

U.S. Military Tribunal Charges Guantánamo Prisoner With War Crimes



Washington, June 20 (RHC)-- A U.S. military tribunal has charged an Iraqi prisoner at the U.S. Army prison at Guantánamo with war crimes. Abd al Hadi al-Iraqi is accused of plotting and ordering attacks on Western troops in Afghanistan. He has been held at Guantánamo for more than seven years, and is classified as one of 16 "high-value" prisoners.

Military prosecutor Mark Martins said the case against al-Iraqi is strong, while defense attorney James Connell said the United States mishandled the case by failing to bring charges for years.

Al-Iraqi's case could help decide the future of the military tribunal system for Guantánamo prisoners. It is unclear if the tribunal will hear conspiracy charges against him since conspiracy is not considered a war crime.



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