

Appeals Court Rejects Halt to Guantánamo Force-Feeding, Allows Challenges to Prison Conditions



Washington, February 13 (RHC)-- A U.S. federal appeals court has rejected a bid by hunger-striking Guantánamo Bay prisoners to stop the U.S. government from subjecting them to force-feeding.

Human rights groups say the practice amounts to torture, but the DC Circuit Court of Appeals said any injunction against force-feeding could lead to a prisoner's death.

In a defeat for the White House, the judges also ruled federal courts can oversee complaints about prison conditions for Guantánamo detainees at the U.S. prison. The decision could lead to new challenges from Guantánamo's 155 remaining inmates.

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