International Inc.\*](#), brought claims including torture and war crimes under the Alien Tort Statute (ATS) against private contractor CACI Premier Technology, Inc. (CACI), which U.S. military investigators concluded participated in torture, the sadistic, blatant, and wanton criminal abuses of prisoners at Abu Ghraib. In dismissing the torture victims claims, the district judge did not suggest that the plaintiffs allegations were unfounded, but instead ruled that the recent Supreme Court decision in [\*Kiobel v. Shell/Royal Dutch Petroleum\*](#) barred lawsuits based on conduct that occurred outside the U.S.

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