

The king of Guantanamo

Abdul Salam Zaeef, a founder of the Taliban Islamic movement in Afghanistan, became a leader among the detainees at Guantanamo.

- **1967** Born in Kandahar province, Afghanistan

Early 1990s Helps found the Taliban

1996 Taliban takes control of Afghanistan

Late 1990s Zaeef part of Taliban leadership; named ambassador to Pakistan

October 2001 U.S. invades Afghanistan in response to Sept. 11 attacks; Zaeef holds press briefings for Taliban regime that are broadcast globally

December 2001/January 2002 Captured by Pakistanis; held in U.S. prison camps in Afghanistan

Mid-2002 Moved to Guantanamo; helps organize hunger strikes, other protests against conditions

September 2005 Released; remains under loose house arrest by Afghan government

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