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Mr. Al-Bihani was transferred to Oman on January 17, 2017.

[Ghaleb Al-Bihani](#)

Ghaleb Nasser Al-Bihani is a Yemeni citizen born in 1979 in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia. In early 2002, Mr. Al-Bihani was transferred to Guantanamo, where he has been detained for well over a decade without charge. Mr. Al-Bihani has never been accused of having raised arms against the United States. He has been imprisoned since 2002 on the basis of allegations that he was an assistant cook for Arab forces supporting the Taliban in an Afghan conflict against the Northern Alliance before 9/11. Both the D.C. District Court and the D.C. Court of Appeals upheld his detention on this basis, and the Supreme Court refused to grant his request to hear his case in April 2011.

In April 2014, Mr. Al-Bihani appeared before the Obama administration's Periodic Review Board to demonstrate his efforts to prepare for a better future and his hopes for a new beginning. In May 2014, the Board approved Mr. Al-Bihani for transfer from Guantanamo, finding credible his commitment to building a peaceful life and determining that his continued detention was unnecessary. He was transferred to Oman in January 2017 in the final days of the Obama administration.

Read Mr. Al-Bihani's client profile [here](#).

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In response to a FOIA suit by *The Miami Herald*, the DOD releases the names of men deemed too dangerous to release, but ineligible for trial. The designations were after a review by the Obama administration's Guantanamo Review Task Force in 2009-10. Mr. Al-Bihani is among the 48. The government had refused to disclose the names of the men in this category.

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Mr. Al-Bihani is handed over to U.S. forces after several months of detention in Afghanistan, including near Mazar-e-Sharif and Sheberghan, and subsequently transferred to Guantanamo.

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