U.S. Deleting Information About Torture Methods



Washington, November 14 (RHC)-- The United States is deleting a large amount of information about torture techniques it has used since the 9/11 attacks, says an activist and political analyst.

"The first thing the president should do is release the torture report that has been going to a very aggressive editing process with the administration reportedly deleting a great deal of information that the public needs to know," Kevin Zeese of Voters for Peace told Press TV on Thursday.

The Senate Intelligence Committee has conducted a five-year investigation into the CIA's torture program adopted in the aftermath of Sept.11, 2001 attacks.

"The Obama administration is taking steps to keep a lot of information secret," Zeese said when asked about testimony by US officials to a United Nations panel in Geneva on Wednesday.

During the meeting, an American official acknowledged that the U.S. had tortured terrorism suspects after the 9/11 attacks, but claimed it has taken measures to prevent any use of unlawful and coercive techniques.

Zeese said the rhetoric by U.S. officials before the UN Committee Against Torture was to "minimize the reaction" from the world to its torture techniques. He went on to say that "there are still reports of

inappropriate behavior in Guantanamo, there are still reports of the same kind of thing going on in prisons in Afghanistan."

"The U.S. has a lot of work to do to clean up its mess around the world and rhetoric is not enough," he concluded. The United States has been accused of torturing inmates in both domestic prisons and CIA black sites abroad during the so-called "War on Terror" by the George W. Bush administration.

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