

Guantánamo Hunger Striker Files Landmark Challenge to Force-Feeding



Washington, March 13 (RHC)-- A hunger-striking Guantánamo prisoner has filed the first-ever legal challenge to force-feeding at the prison in U.S. federal courts. Emad Hassan is said to have been force-fed over 5,000 times since his first hunger strike in 2005.

In a court filing, Hassan's attorneys detail several forms of torture by the U.S. military. They include the "water cure," a technique dating back to the Spanish Inquisition that forces large amounts of liquid into prisoners' stomachs at harsh speeds, causing severe pain.

The case could lead to the first significant court hearing on the legality of force-feeding Guantánamo prisoners.

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