

Delight at return from Guantanamo Bay

Christians Against Torture has expressed delight at the return to Britain of Omar Deghayes after six years in US custody, five of them at Guantanamo Bay without charge or trial.

On his arrival at home in Brighton before Christmas, he expressed gratitude to all who had campaigned for him – Christians Against Torture supporters were among many who wrote on his behalf, and last summer presented a petition at 10 Downing Street with more than 2,400 signatures calling for his return.

Together with another British resident Jamil El-Banna, Omar appeared before Westminster Magistrates Court on 9th January following an extradition request from the Spanish government. Defence lawyer, Edward Fitzgerald QC, said it would be an 'obvious oppression' to extradite them 'for the same allegations that have been fully investigated in Guantanamo.'

Rejecting prosecution objections, the judge granted them bail until a fuller hearing on 14th February.



The Anglican Archbishop of Wales, the Most Rev Dr Barry Morgan, the Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff, the Most Rev Peter Smith and the President of the Free Church Council for Wales, the Rev Pamela Cram, add their signatures to the petition calling for the return of Omar Deghayes.