

SHUT DOWN GUANTANAMO

Stop Inspiring Terrorism

Monday
January 11
2016

3:30-5:30 PM

East end of
the Hawthorne
Bridge

SE Hawthorne
and Grand



VISIBILITY ACTION

Join Portlanders calling to close down the prison camp in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, exactly 14 years to the day after it opened, with a visibility action. Peace and Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group will use its 12-foot-tall "tower of peace" to call attention to the notorious prison where over 100 people still languish in a facility that undermines the supposed rule of law that separates our country from chaos.

Despite a strong signing statement indicating he still desires to close Guantanamo and vetoing the first version of the legislation, President Obama signed the 2016 defense authorization bill which continues to restrict his ability to transfer prisoners out of the facility. The prison population has been reduced from 775 to 107, but Obama has not been successful in closing down the prison in seven years in office.

Most held at the facility have been denied access to legal help; many have been exposed to harsh conditions that have been described as torture. Forty-eight of the detainees have been cleared for release. Only three were convicted of crimes. Organizers of the event believe that continuing to hold people in an off-shore prison without prosecution is an unacceptable violation of human rights, which is inspiring people to take action against the United States in acts of so-called "terrorism." It is time to shut it down.

Event coordinated by Peace and Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group, cosponsored by Portland Close Guantanamo Coalition, Amnesty International Group 48, Jewish Voice for Peace-Portland and others.

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