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ANTI-TORTURE ACTIVISTS ANNOUNCE DEMONSTRATIONS AND FAST FOR JUSTICE TO BEGIN TUESDAY, JAN. 11 AT WHITE HOUSE

ACTIONS, INCLUDING NONVIOLENT DIRECT ACTION, TO STOP GUANTANAMO PRISON FROM REACHING 10TH YEAR OF OPERATION

Event: Rally and “prisoner procession” to the Department of Justice, followed by non-violent direct action.

Date and Time: Tues, Jan. 11, beginning at 11 am

Location: The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON — The prison at Guantanamo will enter its 10th year of operation on Tuesday, January 11. Witness Against Torture is working to make sure this second decade never begins.

Starting at 11am that morning at the White House, Witness Against Torture launches a Daily Vigil and Fast for Justice that will continue for 11 days and include demonstrations throughout Washington. The days of action will begin on January 11th with a rally of a coalition of human rights and grassroots groups, including the [Center for Constitutional Rights](#) and [Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition](#), followed by a “prisoner procession” to the Department of Justice, where members of Witness Against Torture will engage in nonviolent direct action.

Witness Against Torture is organizing this series of protests to demand that Guantanamo be closed immediately and that those who designed and carried out torture policies be held to account. The Daily Vigil and Fast for Justice and nonviolent direct action underscore the determination of anti-torture activists not to accept President Obama's refusal to honor the commitment he made his first day in office to close the detention camp at Guantanamo. The group is also focusing attention on Bagram and other U.S.-administered prisons in Afghanistan, where the administration has intensified military operations.

Witness Against Torture is organizing activists from across the U.S. and extending an invitation to other antiwar and human rights groups to endorse and participate in the Daily Vigil and Fast for Justice, beginning with the actions on the 11th.

Who We Are: In December 2005, [Witness Against Torture](#) drew international attention after it walked to Guantánamo to visit the prisoners. Since its return, the group has organized vigils, marches, nonviolent direct actions, and educational events to expose and decry the administration's lawlessness, build awareness about torture and indefinite detention, and forge human ties with the prisoners at Guantánamo and their families.
